

Shadow 1361

Chapter 1361 The Sea Is Turbulent

But even at night, the entire port is full of people who is fleeing the city

Even though Death Monarch did not do anything today, who could guarantee that tomorrow that scourge would not wake up and feel like today is the day he destroys this city?

Today, he might be happy and satisfied. Tomorrow, he might change his mind and decided that all of the people in this city is sinful and need to be eradicated from the world.

Living under such a temperamental person is not good for the heart. The fear that the world has of Death Monarch is palpable.

The only reason why Azief had never noticed it that much is because he is in Pandemonium most of the time.

In Pandemonium, Azief was also feared. But the fear is mixed with reverence and gratefulness. He was their divine protector and the symbol of Pandemonium invincibility.

As long as he is there, the people of Pandemonium is at ease. But the same could not be said for any other places in the world.

To the other places in the world, Death Monarch existence in their city or their country is like the existence of a moving nuclear weapon that have no restraint

What if he was angered? Would he swing his sword or summon lightning and thunder? What if one of his enemies come to find him and they fought in their city?

A Grim Reaper sitting on their city. That is how they felt. And everyone right now is running because nobody wanted to be close to Death

The ten great faction that used to fight for the ownership of the city had all gone, some left no traces at all.

The district where they use to inhabits is all empty. On the port, the scenes of thousands of ships sailing away from the city

The journey out of the Turbulent Sea is a hard one. It is full of space rips, time abnormality, space distortion just to name a few weird phenomena that is out there.

Most of these ships would have to make a stop in many island all over the Turbulent Sea before they could really get out of the domain of the Turbulent Sea.

And everyone knows there is danger in sailing the Turbulent Sea right now.

Sixth months the world had the time to adapt to their new condition

and the world had known that the Ten Seas had their own patterns of wind and these patterns shows when it is safest to cross theses seas and when it is most dangerous.

Of course, it is not even a year yet so there are still many things that needs to be observed and researched on but they are quite clear that right now, the activity of the Turbulent Sea is not exactly peaceful

There are space rips that would appears out of nowhere, sometimes there is also a pocket dimension that appears out of nowhere.

Sometimes there are sea monster jumping out from the bottom of the sea

Other times, it is a powerful storm that could wipes out an entire city. These winds is like blade, grinding everything on its path

Arturia is full of people leaving but for the rest of the world, they are eyeing to go to the Turbulent Sea.

The whole world was waiting for the response of the Great Powers and they did not disappoint. The Republic held an emergency assembly

There was a great debate in the Senate and the whole day was full of debating. But after all is said, finally they agree to mobilize the Navy

The Great Powers had no time to establish a true proper navy.

This is because before the Multiversal Convergence, travel by sea is not that important since everyone could either fly, teleport or simply run to the destination.

The sea at that time was dangerous but it was not as dangerous as it is today. At most at that time, the danger is encountering a sea monsters.

This time however, you make a wrong move and you could end up being sucked into some other dimension or being thrown away so far that you lost all sense of direction

Then how does the Republic intend to send a fleet? They hired a pirate now turned into an Admiral of the Republic.

There is no one else that knows the sea than the pirates. Leading the fleet of the Republic is an Irish Pirate known as Bloody John. The mission is to fetch the High Chancellor to return to the Republic Senate

However, what the world focused about was not the retrieval mission. After all, everyone knows that since she is with Death Monarch, she is basically safe.

What people were curious about was what Jean would do.

Jean the Left Chancellor did not say anything neither did he objected.

That was the news that came out from the Republic.

In the aftermath of the Multiversal Convergence, Jean has become the most influential people in the Republic and his faction is the strongest in the Senate and controls many seats

Everyone in the Senate look to him for any indication of attitude that they should take but there is no sign that Jean was about to interfere.

In the sixth month where Jean had full control of the Senate, there was a reform of the entire system of the Republic.

So, some people believe that Jean might disapprove of bringing back Katarina and creating a schism in the current Republic

But, it is clear that Jean do pay attention to the matter

The fact that he deigns to come down to the Senate means even he himself look at this matter seriously.

Because before this matter, Jean had been absent in the Assembly.

It is not surprising then that he would make an appearance considering the gravity of the news. Death Monarch had returned. And if he had returned, then in all likelihood the Ice Queen had also returned.

There are some that said that maybe Death Monarch had failed and the Ice queen is dead in that other world.

But some pirates that had contact in the edges of the Turbulent Sea reported that they got credible news that the Ice Queen is spotted in Arturia.

The news itself is hard to verify because it is hard getting news from the Turbulent Sea.

Communication with the Turbulent Sea is not easy.

The Turbulent Sea people could easily communicate with people inside the sea domain but for anyone outside it, to try to establish communication using electronica means or magical means, it would usually be obstructed by the weird energy fluctuation of the Turbulent Sea

So, even though it had been almost half a day since the shocking appearance of Death Monarch, there is not much that is known about Arthur Foster other than he is a city lord of a city called Arturia.

The Ten Seas are the territory of the outcast and the Seven Great Powers did not yet set their sights toward the sea.

In the past six months it is hard enough to maintain the current rule of their regime, they have no time to go play in the sea

However, the movement of the Republic and Arturia did not escape the eyes of the other world powers.

The pirates that was active in the Turbulent Sea had begun clearing out of hiding in some hidden secluded coves all over the Turbulent Sea.

The Navy of the Seven Great Powers is not some normal navy.

Some of them looked like a large ship from the medieval era made from wooden planks.

But if you underestimate it, then you would regret it when your ship is the one sinking to the bottom of the ocean

Because each and every one of the ships of the Seven Great Power is usually crafted with magic.

Of course there are some that uses mechanical technology in their ships like the Order of Thinkers

The Sea is now suddenly change with the entry of these great powers to the Turbulent Sea.

The Turbulent Sea is one of the sea formed after the Multiversal Convergence.

It is so called the Turbulent Sea because the waves are turbulent and the same for its energies.

Any electronic device entering the sea would fry or malfunctioned. In some cases, it even exploded by itself

If that is all, it would be nothing.

But at times there would be spatial crack appearing out of nowhere. Sometimes a wind would blow by and energy would be drained from that area.

Other times a place where someone is flying around suddenly become an area void of energy and cause anyone who flies around that area to lose control and falls down to the sea.

It is one of the seas that not many people would dare to sail.

Some of the sea that had appeared after the Multiversal Convergence have more commercial value.

Of course the Seven Great Powers all knows that there is many rare things and minerals in the Turbulent Sea but the cost and benefit analysis that they have done shows it is not worth it to invest too much in this sea

Most of the Great Powers simply trades with the merchants that dares sail this sea.

With the news of the Republic sending its fleet, it sent a shock in the global political arena. Hirate makes a move and send another shockwave around the world

Unlike the Republic, since the beginning of the creation of the Ten Seas, Hirate pays quite the attention and have a very powerful navy surpassing that of Pandemonium and the other world powers

They do not have to hire some pirates or change the roles of their officers to become Admiral of their sea fleet

They have a readymade unit ready to sail the seas.

The World Government intention is different than the intention of the Republic. The Republic might be sending ships to receive their High Chancellor.

The World Government however send their ships to meet with Death Monarch.

On the helm of the ship that sails at dawn, Hirate was there, the Presidents of the World Government

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Chapter 1362 The Four Great Powers

Around him is his bodyguard, the wind caresses his long neatly tied hair. Psionic force emanated from him, deflecting the turbulent energy that is surrounding the ship

And he is not the only high ranking members of the World Government.

There is General Jesse who usually oversaw the base in Europe. He is one of Raymond most trusted person and a member of the Quorum Council.

There is also Nick known to many as the Eye of God. He is known to have a sniper gun that could snipe people across space and time

This kind of ability manifested after he reached the Disk Formation pinnacle realm. This is also someone from the Raymond faction.

It is weird seeing these people without Raymond.

But it is clear how important the World Government seem to attach to this sea expedition that one General and a Disk Formation in the pinnacle realm is dispatched to follow Hirate

There is even the Holy Maiden Giselle on board with her Acolytes.

The pirate ships that was leaving the sea could see a large fleet entering the domain of the Turbulent Sea and with the flag of the World Government, the news that the World Government had send its fleet makes it way all over the world in an instant

And when the world finds out that Hirate, the President of the World government is the one leading the expedition, everyone was surprised.

Without Hirate at the Island of Peace, some people feared that the World Government headquarters would be attacked

And the people is also feel wielded out by the sudden appearance of Hirate in the world

Hirate had long not be seen in public

Hirate was the one that informed everyone that the culprit of the Multiversal Convergence is Loki the Trickster.

Until today, many people still didn't understand why Pandemonium and World Government did not go to war.

They have gone to war with each other for reason less than this but this time weirdly enough even after Hirate publicized the matter of Loki, Death Monarch did not declare war and did not even attack Hirate.

