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Chapter 1451 Pirates And Criminals

Berlin.

Who is he inside the Crime Alliance?

This is a very influential person in the Bratva

Even though Berlin is not Mister Moscow, he is also very important in the Bratva. Berlin is his codename because he is in charge of the Bratva operation in Germany.

Berlin is not a powerful leveler. He is barely a Disk Formation leveler with only one Disk in his core of power.

The reason why he is so high in the organization is simply because that he is good art organizing the business and making sure that the day to day operation of Bratva is smooth.

He facilitated business between Bratva and the world powers.

He is one of the four people on the square.

He is kneeling on the ground, there is blood all over him.

His blood is red, signs that his realm has been demoted.

For someone like him, he could not even make any show of resistance when Azief came for him.

Out of the many people Azief had captured, he was the weakest.

The Pirate Lords at least offer some resistance and still dare to attack.

But the people he captured from the Crime Alliance is too weak.

He also caught two people from Yomi. One of them is Kaze. And the other one is Mizu.

These two people are the right hand and left hand of Susanoo, a high ranking member of Yomi.

And the last one is someone from the Cartel, Mateo. Mateo handles the distribution route of smuggled goods between the Cartel and the forces that buy from them

He had created a network of people to make sure that they would not get caught by the authorities

All of these members are not the strongest ranking members of the Red Table but they hold enough influence to disrupt the world.

The Cartel supply most of the illegal enhancing drug all over the world that is bought by many underworld forces.

Yomi control the trade routes.

And Bratva controls Europe trade route.

And these people all have something to do with it. Without them, these routes and trades could easily be in chaos.

These are people that are not easily replaced and trusted by their bosses.

And now Death Monarch had captured them all.

Everyone could see what Death Monarch is doing.

If this was in the past and you do such a thing, capturing a member of such a powerful crime cartel what would follow is chaos in the streets.

But this is not something that happens in one nation. The world is vast. It is something worth reminding.

And the old rules don't apply anymore.

And the world of the criminal underworld is not like it is before the Fall.

There is darkness in the world, yes, but not their kind of darkness. The world is controlled by the seven great powers and their influence is all pervasive

Even if the dark forces of the criminal underworld wanted to make a fuss, how much fuss could they make?

If they wanted to create chaos, they need to attack Pandemonium, bringing terror and despair to it like those Cartel had done before the Fall where they terrorized an entire city to try to releases their boss.

But, who in the world dares to attack Pandemonium? If these people go to Pandemonium, they would be spit out with no bones.

It is like a fish entering the mouth of a shark.

The shark would grind them into meat paste inside their stomach.

Why choose this way?

Some think and they get the answer immediately.

Because right now, the Pirates have got their hands on a very dangerous weapon

Could it be Death Monarch is scared and wanted to eradicate this threat before it could bloom?

Everyone have their speculation. And everyone could now understand why Death Monarch also targeted Crime Alliance when it was the Pirate that have the trident

Because they are now allies.

Everyone is speculating what Death Monarch is trying to do. And just like before, the world waited again for an answer

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At the same time, the surviving pirate Lords began contacting the Red Table. The alliance between pirates and the Crime Alliance seems to have started.

Now, they face the same enemy. Whether they like it or not, whether they were sincere in the first place or not, right now, they have no choice but to be sincere with each other.

There are only a few pirate lords left after Death Monarch captured six of them but there are still many pirates all over the ten seas.

There were even new pirates that joined under the banner of the Ten Pirate Lords, people from the Otherworlds

Those who could be called pirate lords have great influence and power in the sea. Give them time and they could even muster enough force to rival that of the world powers.

But the stipulation was that if they have time. Which they didn't have because Death Monarch simply mess up everything.

It is like an adult that saw kids gathering together. At first only two or three gathered together so this adult let them be.

The kids believe that if they have a dozen kid gathering together and uniting together they could beat the adults. But, before they could gather enough kids, the adult suddenly felt bored and simply destroy these kids

And because they did not have enough kids to fight, the result is a one sided victory for the adults

That is kind of what happens to the pirates right now. before they could even gather enough people to rival that of the world power, they were beaten first

Unlike some pirate crew, just because the captain is capture, does not mean the pirate crew is disbanded.

They wanted to release their captain.

Before, they would not dare to do such thing. But right now, there is still Kaiju among the pirates and he has a weapon that could probably fight against Death Monarch

The Red Table is also eager to cooperate with the pirates right now. the members of the Crime Alliance were also taken.

And the people that Death Monarch has taken is not a low level thug but people who have personal relationship with the Red Table and is very important to their operation.

It is also a matter of reputation. They have to do something or why would anyone fear them in the future?

The Pirate Lords and first mate of the Pirate Lord crews met with the Red Table.

No one in the world knows what these two factions are talking about.

But it is clear that it is to discuss the matter of their captured people and the actions that needs to be taken.

With the pirate lords missing and the pirates losing their heads, the seas are in a state of chaos.

Some new pirate crew appeared.

A week passes just like that. By now, the whole world is used to the new Arturia.

An island surrounded by concentric layers of islands.

A formation.

Whether you go from the north, or the south, the west or the east, before you could even enter Arturia, you have to sail through all of these islands.

These island seem snot only as an obstacle but also created weird wave movement, like atrial of water that seem to hinder people to come.

Some of the waves are harsh, some are still and some seems to possess power of time and space making it hard to navigate the waters.