Some people believed that there is a cover up. That there is a hidden story about what truly happens during the Multiversal Convergence

But it is easily shot down by the World Government, telling people to stop believing in conspiracy theories.

Since that announcement, President Hirate rarely shows his face to the public.

And Raymond has also been missing.

Many believe that Raymond is now attempting to break through to Divine Comprehension and that is why he is not present in the World Government right now.

It is a different case from what happened to Pandemonium with Death Monarch who goes to another world in another dimension entirely.

The World Government is at an odd position right now.

Of the three original world powers, it is only the World Government that did not have a Divine Comprehension leveler residing inside the force.

The Republic had Jean the Time Monarch. And Pandemonium has Death Monarch. As for Hikigaya, the Empire of Japan had cut their ties with the World Government.

If this was before Hikigaya became a Divine Comprehension leveler, Hirate would send an army to force Japan to enter back the World Government.

But doing that right now is basically a thankless job. Even if the World Government managed to force Hirate to a draw, the calculation of the manpower and the resources that they need to use to force Hikigaya to retract back the statement is enormous.

That would set back the World Government for decades.

This is one of the factors why the current climate of the World Government is very gloomy.

While some other nations and kingdoms are still under the rule of the World Government, with Japan seceding from the World Government, the Quorum Council had to take drastic measures.

There is also Greece ruled by the Seven Warlords that is allying itself with Japan.

Japan's current power is that it is independent but still retains some of the benefits as they are the founder members of the World Government and there is always a chance for them to rejoin back into the fold.

Hirate was busy calming down the more unstable voices in the World Government and there is also the rebuilding of nations.

Europe was badly destroyed during the war; some historical sites were wiped out almost entirely. With the geography also changing, there is the conflict between the world powers that share borders like where do they draw the lines of their territory.

Some places are easy to recognize but how to define till where that the land expands?

The border dispute right now is ignored by everybody since if everyone is disputing about it, there would be a war between the world powers right now.

So, for the moment, it is ignored.

But it had to be addressed sooner or later.

Regardless of the fact that everyone has enough land that they could create hundreds of countries and still have more lands that is not used, this is for the future.

Lines had to be drawn and the border need to be finalized

There was however a delegation from Pandemonium that spoke with Hirate and Boris and a few others high ranking member of the other world powers regarding the border dispute during the early days of Death Monarch absence.

This is probably one the back hands that Death Monarch had prepared before going to the Seresian world.

Then there is also the relocation process, distribution of resources to the people and the pacifying of the many regions from otherworldly invaders that was left behind or the monster that managed to slip into this world during the Multiversal Convergence

So, Hirate appearance was unexpected.

The fact that the President himself going on the voyage shows that they were sincere. Nobody knows what Hirate wanted to talk about with Death Monarch

But whatever it is, it must be something important and whatever the result of that discussion, it would surely be earth shaking.

Of course, the people of the world could only wait with bated breath to the conclusion of this matter.

Six months is long but it is also short. People did not yet heal from the scars of the previous wars. Nobody wanted another war especially a pointless one.

And unlike nations from before the Fall, government could rarely enforce their citizens to fight for them

These experts are powerful people that could simply fly up to the air and leave Earth if they want to

The only way for them to make people want to fight for them is to create a sense of belonging to their factions and no one did this better than the World Government and Pandemonium.

Now, the Republic had made its moves, and the World Government follow suit.

What about the League of Freedom, Order of Thinkers, Lotus Order and the African Alliance?

As for the other four great powers, they did not make a move toward the Turbulent Sea.

Even though they are all collectively under the umbrella of the title of the Seven Great Powers, the relationship between the four new powers and Pandemonium is quite awkward.

Hirate had met Death Monarch many times and even though they were at times, enemies, rivals they have tone down the hostility and there is now goodwill between these two powers.

There is connection there.

As for the Republic, even though many of the Senators of the Senate themselves never met Death Monarch, everyone knows the complicated and vague relationship that Death Monarch have with their High Chancellor so there is also a connection there

But as for the other four great powers, there is nothing connecting them.

They were propped up by Pandemonium to restrain the Republic and the World Government. That was their role and that was their reason for existing at that time.

Of course. they have gone a long way since then and the four great powers had managed to pacify the regions that they were in charge of

It was not a stable as the Big Three but they have managed to survive and be worthy of the title of a great power

The League of Freedom did not send ships. It is expected

There is no reason to and sending it would be seen as weird.

Narleod the leader of the league of Freedom once been punished by Death Monarch when he tired made a deal with Death Monarch

Narleod is known to be a little bit crazy.

His face is bandaged with white bandage all the time.

In the past, these white bandages are only simple bandages that could be easily ripped apart.

But as he grows stronger, the white bandages on his face which makes him looks like a mummy is kind of his trademark and the bandages that covers his face is also upgraded

Not only it could wrap around his enemies, the bandages also seem to have poison smeared all over.

There is a fear when meeting this madman. But if he is truly a madman people would not follow him. His madness has a purpose and for that reason the League of Freedom still stands.

As for him not wanting to send ships, many people said it is because that he is afraid of Death Monarch.

No matter how crazy Narleod seems to be, at least he is not crazy enough to provoke Death Monarch.

And the League of Freedom like the rest of the other world powers are busy right now not to mention the detailed scrutiny on them after it was revealed that they and the World government have a joint military device on the Moon.

But just because they don't send ships to the Turbulent Sea did not mean that they did not make any moves at all.

League of Freedom must have their own plans.

But they are also very secretive. And everyone knows that the silence that they showed to the world does not necessarily mean that this is their stance.

The calmest water is the most dangerous.

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Chapter 1363 Blood Sea

Then there is the Order of Thinkers.

Like the League of Freedom, they also did not send any ships toward the Turbulent Sea.

There is many reason for why they did not send ships to the Turbulent Sea but one of the greatest factor is because they bordered the Blood Sea

The Blood Sea is one of the Ten Seas. The Ten Seas also refers to the Ten Mystical Seas.

Some of the Seven Seas is included in the Ten Seas and some are not. If the Turbulent Sea is the most mystical sea, then the Blood Sea is the most terrifying.

At certain times, the sea would turn red and thick like blood. Of course, if this is only thing it does it would not be listed as one of the Ten Seas.

Some people notice that when the Seas turns red, people who have weak mental ability would be enchanted.

Some went crazy, and some went mad. Bloodlust would surge in them and they want to kill people

There is a negative energy coming out of the sea each time it turns red. And if that is not all, the water become thick and it would be like sailing on mud.

Then there are also the apparitions that appears

This Blood Sea always appeared at night though there is no fixed time. There are a few times that it appears in the morning

Before the Multiversal Convergence, the Order of Thinkers had always been a little bit reclusive compared to the other world powers

Now, they are even more so.

With the Blood Sea as the barrier, they could easily repel enemies even without investing too much in defense.

But, they also have to find a way to shield their mind from the harmful effect of the Blood Sea.

The Order of Thinkers also did not have too much population compared to the other world powers and as such they do not have the same kind of problem like the other world powers.

But that did not mean they did not have any trouble. Every day, the apparition from the Blood Sea would attack them so they had to deal with that

And probably the other reason why they would not send ship to Turbulent Sea is because they would not find trouble for themselves

There is something that was revealed during the Multiversal Convergence. It was that the Order of Thinkers was experimenting with humans.

And Pandemonium very much frowned on that.

It is very clear that Death Monarch wanted to pursue the matter of human experimentation.

The matter had already been sent to the World Council and if not for the fact that Death Monarch had went to the Seresian world, they would be in trial by now

The Order of Thinkers are not savvy politicians. They do not know the intricacies of global politics, mostly concerned with their research in the ends of the world

But they are learning. Their decision to not send any ships to the Turbulent Sea might come from a place of wisdom.

The League of Freedom, the Order of Thinkers both of these two world powers appears to not want to attract attention

Especially now that Death Monarch had returned.

Then what about the Lotus Order?

The four world powers propped up by Death Monarch might be rivals but they are at times also allies.

There is a distinction between the original Three Great powers and the current Seven Great Powers.

The four Great Powers propped up by Death Monarch could feel it and as such as a means of survival, these four world powers while at the same time competing with each other they also at times could band together and work in solidarity

This is not because they are good people or that they have some kind of deep friendship between each other but it is a method necessary for survival in the cutthroat politics of the world

Since those two powers did not send any ships or delegation to the Turbulent Sea, the Lotus Order also did not send any

But it is not out of disrespect as the Lotus Order did not have an antagonism toward Pandemonium.

Compared to the other world powers, Lotus Order did not have that much of a conflict with The Three Pillars.

The reason for such inaction is because the severe internal problem of Lotus Order right now

Lotus Order is a serpent with many heads.

Some people might think that the Wei dynasty controls the Lotus Order but that is not exactly the truth.

Asian continent of which the Lotus Order is in charge of is full of great heroes and heroines, there are many intertwining powers and formidable factions and organizations all vying for controls, influence and power

In a way, it is almost like the Lotus Order is the representative of Asia but the words they say does not reflect the true Will of Asia.

Pandemonium, World Government and Republic all have one thing in common. And that is a monolithic figure of power.

League of Freedom while they do have Narleod in charge, he is not the only one that could make decision for the entire force. It is the same for Order of Thinkers.

But in Pandemonium, Death Monarch words are the law.

In the World Government while it is true that there is the Quorum Council, at times of emergency, the President is given emergency power enabling him to enact all kinds of law, mobilize the entire military of the World Government, superseding the will of the Quorum.

It is the same for the Republic. In time of emergency, the Senate restriction are lifted and the High Chancellor is given unlimited power.

It is not that the other four great powers did not want to create such environment where their words are the only law but it is not possible

Pandemonium could have done that because the one in charge was the strongest person in the world. It also helps that he takes over a continent that is empty and make it his power base.

Nor are they the first like World Government who have won the trust of their people. Or the Republic that came second.

The Lotus Order is established during the Warring Period.

And while one might say that the Warring Period has ended, there is still any skirmishes all over Asia with warlords trying to expand their influence.

The former China is divided with many factions.

It is the same for Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam and many others Asian nations.

Some had even been wiped out and some still stay afloat fighting with warlords dividing the old country.

The Lotus Order have the Lotus Conference every year where they would invite all the recognized warlords under the Lotus Order and vote on the policy of the current and future years.

Some more powerful warlords could even force the Lotus Order to rescind some restrictions or grant some rewards.

In a way, the Lotus Order is like the Emperor and the warlords are like the vassals. Only all of these vassals are very powerful with their own military force

If not for the intervention of Pandemonium, these warlords would never bend their knees and lower down their heads

So, the decision not to send any ships is not simply because there is history between Lotus order and Pandemonium but also because they could not afford it right now

With the expansion of the world, Asia also expands.

And one could imagine that in such a large expansion with what was once small nations in the past expanding to a size that is so large that it rivals and surpasses old continents, that some people have different thoughts

In the past sixth months, the Lotus Order is disintegrating with many nations under it declaring secession.

There is a sign that it is once again entering the Warring Period era with warlords holding power. The Central authority of the Lotus Order is jeopardized.

And unlike before, Lotus Order could not just simply send an expedition against them as the distance between them have not increased hundredfold

While these warlords did not attack Lotus order, sooner or later they would.

To legitimize the power, they would attack the Lotus order in order to won the approval of the other world powers.

So, how could the Lotus Order cares about sending a ship when their entire existence is on the verge of being annihilated

They're delaing with their own stuff and even though what Death Monarch did is shocking, distant water does not put out nearby fire

That is what is happening in Asia. And that explains the lack of movement from the Lotus Order.

There is a world power that shares a similar structure of governance like the Lotus Order and that is the African Alliance

The African Alliance did not have much contact with Pandemonium, primarily having more contact with the World government instead.

But they also know the importance of greeting the strongest man in the world and having him to show some goodwill.

The Six Great Powers usually follows the lead of Pandemonium.

Even the African Alliance had to follow. Because when other powers follow and they did not follow, there is a great chance that they would be ostracized.

This is politics and everything is described in terms of gains and loss. There are no eternal enemies or a forever friend in front of politics.

Everyone knows that before his departure to the Seresian world, there were discussion that Death Monarch wanted to reorganize the world order once again.

But the African Alliance is not at a place where they could send a ship. Not only their realm of influence had expanded beyond their capacity to surveil it, they are also more divided.

The African Alliance consisted of hundreds of kingdoms and nations in African continent.

Even before the Multiversal Convergence, it took a lot of effort to make sure that the Alliance did not break off

So, even before the day was over, everyone that was paying attention to the world news knows that the four great powers would not send anyone to the sea.

And while these four great power had their own reason, the wheels of history move unceasingly

Ships are sailing on the ocean, the destination is none other than one of the most dangerous sea that had formed after the Multiversal Convergence, the Turbulent Sea.

And just before the ships could sail from the sea, there was another news that shocked the Admirals.

Will the Golden Speedster had been seen running toward the Turbulent Sea

These shocked the Admirals. Because everyone knows by now that Will could run so fast that he could even break through the barriers of time

What they worry about is that the region that the Speedster is going is the Turbulent Sea.

That place is filled with turbulent space time. If Will is not careful he could accidentally create a singularity event.

Even if he could avoid that worse cases scenario, the Admiral worries that it could weaken the barriers of reality and created something like another multiversal Convergence.

But worrying about it is one thing. It is not like they could stop him.

But of course, they did not only worry about another portal being opened.

The other worries are.....what is the reason the Speedster is so eager to meet with Death Monarch?

Is there a scheme here? A conspiracy?

With all of these uneasy feeling, the ships sail the sea

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Chapter 1364: An Old Acquaintance

Azief opens his eyes.

He saw the ceiling and then he got up almost mechanically.

'I didn't think morning would come so fast' he mutters to himself.

He went to the window and opens it taking the breeze of the sea in the distance.

Azief had tried to sleep last night and he did sleep.

In his sleep certain thoughts are being rearranged and certain subconscious memories floated up

To beings of his level, sleeping is not simply to gain energy but also to sort out his thought. The stronger you are, the more you think and that is not always a good thing

Azief went out of the room and he saw Katarina.

'Hey'

Hey'

Katarina smiles and said

'Want to have a breakfast? I think they prepared quite the feast' Azief was about to answer when he senses something

His eyes narrowed and he look toward the east. His Divine Sense exploded and in almost only a second, his Divine Sense enveloped the entire island and he could finally see it

Something is approaching the city. And it is approaching it fast. In the distance there is a storm of electricity in the middle of ocean and a trail of a golden blurry figure

He smiles

He looks at Katarina

'I think I have to take a moment'

'Hmm?'

'An old friend had just come' Azief did not explain what he said before he rises from the ground and fly off through the corridors a then quickly exited the residence, flying to the sky in almost a second.

Katarina white robes flutters.

The maids and the workers in the City Lord residence was all shocked. Azief flying create supersonic boom and so how could Arthur not hear it.

He immediately went out from the dining room and could only saw that Death Monarch had already flown past the City Lord residence.

He was actually waiting for Death Monarch. Last night, he had hold the Sword of Humanity in his hand and he fears to let go of it.

He also found out that as long as he holds the Sword of Humanity, it felt like his energy is unlimited, as vast and as boundless as Heaven and Earth

His connection with the Will of Heaven strengthened and his Divine Sense has become incomparably powerful that his Divine Sense could even see far from the city and goes to the Turbulent Sea.

Of course, because of the weird properties of the Turbulent Sea, his Divine Sense is disturbed a bit. But Arthur is quite sure if he is in any other places of the world, his Divine Sense would have no obstruction and he could easily watch everything like he is the Heaven and Earth

It is addicting feeling such power in your hands

But, it is not all rainbows and sunshine.

When he holds the sword, he could also feel in general the will of humanity.

The good and the bad. Holding it too long could drive someone crazy.

If not for the fact that Death Monarch had bestowed him with the sword personally, holding it without permission could truly make him crazy

The Sword of Humanity has its own will. And so when morning came he was waiting for them in the dining room.

He wanted to eat with them and also ask Death Monarch questions and tips.

Imagine his surprise right now.

He had a determined face. Beside him is Ahmad who also follows him out of the dining room.

'I'm going to follow him'

Arthur said as he brought out the Sword of Humanity.

The moment he brought out that sword, powerful energy engulfed him and that familiar sensation of being full with energy course through his entire being.

he flew up in the air

Arthur's momentum was so powerful that he created trails of energy behind him like he is some kind of plane fighting trailing through the clouds

BOOOM!

The sound echoes all over the city as two figures fly in the sky. A second later, from the clouds, snow falls down.

It is clear the snow is not natural.

Another figure exited the city lord's residence, leaving only a white blurry figure in the sky which is even harder to spot

And wherever this figure passes, snows fall down. So, this morning there is a weird weather in the city of Arturia

Some people who woke up early open up their window only to be surprised seeing snow falling down from the sky.

A tropical island.....having snow? In the area where that white figure flashes by, the temperature dropped rapidly like the winds of winter had just blown by

This white figure that follows the golden flashes in the sky is none other than Katarina

After Arthur flies out, Katarina follow behind. She was just as curious as Arthur on why Azief suddenly leave the residence.

Was it an enemy? She knows that Azief said that it was an old friend. But, Azief always likes to speak with meaning. And he sometimes does call his enemies old friends.

Azief is like that and she is worried about him. If it's his enemies, then two is always better than one

This morning the city look more deserted than ever before. Some district become almost empty.

Azief on the other hand did not see the empty district. Instead his eyes are looking at the port. Near the port there is a storm and that storm is dissolving

Azief could see that the storm was man made and was not natural. Someone had caused that storm.

And in that empty port with no ships or boat, there is someone waiting there, with a smile waving his hand towards him.

Azief did not take long before he landed on the group a few feet away from that person.

Whoosh!

He landed on the ground and laughed almost immediately. He is clearly happy

In front of him, only five feet away from him is Will, clad in golden lightning that is slithering all over his body.

'It has been a long time since we have seen each other. I'm glad you are not dead' Will said before he come close and pull Azief with a hug.

'Hell, I told them that you would survive' he said. They broke their hug and Azief could not help but have a big smile on his face

'Where's the other?'

'They're coming but they are not as fast as me. And there is a lot of complication. They are not me falter all' he said a bit braggingly.

Azief could only laughed at this. But then he felt a bit tingling on his hand and he look at his hand and sighed.

Azief shakes something from his hand.

It was the kinetic energy materializes as a lightning arcs that snake to his hand

'Maybe, you should tone that down a bit' Will finally notices all he lightning that is slithering all over his body, the kinetic energy that is coming of him and he simply said sheepishly

'Ah, forgot about that. I was so used to it by now. Wait a few second'

Will then shakes his body like he is shaking his body after a bath and slowly the force around his body is calming down

the golden lightning that is floating and slithering around his body had also calm down. Azief was about to ask something else but before he could even say anything someone else landed on the port.

Will raised his eyebrows.

Azief did not have to turn back to know it is Arthur.

He had noticed that Arthur had followed him from behind before but at that time he knows Arthur might just want to contribute a bit to him so he did not say anything

And he thinks it is a good way to introduce these two.

Azief then pointed toward Arthur and said.

'Will, Arthur. Arthur, William' The moment that Arthur arrived and landed down, he knew he had misunderstood.

He brought the Sword of Humanity because he thought that he enemy of Death Monarch is coming. It is a reasonable assumption to make. Death Monarch has many enemies.

And everyone knows that he is at Arturia right now. Of course, Arthur is not so conceited that Death Monarch would not be able to handle his enemies and would need his protection

This is simply him trying to make himself appear useful. And he also wanted to try the Sword of Humanity on someone.

But when he saw that golden flash and the golden lighting all over the young man entire being, he knows that this is the famous Will the Golden Speedster

It is hard not to notice and Will the Golden Speedster is a recognizable face. Everyone knows that Loki and Wil is kind of like brothers to Death Monarch.

'Will the Golden Speedster. It is an honor' he said

Will on the other hand look at the sword that is being wielded by Arthur.

'The Sword of Humanity' and he frowned. Then Will look at Azief and sighed

'I know you must have a good reason for forging such a weapon using the Heavenly Will. Most of the time, I would never question you. But this....'

Azief smiles and said

'Don't worry. I'll explain it to you'

Will however shakes his head and said

'Forgive me, where is my manners' he said to Arthur. He was so preoccupied with the sword that he forgot to reply to the greeting

'I have read a lot about you, Arthur Foster. The people outside of the Turbulent Sea is paying attention now' Arthur frowned.

He expected as such but hearing it confirmed had only increased his anxiety.

But then Will added.

'however with that sword, I think you will do just fine. I am also interested in touring this city of pirates' he mutters and then nodded like he had ended the conversation

Azief turns back and look at Arthur and said

'You go back first and tell Katarina that I would return after a few hours. I want to catch up with my brother' He could see that Katarina had already stopped in the air.

In the middle of the city, there is a patch of clouds that is raining down snow.

And floating below that cloud is Katarina. Unlike Arthur, she had stopped when she saw the storms and the golden streak on the sea.

She had deduced that it is Will.

So, she simply stopped there in the sky and did not come down from the sky or go further to their meeting place

Katarina did not know Will that much. But she knows that Will is Azief sworn brother and she knows that this is a reunion between brothers

then he turns to Will and then with a smile he said

'What about another race? To that mountain in the distance' Azief pointed toward a tall mountain that reaches the clouds in the horizon.

Will laughed and said

'Another race. The last race is thrilling enough'

Azief laughed and simply said

'This time, let's not break the barrier of Time and Space' They look at each other, and then like all those time that they have lost are inconsequential, they laughed together.

Azief then said.

'Three'

Will count the next one

'Two'

Azief count the last number

'One'

BOOOM!

A powerful sonic boom erupted the moment the count ended. Leaving Arthur alone in the port area he looks behind him and he could only see trails of wind, fire and lightning all over the ground.

And in the distance a black blurry figure intertwining with a yellow blurry figure.

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Chapter 1365: Status Quo

The sun is about to set, the birds flies in the sky no doubt returning to their nest, the clouds moves slowly in the sky, the orange glow of sunset is beautiful

The waves of the sea lapped on the shore, the sound of which brings serenity.

On a hill overlooking the sea, there is a large round stone table and two leaning chairs.

The forest is beautiful full of greenery and colors. There are some beast roaming around but they know not to come near that area

Laying down on the leaning chairs is Azief and Will, rocking back and forth. They look at the beautiful scenery in front of them

They have already finished touring the entire city and the surrounding mountains. And now they are chilling.

There is a fireplace that Azief had just made. Like always, when they are in the wild, he would make a few cup of coffee.

It would not be long now before the sun sets' Azief mutters to himself as he takes a sip of the coffee.

Will takes a sip and he could not help but said

'It seems you still make good coffee.'

'It is a pity there is not many varieties of coffee in this place. If not, I could make it feel even more delicious' Will only smiles

They were leaning back on their chair relaxed. Will then sighed and slowly put down his coffee. He had a lot in his mind right now

He had already heard from Azief on why he created the Sword of Humanity. It is a crazy plan.... but it is so crazy that it might just work.

Will is the only other person that have seen what Azief would become. And since then he is also worried.

There is also the matter between him and Erika and he could tell Erika knows more than she is telling

Of course, the Erika he is thinking about is none other than the Great Oracle Erika.

He is still thinking about her and wonder whether there are other ways for their stories to end. But he shakes the thought out of his head and focus on something else

His brother.

There was silence for a while as they simply enjoy it.... the silence between them, the sound of the wind, the scent of nature, the chirping of birds, the hissing of snakes, all around them there is this noise of nature.

The world might have changed and for some it is worse than before.

But one thing that no one could deny was that the world had become more beautiful, less metal buildings and more plants and animals.

Teeming with life, the air is clear the water is clean. Beauty everywhere.

The silence is also beautiful. Azief did not think too much but Will had a lot of question.

this silence could not last forever.

Will did not come here simply to enjoy the scenery. The Turbulent Sea is not a place one simply just travel easily.

It might not appear so but he is exhausted and his speed is recovering.

And it is time for him to ask some question. And he needs some answer.

'Azief, what you have done have send waves all over the entire world' he started

Azief only smiles

He could guess it. But the method come into his mind and he think it is the right moment. Unlike Jean, time is never enough for him

Will then continued

'The Great Powers had send their fleet sailing the sea, all of them would converge here'

'Did the Four Powers send their fleets?'

'No' Will answer

'Why?' Azief ask.

'League of Freedom is busy with reconstruction, African Alliance is handling a massive secession request, Lotus Order have an internal war and Order of Thinkers had to sail the Blood Sea if they want to go to the Turbulent Sea.'

Azief scoffed

'I guess they seem to have their reason prepared'

Will nodded.

'Of course, some of them are simply giving this excuse because they don't want to see you'

Will chuckles a bit and said

'Narleod had always feared you since you cut his hand, and the Order of Thinkers is still in the crosshairs because of their human experimentation. And the African Alliance is simply not familiar with you and mostly have political ties with the World Government. They do not feel comfortable with you and I daresay, that they are a little bit afraid of you exercising some political power over them

I see that you exclude Lotus Order from that'

Will simply said &

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'Lee Sangmin had redeemed himself after what he had did in the Multiversal Convergence'

'Many people were saved because of his Mirror Dimension. And they very much like to ally with Pandemonium. Out of the four, they are the only one who have goodwill toward you and would surely have sent a delegation if not for the current chaos that their dominion is experiencing. Asia, Europe and Pandemonium are three continents that have expanded the most. The fact that the Republic could still manage send a fleet even while coping with the expansion of Europe is already remarkable enough. However, such standard could not be applied to the four new great powers'

Azief nodded and he chuckles a bit

'It seems you have come prepared'

'I found out that it is not hard to remember things now. My teacher called it the expansion of the use of the Speed Source.'

Azief only smiles at this.

'But, not all that is sailing the sea right now have good intentions' Azief did not seem to be shocked by this as he takes the cup of coffee again and take a sip.

'some are preparing to deal with you'

Azief chuckles at this as he said

'When did they never not do that?' Will also sighed.

With Azief being the strongest person in the world, there is always a challenger towards that throne.

Either directly or overtly, there is always people that wanting to drag him down from that throne.

'Let me guess' Azief said

'the Crime Alliance?'

Will sighed and nodded

'The Crime Alliance now is not the Crime Alliance six months ago, Azief'

'They have expanded their business and their business is booming. There is the usual racketeering and protection scheme. There is also terror and drugs and other contraband products that they are trading'

'the other world powers just ignore them?'

Will shakes his head at this.

'This is a times of chaos. Not only the world order is being severely tested right now, new factions had risen like mushroom after a rain'

'And it is not like before where it is easy to find someone. With the chaotic energy all over Heaven and Earth, Divine Sense is severely limited. It might be such a heavy task for Divine Comprehension leveler like you, but for Disk Formation leveler like me, my Divine Sense has severely been limited. Of course, I use the Speed Source so, I am an exception to the rule'

Azief nodded.

'Is there any more factions that wanted me dead'

'Well....' Will sighed and said

'While the Crime Alliance is the most obvious one, there are many other faction and forces that wanted to see you die. Many of them had hoped you would die when you go to the Seresian world'

'What about the other world powers? They did not wish my death?'

Will shakes his head and said

'Maybe, some of them do. But the majority of the people in the great powers probably do not want you to die'

'Say what you want about your tyrannical reputation as the strongest person in the world, but it is true that you sitting on that spot has made sure order is preserved'

He then continued

'If you die, or if you lose that title, the battle that would erupt for the throne of the strongest person in the world would be a battle never seen before'

Will was not exaggerating. His face is serious

World Government in the beginning does not like that Azief sat on that position and in the early years of the Fall, Hirate had devised all kinds of strategy to dethrone him from that position

At that time, the World Government is the strongest organization in the world.

The Republic at that time is still known as the Revolutionary Army and they were only in their infancy

Boris was fighting other people for the leadership.

Will did not know much about the history of the establishment of the Republic but he knows during the early years, Boris was not as lucky as Hirate.

Hirate uses Japan as his base, subdue the Emperor and quickly make contact with the two most powerful warlord in Japan and then quickly contacting other powerful people all over the world, binding them to the World Government.

The establishment of the World Government is swift and orderly.

At that time, it is not an exaggeration to say if the World Government expand the way they did, binding powerful people to the World Government

, then the motto of the World Government, One World, One Government at that time could be realized

But, then Lord Shadow appears and Hirate had done his best to try to take Azief down a notch.

To try to tame him.

He tries to capture him, kill him and blackmail him.

And unfortunately enough for him, with each obstacle Azief become stronger and cemented himself firmly on the throne of the strongest person in the world.

Forward a few years, and the world had been accustomed of having Azief on that throne. And there is an order built around this status quo.

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Chapter 1366: Normal Conversation

The whole world knows that Death Monarch Azief is the strongest person in the world and they also know that this Death Monarch rarely interferes in the matters of the world.

It is like an aloof God, sitting on his Divine Throne overlooking all creation. Surprisingly enough, people find solace in this fact.

That there is powerful being watching over them. Azief did not kill wantonly and he did not behave like those warlords that started war or bring desolation upon the land.

Instead, the whole world could rely on him whenever the damage become global. It wasn't until the death of Pandikar that Death Monarch truly meddles with the world order and even then people lauded this as a positive change.

So, the world had formed an uneasy but familiar feeling to the fact that Death Monarch Azief sat on that highest peak.

The people in power all understood one thing after almost a decade that Azief occupied that position.

That if Death Monarch crumbles from that position, removed, or killed when he was still sitting in that seat, then the whole world would fall into chaos.

Powerful people, good and evil would rise up to fight for that position, for fame, power and influence.

It would not be an impossibility that it could also trigger a world war between the great powers intending to snatch up that position.

Azief sitting on that position actually had maintained the peace between the great powers as the Great Powers usually turns to Pandemonium to be an arbiter in any conflict that involves the Great Powers.

It is the same reason why Hirate, longtime enemies turned rival to Pandemonium even agree with Loki plans and framed Loki as the sole perpetrator of the Multiversal Convergence.

It is not that he likes Death Monarch. It is not that he wanted Pandemonium influence to become bigger or to hold up Death Monarch on top of a pedestal.

He simply wanted to keep the peace. It is the same for why Jean close his mouth and why Hikigaya pretends not to see or know anything.

Will also know that some of the great power does suspect that something else might happened during the Multiversal Convergence and Loki might not be the guilty one.....but they did not dare dig deep.

Because they might be afraid of what they will find out and how they will react to it.

Everyone had a tacit understanding.

That if the perpetrator of the Multiversal Convergence, a phenomenon that had bring about destruction that had never seen before, a battle that had killed tens of thousands of people, changing the geography of the world and its environment is Death Monarch, there would be a war.

And that war would involve Pandemonium.

And once Pandemonium enter the war, either the two other great powers the World Government and the Republic stands on pandemonium side or not, it would be a precursor to a world war.

Will sighed and then said

'It is ironic that before, the world powers resent the fact that you sat there alone, but now they recognize that if it's not you sitting on that throne, there is a high probability that chaos would erupt. While they may plot against you behind your back, they probably would not scheme for your death'

Azief nodded. He understood the politics behind it all and because of that he understood why Hirate, Jena and Hikigaya all cover up the matter of the Multiversal Convergence

For a while there is silence between them as Azief is thinking of something. He then voices his doubt about something

'Crime Alliance.... do they have the confidence to fight against me? From what I understand, in the sixth months I was gone, nobody had reached the Divine Comprehension realm'

Azief paused for a second and look in the distance like he was thinking of something probably contemplating on how the hell Crime Alliance could pose a threat to him

He then said

'I do understand that there are now more Disk Formation levelers in the world'

Since the Multiversal Convergence, the energy of the world had skyrocketed and the consequences of this more people could break through to Disk Formation.

'But from what I understand, there is still three Divine Comprehension levelers in this world. Unless they could convince both Jean and Hikigaya to attack me, in this world I have no rival'

Then he chuckles a bit as he thinks of another scenario.

'And in the slight possibility that they managed to unite Jean and Hikigaya, I still have the confidence to beat them both. It might result in a huge damage to my energy but I am quite sure that I would still remain victorious'

'Jean and H

ikigaya both cover up the matter of the Multiversal Convergence. This could be seen as them not wanting to incite a war between the world powers. Thus, the possibility of the Crime Alliance provoking a battle between me and those two is almost impossible'

He chuckles but Will is not smiling.

Azief thinks for a moment then he frowned. There is another scenario he could think of

'Unless, they think of bringing external enemy for me to fight'

And his eyes turn cold.

When he thought of external enemy what he means is none other than otherworldly creatures of beings from other planets or star system.

'No, they would not do that'

Will reply. He saw Azief face and he knows what Azief is thinking.

'No matter how they wanted to kill you, they also wanted to live to see it. The only reason why they wanted to kill you is because you hinder their plans.'

Will continue by saying

'If they dare bring such an external enemy from other dimensions or other planets, there is no certainty that this external help would not conquer Earth after that. These people could not even trust the person closest to them, how could they trust a perfect stranger?'

Will sighed again, this time he paused for a second looking at the sun setting in the distance.

He takes some beans that he had plucked when he was running to this hill.

He took it put it in his mouth and chew it and a fragrant aroma comes out from his mouth. This kind of beans actually have some hallucinatory properties but it is also good to calm down the nerve.

Maybe because of the Speed Source, Will found himself always have trouble in pacing himself.

His heartbeat is also very irregular at times.

Though he could probably rectify this problem when he enters Divine Comprehension, right now, he is still in Disk Formation level.

These beans that he is chewing is very conducive to make him calm. Actually the beans are not native to this planet.

His teacher said this kind of beans could be found in some other alien civilization. His teacher told him that ancient Savi'krian uses many herbs to control the side effect of harnessing the power of the Speed Source.

Some calm down their heart, some slow down their thinking process.

Of course these herbs only work perfectly with Speedster and not with others.

For example, a concoction of a juice that slow down a Speedster heart would make any other people who drink suffer from a catatonic shock before having a deadly heart attack

And while for some slowing down their thought process damages the brain and thinking facilities, for Speedsters it is different as their thought if not restrained could think too much, too fast and made a Speedster goes crazy

That is the eternal weakness of a Speedster.....going crazy.

The beans that he is chewing could actually be made into a concoction that calms his heart and slows down his thinking and many other benefits.

It also has the nutrient value conducive to his diet. This is one of the many things that had changed the world

Even alien plants are sprouting on Earth right now

Will then continue by saying

'I know some of the people of the Crime Alliance'

Azief raised his eyebrows

'As you know, I know many people. And I did do undercover work for the World Government in the past so I still have my contact'

Azief nodded as Will continues

'While they are evil, many of them, they are not stupid. Regardless of their evil, they also know that by inviting an otherworldly creature from other worlds to come to this planet would also put their life in danger'

'They also experience the Occupation of Weronians and some of them even fought in the side of the resistance. It's not all white and black'

He paused for a second

'Maybe it is before. But during the War of Weronians, even criminals knows whose side they are on. Humanity'

Azief scoffed and said

'I do not judge them based on their affiliations. I judge them based on what they do' Then he added

'As for humanity....it seems that they forgot about it really quick once the Weronians is expelled'

Azief sighed and then said another piece of his mind

'People think I see the world in white and black. Evil and good. I know not all is as it seems and not everything is white and black. I know that

most of the lower member of the Crime Alliance is just a pawn of the powerful.'

'Some people told me that they have no choice. They believe it and they do not fight it. I know that some circumstances forces and make people'

He became silent for a while

'But the choice was made. Some chooses evil and some chooses to be noble and good. And when they are in front of me, when I raise my hand to smite them, I judge them only by what they do'

'To those who have the potential to turn it around, I give them a second chance. But that is the last chance I gave them. After that, no mercy is given'

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Chapter 1367: Trident of Poseidon I

Will smiles bitterly and did not continue to push the topic that way. Will is not on the side of the Crime Alliance. He knows exactly the kind of monsters these people are

But he also knows some people who just like Azief had told him, had no choice. Some have their family was born in it. Or their environment made them that way

Yes, everyone has a choice. But sometimes even that choice is illusory. People think that with strength, one could choose anything. That is not always the case.

Sometimes, that strength is the one binding you to that wrong choice. However, Will did not want to debate this right now.

'Regardless of their hatred and fear of you, I know that they would not use such method. The crime leaders and the crime families that control the Crime Alliance would not resort to such measure'

'All of them?' Azief ask with a bit of a chuckles as he found it funny that these people would even restrain their hand

Will simply reply by saying

'The crazy ones are the upstarts and not the established crime families. But even they would never be allowed to mess the social order in the crime underworld. And as you know- '

And Will paused for a second before saying

'Loki is there. I don't think he would allow such thing to happen' Azief frowned for a moment. There is silence again.

Loki is a sore spot and Will knows it is a sensitive thing. If this was any other person, then they would probably be silenced by Azief stare.

But because it is Will that said it, Azief only sighed. It is clear that Azief did not yet want to talk about Loki

The silence lasted only for a few moments before Azief ask

'Then, this is weird. If they do not use external powers to try to kill me, then how do you think they would be able to kill me? How would they think about even defeating me? They still have to lower down their heads and hide themselves like before'

Will stop chewing the beans and then he closes his eyes for a second

There is silence for a few second before Will opens his eyes and then said

'Please know that what I am about to say is something that is unverified.'

Azief nodded and smiles

He knows while Will said that is unverified, it simply means that is not verified yet.

After all, Will does not like saying things that are not true, and if it's true, Will would not have such an expression on his face.

'It seems that while they have no confidence to fight you if you are in Pandemonium, or any other places in the world, they are quite confident of taking you down if you are in the Ten Seas or any seas for that matter'

Azief narrowed his eyebrows.

He could not understand

'What does that mean? That they have confidence in defeating me in the seas but not in any other places?'

'There is a rumor that there is a weapon that appeared after the Multiversal Convergence.

'A weapon? What kind of a weapon?'

'To be more precise, a Trident' Will smiles bitterly and did not continue building the suspense as he said

'The Trident of Poseidon'

'What?' Azief hearing this was shocked

'How did you get this news?' Azief immediately asked.

'I got this news from Erika'

The Oracle?' Will nodded.

'From what she said to me, this trident had many abilities. It is unbreakable and serve as an extension of the real Poseidon

'Wait? Don't tell me that it is the real Trident of Poseidon?'

'Erika said it is' Azief frowned a little. There are two things that bother him. It was Erika and the Trident.

Azief knows that certain weapon has the appellation of divine weapons

Case in point the Helmet of Invisibility that Loki wears.

That is Hades helmet and it is with that helmet Loki could always hides his existence even under the gaze of the Heavenly Will.

And then he thought about Erika. Erika would not lie.

'Did she see something else? And that is why she sent Will to him?'

But if that is the real trident then...

'Olympus!' he exclaimed. Will nodded, his face is serious

'Yes. I think it came from Olympus. I don't think Erika would lie about this. This is not some replicated Ancient Artifacts like Athena Sword of Ares. I think this is the real trident of Poseidon.' Will said.

Then he added

'If it is, the sea is not a safe place for you. Or for me. Or for anyone that is not of Crime Alliance for that matter'

Azief did not say anything at this as he closes his eyes. It is clear he is thinking and Will let his brother do his thing.

Azief and Will once travelled the Multiverse and the dimension and they know that certain gods and goddesses in the myths of humanity is not entirely just stories.

Some are very real.

Some have a different name but the mythology of it is present on Earth. But if there is one thing similar about all of these beings, is that each of them is very dangerous

It is not surprising considering the fact that every nation has different leagues so these godlike being that once descended on Earth had their name distorted.

However, Olympus mainly took the name that people had given to them.

And at times, they use other names. These gods and goddesses have thousands of names. Odin himself has many names as the stars.

Azief believe this has something to do with the power of faith

He also knows that Olympus is quite real and these gods does not live in mountains, instead their abodes is in the sky, in a star system and the seat of power for these godlike being is Olympus.

Azief did not know much about the Olympians but they are one of the Seven Intergalactic Great Powers that have great influence in the United Intergalactic Alliance among others like Asgard and the Jade Empire.

However, he was shocked when he heard that the weapon of Poseidon is on Earth.

He frowned and then he said

'Explain to me'

Will knows Azief is now taking this seriously so he said

'From what Erika told me, Poseidon had thrown this trident when the Multiversal Convergence happened. It seems that Poseidon had predicted that something would happen on Earth and so waited for the right moment to send his weapon to Earth

'And how did she explain to you how she knows this? Will lick his lips and he looks down and rub his neck. It seems it is really hard to explain it

'Just say it'

'Well...she told me that she saw it'

'She saw it?'

'yes, that is what she told me and she told me you would understand'

Azief smiles and nodded

He understands why she said that. Because he also has her eyes and he could understand why she could see it.

But, this opens up a can of question. Erika is good at using her ability. But it also has certain limitations.

The fact that she saw Poseidon throwing the Trident to Earth, why does he feel like there is a conspiracy here?

Azief knows better than most that Erika is still in Disk Formation. And even if she uses some forbidden technique, her vision would still be obscured by some forces.

Poseidon is not your run of the mill villains or some small character in the Universe. This is the God of the Sea, the Earthshaker, commanding the seas and in some stories even the Earth.

He stomps his feet and the entire world would shake and tremble.

If Poseidon really wanted to obscure the fate and destiny around him, Azief is quite sure that he is capable of it.

'There is a conspiracy here. I am sure of it' Azief thought to himself. He has slowly been uncovering things about himself or more accurately things about his future self. He is connecting the dots.

Loki who came from the future to somehow help him. Erika who sacrifices her eyes to him

His meeting with Arial in Earth X. Meeting Alsurt, breaking the trial of the Six Lives in the Six Sabers
Azul giving him three wishes, the Creator making a special exception to meet him.

all of this meeting and encounters that he had experienced.....none of it was a coincidence.

And each one is a magical encounter. If he was a teenage boy he might think, he is destined for greatness or some shit like that

But he is old enough to know that things don't come without a price, that most of the times, the great deeds are always preceded by a great sacrifice.

Either fate or destiny calculated the path that he is taking to bring him to that conclusion he saw or there is a dark hand behind the scene orchestrating all of this

'Or it is a bit of both' Azief thought to himself.

There is a puzzle here and he is determined to solve it.

'You understand?' Will asked and Azief broke from his contemplation. Azief nodded and said

'I understand what she is saying'

Chapter 1368: Trident of Poseidon II

'I don't think she would lie to me but what do you think?' Will ask Azief. Azief shakes his head and said

'I don't think she would do that either. Not to mention it is easy for us to confirm it'

Azief knows that one of the price that she had to pay because of her ability of seeing the future was that she could not lie.

Of course, this also has a loophole. It is not entirely accurate to say she could not lie. The thing is she could not lie about the future she had seen.

This has something to do with Oracles and Seers that connected with each other over this certain clairvoyance force.

Like all Speedster are connected to the Speed Source, Oracle, Seers, clairvoyance whatever you want to call them is connected to a source that is present in all realities and in all universe

And this force imposes rules. There is a reason why Will could easily break through space and time when he is not even Divine Comprehension level.

This is because he borrows the power of the Speed Source enabling him to do things beyond his level

This is the advantage of using an external source. But as always, there is also a downside to this. The rule that is decreed by the Source had to be follows.

You use the source, then there is price to pay.

And what he knows about Erika was that she could not tell a lie.

Thus, everyone who have met the Oracle had always trusted her words because everyone knows that she could lie about the vision she saw about other people.

But Azief knows that if Erika is determined enough she could lie but that would create a terrible backlash to her.

As far as he knows Erika had never lied before probably because there is none of the visions she saw is worth lying about.

Azief is also very curious of Erika ability and there are many question that he has about that ability and the consequences of seeing the future.

Was she seeing the future, sealed that future?

Or did she seeing the future make it manifest? Or is it that each time she saw a future a variable then existed changing the future she saw

What it means to Azief is very important.

Because he wanted to know is the future fixed or its permutable to changes?

And if it is permutable to changes....is it the changes simply put him in a different path but still the same destination?

Or could it be that he could walk in a different road and choose a different destination?

But, as for this Trident of Poseidon, Azief really don't think she would lie. Because it is a truth that is easily confirmed

If this Trident exist, sooner or later it would be found. And then Erika words would be proven true.

There is silence between them. Azief has his own thought and Will also has his. But, clearly they were not thinking the same thing.

Will saw Erika and he saw her with Antonius. She looks happy and that is what he wanted her to become. But humans have always been contradictory beings.

He wants her to be happy but at the same time seeing her with him bring some weird jealousy

Of course, in this timeline, there is nothing between him and her. What he saw and what she saw was possibilities.

But that possibility haunted him in his waking moment and in his dreams. It is sad. It is tragic. But not all of it is like that

They were happy moments too. Both of them sighed at the same time for different reason.

'Why though?' Azief asked himself. This is a question he asked himself to try to find the answer.

He could not understand why Poseidon would send his weapon to Earth.

There are still many things that he did not understand

Will then continue by saying

'The Crime Alliance in particular but there are other fringe group that wanted to see you die. They are basically lining up to try to kill you'

'But I must say that they are a bit more cautious than before. They would not come out until they were truly sure that they have a fighting chance. The last time assassins went for you, they were either cut down or being smite by thunderbolts. I think they don't want a repeat of that'

Azief laughed.

'What gave them all the courage?'

Will have the answer to that

'There were some rumors that you are injured'

'Injured?'

'How did that rumor come about? I thought that they are smarter than this. I could create the Sword of Humanity and they think I am injured? That is a weird leap of logic'

Azief could not understand these people. He is not looking for them to cause trouble and they should be grateful for that

Instead, they were the ones eager to find problems with him. Do they think the title he gave himself, Death Monarch is simply an aesthetic choice?

Will then said

'People believe what they wanted to believe' he chuckles a bit and said

'They were suppressed too long by you. Any news that is about you being in an unfortunate situation brings hope to them'

Will wanted to laugh at this contrasting opinion in the world

For the common people, even though Death Monarch is a terrifying figure, after years of living with this death god, they also know that Death Monarch had a bottom line.

As long as you do not bother him or touch his people or hinder his interest, basically Death Monarch would not get up from his throne to settle you.

And the common people also knows that most of the enemy of Death Monarch is mostly criminals, killers and monsters of the world

So, most common people kind of approve and after the recent event, Death Monarch reputations is polished even more.

To the common people if Death Monarch was not present during the Multiversal Convergence, Earth would be enslaved by those Demons.

So, some people began seeing Death Monarch as guardian and protector of Earth.

When the whole world learned that Death Monarch is going to the Seresian world to try to fetch back Katarina from the grasp of the Demon King, most of the people were very worried.

That without Death Monarch in the world, there would be huge threats from otherworldly creatures and from the starry skies above.

So, the news of his injury would worry the common people.

The same could not be said for the Crime Alliance which probably pray to whatever gods that they worship for Death Monarch to die.

Will, himself could not believe what a few years had changed.

Death Monarch use to be the enemy of the world.

And now those same people who use to vindicate and put bales on him is the same people who put the title of guardian and protector of Earth

No wonder, Azief always told him that the common people is fickle and it is not good to bear the title of hero

They fought for their interest and when their interest is satisfied they praise you and when their interest does not align with you, you are the villain

Azief had never change in his stance, unwavering. He does not care whether people understand what he did or not and he does not care whether those people mocked or worship him

He did what he believes is right. And when he found himself in the wrong, he would admit it and change his ways.

Grappling ahead, trying to find light in this dark world just like anyone else.

Azief doesn't have all the answers and he doesn't pretend to have it. Yet, the world seems to think that he have

Will thought of this and then he shakes his head.

He then said

'And it also helps that it might be Sasha behind the scene fanning the flames'

'She did'

Will only nodded

'If they believe you to be injured and attack you only to see you in full power, in a way it could clean up some people that is against you'

Azief nodded.

That is one of the few things that could explain why the rumors of him injured could spread out so quickly.

If its Sasha.... she probably wanted him to settle these hidden dangers. But.... are those people so dumb?

Is it him overestimating these criminals or is it Sasha underestimating them?

Some of them might be attracted by such bait.... but some fishes are smarter than the other

They would wait in the dark and observe.

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Will continue by saying No, many people probably would take advantage of that and tries to attack you before reinforcement from Pandemonium arrives'

Azief nodded but he is clearly not worried. As for the Trident, the fact that he is still here without being attacked means that the Trident is still not found. So, there is no worries. And even if they find the Trident, this does not mean that they could wield the full power of that Trident. Do not underestimate Divine Weapons, especially Divine Armaments made in Olympus. This is Divine Weapon that could rule the Laws and so just because you have it does not necessarily mean you could exert all of its power. Will did not know what Azief is thinking instead he continue by saying 'It is not She before where we could easily be on the other side of the world in just a few second and monitor the state of the world' Will thought of the good old days. In the past, the World Powers only need to dispatch either a Seed Forming leveler as governors or viceroy in the remote regions of the world and if something happens, these levelers could quickly react either by sending reinforcement or settling the matter by themselves. But this new world after the Multiversal Convergence has changed a lot of things. Not only communication is harder, the ceiling of power had also been raised.

Records of Disk Formation leveler has not been updated for six months. It is easier to hide and some satellites in space could not even see through the clouds of energy that covers the world. Things are harder for the world power but it is also a boon for certain faction or people who wanted the world to be free from the surveillance of the great powers.

'Of course, maybe such thing is not a problem for you' Will said looking at Azief. From what he could see Azief is not affected that much by the changes of the world

'But even for me, with all my speed, I could not reach the other ends of the world in a few second like before. Now, it takes me half an hour of running. That is how big the world has become' 'of course, it is not simply because it is big, right?' Azief said and Will nodded He true people of the world right now is not because of the world is big. After all, space is also big but Will could still travel it using his speed. But why was it Earth which clearly is not big as space decrease his speed. It is the Laws of this world. Outer Space is infinitely big and as such certain Laws could not be compressed into one particular region Yet, Will could still rim around and become as fast as he could be. But yet, on Earth, he is suppressed, It is like a particle of gas that is in a closed state and a particle of gas in an open state. To make it simpler, if there is a smoke and one smoke is left in an open state, then that smoke would not suffocate anyone. But what if you close all the windows and the door and let the smoke into one place, then whoever is in that place would be suffocated. And that is the problem. Earth acts like a house. And it is the house of the Heavenly Will. The Heavenly Will grows stronger and he makes the world grows stronger pressuring the beings on Earth yet also making it safer and livable. But that is not the only reason that Will was not

as fast as before when he is on Earth. There are also other factors
Will does not say that there are still other beings in this world that could also hinder him like some
beast that also could move very fast

He also met a few phantoms that appears in some seas that is as fast as him Not to mention that he also
had to avoid places that have space tears or weird phenomenon. It has been six months. Six month is
not long but to call it short is not accurate either

In this six months since the Multiversal Convergence, there are many new phenomenon popping up
every day. And the whole world is still in this phase of grabbing in the dark. They listed a few things,
noted some things but there are still many things that is weird and extraordinary in this world, waiting
to be uncovered.

The Ten Seas is only the tip of the iceberg. There are mountains that spews out purple gas that covers
the clouds and fills it with energy

There are hills which is actually monsters. There are smokes that could affect geography. More and
more things that are magical, mysterious and mystical could be seen all over the world.

There are still many things that Will also doesn't know about this world. So, if he could help it, he would
not be zipping around the world. But when he heard Azief had returned and he was at Turbulent Sea, he
did not hesitate to run to this sea.

He looks at Azief and he stopped talking probably wanting him to respond to what he had said.

Azief did not immediately answer. He seems to be thinking of something before he puts his coffee cup
down on the coaster and nodded 'I expected it. What I expected was that the Crime Alliance will make a
move. I also expected the world powers will also make a move. What I didn't expect is the Trident of
Poseidon, the Ten Seas and the state of the world right now' he frowns a bit

Will sighed 'What are you going to do? What are you planning? I need to know so I could help you' Will
knows part of the plan but knowing Azief, he might have some other plans.

Azief did not answer this question instead he asks 'Tell me the news, anything important that had
happened. I need to know more before I could make my decision. This place does not receive many
news from the outside.'

'I thought there is the White Owl branch here?' 'There is but they are just about to open and did not yet
open fully. Because of recent situation they seem to have retreated' Will then said

'I don't know much either other than what I have heard from some people talking and same from the
sources of Pandemonium and my other sources at the other great powers'

'And?'

'From what I know The World Government is coming. Hirate himself had decided to meet you. I don't
think he is going to meet you to simply greets you' Azief nodded

'I think I could guess why he is coming' he said while smiling. He thought of the proposal that he had told
Sasha to send to the World Government just a day before he went to the Seresian world. 'Other than
that? What about the Republic? What about their reaction when they know Katarina is here with me?'

Will smiles bitterly. 'Outside of the Turbulent Sea, it is hard to get news from the domain of the
Turbulent Sea.' Will began by saying this 'What do you mean?' 'Same people believed that you have
failed in rescuing Katarina and nobody could be sure that Katarina is with you. So, there was a bit of
argument by the Senate of the Republic on whether to send ships towards the Turbulent Sea or not. But
from what I heard this morning, they were already preparing to send a fleet to this city. Maybe, after
hearing I am also going to the Sea, they would be more motivated.'

'This had nothing to do with what happened to Boris?' Azief asked. Will smiles bitterly
'You know about that' Arthur hooked me up with all the latest news after I was gone. Will nodded.
'I don't want to talk about such depressing things. The Republic is now very divided and the water is chaotic. Jean himself did not want to involve himself too much in this matter. I could not blame Jean for what happened during that time'
He paused for a second before saying 'And Jean himself was never the one taking the shot. If he really did, Boris would not still be alive' Jean had no fault in this matter?
He was busy all over the world commanding his Time Avatar to save people and slaying monsters. Even now, there is still many monsters all over the world that is wreaking havoc.
Then Will look at Azief and said 'And if you fight with Jean.....that would send a signal' Azief eyes narrowed. Will shakes his head and said 'You know that I am right' Azief sighed Will chuckles a bit and then he said
'At that time, it would be too late to regret the decision. The moment you fight with Jean, whatever the reason, one would take it as the stance of Pandemonium and they would pounce on the Republic, they would fan the flames and at that time, even if you want to stop, it would be hard since the damage is done'
Azief understood what Will is trying to say. Jean is not a single individual

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Jean is not a single individual.

He is the Left Chancellor of the Republic and he has great support from the people under the rule of the Republic and even in the Senate and the Assembly.

If he fought with Jean, regardless of the reason, there would be a war. And a war between great powers this time would not be like before

In the past, Azief could fight the World Government and not affect the course of the world that much but that is not the case now

And he has a lot of more things now. And he has more people he cares about now. Things have become...not so simple

Azief sighed.

'It is fortunate that Jean is not involved in that. I owe him' he said and Will raise his eyebrows.

He could guess what Azief owe Jean. It probably had something to do with the Multiversal Convergence

Will wanted to sigh. Things have changed a lot and people have also changed.

'As for the matter whether the Republic would come...' Will nodded

'They will come. The Senate agree to send a fleet to fetch her. Chaotic and in the verge of a civil war and a mass secession'

Will said

'It's that bad?'

'the powerful fought for people. For population. Not land. Not wealth' he said as he chuckles bitterly

'Because land is everywhere. The world has become too big. One could walk a hundred years and might see a few dozen villages'

Will was not exaggerating. If you are not a leveler on at least the level of Seed Forming, you probably would not be able to tour all over the world.

At least in Seed Forming you probably have controls over the energy of the world making it possible for you to venture out to the world

But if not, you would probably be stuck in your place of origin for the rest of your life.

'As for wealth, in this world the currency is still not determined but most people have used the energy stones. The purer it is, the more valuable it is. Even the criminal underworld traded using energy stones.'

Gold and silvers and all of that is not a good store of value or having any value at all in this current age.

Both Azief and Will knows this.

Because for beings like Azief, he could easily turn anything he touches into gold.

And the new fad is people.

Because in this world of magic and fantasy, people could become gods. And if their faction could cultivate a powerful person, then a force could rise up to the sky.

More people, more chances that among those people there is a person who could surpass the great heroes of the world.

This has good effect on normal people as none of the factions and forces that wanted to be stronger would do something crazy like massacring population.

Doing such a thing and oppressing people would not end in a good way as people would leave.

And they are always people who adhere to morals and righteousness and would slay these kind of people

The reason why the World Government was so popular in the beginning is because they protected the people

Say what you want about them, but in the initial Fall they have managed to create order and coordinate rescue effort and save a lot of people all over the world by coordinating with other powerful people that was allies of the World Government

If not for their mistake in dealing with Death Monarch, they could very well be the greatest world power

'Pandemonium?' Azief asked. Will frowned a bit. He sighed first before saying

'Wang Jian is coming'

'How about Athena and Freya?'

'They both are also coming' Azief narrowed his eyes and laughed. He understands what Will is saying to him

'They brought three ships?' Will shakes his head and said

'Three fleet. They brought three fleet to meet you. A sea armada is coming to welcome you back to Pandemonium. It made me envy you a little bit. Maybe I should create my own force'

Azief laughed

'You mean the fame?'

Will only laughed.

'Your army had expanded a lot since you last saw them. But I guess that is also in your calculation right? But do you expect it to be such a headache?' Will said with a smirk on his face

Azief smiles bitterly. Most of the time he did not pay that much attention to Pandemonium military forces

The reason is because as he grows stronger, most of the time he could handle anything by his lonesome.

There is no need for him to use any army against his enemies. Does that mean army is useless? No, it is simply because one does not kill a mosquito using a cannon

If there was ever a need to use his army, it was like during the Multiversal Convergence. But that is a freak accident.

The reason why Azief kept the army and keep expanding it is because if there is war between world powers, then the role of armies is very important.

For example, Azief could fight a world power alone.

But the world powers all have strategies to try to deal with him. Of course right now he is in Divine Comprehension so it is hard to find an enemy for him

But that does not mean that the world power is truly powerless to do anything. Using quantity against him still work.

Azief believe that the army still have a role to play because he had seen it. Odin is powerful and possess great magic but even he has his own soldiers and armies.

Azief did not say anything for a while.

He already had many problems but when he listens to Will saying that three of his generals are all coming to the Turbulent Sea but separate, he could tell that the internal division of the army is getting worse

But then he thinks of another possibility and the other possibility is also something that would give him headache.

'If I knew it is this troublesome, it might be better not to create Pandemonium at all' he thought to himself.

Will could tell what Azief was thinking so he said

'The Central Court seems to be the one that is fanning the flames between the Three Armies'

Azief heard it and he nodded.

'You're going to keep letting it happen?'

'I think Wang Jian, Athena and Freya knows that the Central Court is the one fanning the flames' he said suddenly.

Will raised his eyebrows but Azief did not put him in suspense for long

'They are just playing along with it'

'Why?' Will asked.

He did not understand much about politics.

He doesn't understand.... if Wang Jian, Freya and Athena all knows that the Central Court is the one that is fanning the flame and promoting the divide between the Three Armies why do they play along with it?

'Is there any reason for such a farce?' Will thought to himself

Azief sighed.

'There is' he answered

He then said

'I didn't think that they could think of such method. But, at least I know that they are loyal'

'I still don't understand, Azief'

'The reason why they play along with it is simply because they know that the reason I structure the relationship of the Central Court, the Three Armies and the Shadow Guards are all made for them to supervise each other, for them to fight each other and not to unite with each other'

Azief sighed again

'I did it in the beginning because I fear that my absence would leave Pandemonium vulnerable. Pandemonium is unlike me. I could not always control it because it is consisted of the people living in it. I could restrain my greed but Pandemonium couldn't. The only reason it had been able to do it is because I was the one holding the reins.'

'I created such organization and make them clash against each other so they would never let any faction gains total control over Pandemonium'

He paused for a second and Will look at his sworn brother with a new whole appreciation.

I guess his sworn brother if not for his pursuit for great strength would probably be quite the politician.

Azief did not know Will thoughts instead he asks

'Do you know the thoughts of these factions?'

Will shakes his head

Even though he does work in Pandemonium, he does not really have any official title. And that is something he and Azief both agree

After all, he is not always in Pandemonium.

Sometimes, when he felt like it he would go travel in the Speed Source or simply goes to another dimension or training with his teacher and going to some forbidden places in the Universe

Before, he and his teacher is chasing a broken star. There is someone there named Wargod and in that broken star, there is one of the Temple of the Savi'krian.

There is a legacy there for him to inherit.

It is not an ideal for him to have a job where he had to be there all the time. And Azief knows that