Everyone that sails the sea and goes to this area knows that Death Monarch must create these zone for a reason.

A week had passes but there is no statement from Death Monarch or the world powers. There are no negotiation terms.

And people began realizing that when Death Monarch spoke those words a week ago, it was not a threat, or a warning, it is simply an ultimatum

There is a construction over the main square of the capital city of Arturia and there is construction all over the entire island continent

In a week since then, many people who lives in the island surrounding the Turbulent Sea that is not a pirate or a member of the Crime Alliance sailed toward Arturia.

They know that Arthur has a sword that is bestowed by Death Monarch that could wield the power of the heavenly Will.

There are not many forces on Earth this is protected by a Divine Comprehension leveler.

There is only three. Pandemonium, the Republic and the Empire of Japan. And now, there is a fourth.

Arturia.

So, there is a large migration coming toward Arturia.

They could only sail toward Arturia. Those who tries to fly would find themselves pulled to the ground by some pulling force.

The moment you see island arranged in an orderly manner, you know you would enter the Arturia zone.

The island that Death Monarch scattered to create a circle makes it anyone below Divine Comprehension leveler unable to fly above it.

This is one of the effect of the formation.

In a week, tens of thousands of people have migrated to the island continent.

To people who simply wanted to be safe, they would choose good place to live in.

Even though Arturia is in the area of the Turbulent Sea, it did not matter if there is such a formation in front of it.

This formation also helps makes the turbulence of space time lessen. Of course, this beneficial effect is only in the zone of the islands and not the entire sea

Most of the Turbulent Sea is still very dangerous and the reason why many ships could sail it safely is because of Arthur accompanying them.

Chapter 1452 The Prelude To A War

In the past week, Arthur is rarely in the city and instead is all over the Turbulent Sea helping escorting hundreds of ships to the city.

With the protection of a Divine Comprehension leveler and following the safe sea route, they did not encounter any space tearing event.

Because of the influx of so many new people, there is many cities built all over the island continent.

Some people came with an entire village and as long as they could get acknowledged from the State Hall, they could form a village on any place in the island continent.

All of these villages and cities that were built all pledge their allegiance to Arthur.

Some of the official of the city of Arturia has even began preparing to crown Arthur as a King.

However, Arthur did not yet want to crown himself king.

There is something more important than being king right now and that is the conflict between the world powers and the dark forces of the world

Cities and villages are not the only thing that is being constructed right now.

There in the middle of the main square of the city of Arturia, is a large wide platform. The platform has ten levels. It is wide the size of four baseball field.

The platform itself is designed like a flat pyramid.

On the highest point of the platform is a guillotine stand. The blade of the guillotine is made with the strongest metal found on Earth

Anyone below Divine Comprehension leveler would die.

With a Divine Comprehension leveler present, Death Monarch make sure that the guillotine would cut and decapitated those below his level

The guillotine blade itself is then strengthened with sharpening runes and withering runes. It is carved on the edges of the guillotine blade

Even though the platform itself is white in color, with marble floors, beautiful ornament and decorations, everyone that sees this platform could not help but feel scared

This platform is an execution platform.

And three weeks from now, Death Monarch would execute ten people for the whole world to see.

Was it to show determination?

Was it to provoke a war? Or is it a warning?

Which is it that Death Monarch is trying to accomplish? Whatever it is, it is making the whole world feel uneasy.

This feeling is even more so for the people of Arturia.

Even before the platform was perfected, residential area is moved toward another part of the city.

The platform on the main square is now surrounded by business establishment.

During the day of the execution, everyone probably would close down their shops. Because everyone is expecting to see a battle that day

As for the broadcast, The White Owl organization also announced to the world that they would broadcast the entire execution so that the world could see.

There is now cooperation between the White Owl and the world powers.

The sales of video projector soars.

Some sails toward Arturia, wanting to see this execution directly in front of their own eyes and some sail there to live a new life.

The world powers are also silent.

Hirate, Lee Sangmin, Kairu, Narleod meet with Death Monarch when they first heard that Death Monarch captured those ten people.

After they met with each other, the world power remains silent. Appearing to approve Death Monarch action.

Then as the second week comes, all the other six world powers announce to the world that they would attend the execution

Things are becoming bigger

It makes sense that Death Monarch did not make any other statement since he was always a man of few words.

And he already told his intention to the world so it is no wonder he would not speak again since then to the world.

The world power not making any move could also be understood as they are preparing for the execution

But what is up with the Pirate and the Crime Alliance?

Why are they so silent?

Why is none of them making any moves?

Would they just watch as Death Monarch humiliates them to the world? Executing their people for the whole world to see?

Who would ever join them ever again if they could not show even a stance of protecting their people?

If the Crime Alliance did not show any action or makes any move, people would think that as long as Death Monarch makes a move, the pirates and the Crime Alliance could only accept it.

Whether he gifted you death or spare you, you have no right to choose your own life or death.

People still remember how Death Monarch appears on the skies and ask them to confess their sins.

All they could do was either obey or forced to obey.

And now, even as the day of execution draws near, yet pirates and the Crime Alliance still did not make any moves.

This could demoralize their own people.

When everyone thought that the Crime Alliance and the Pirates had given up, suddenly a new break out.

A large fleet of ships are appearing from all the ten seas.

And they are all heading toward Arturia.

Some ships flies through land before landing on the closest sea to the Turbulent Sea. The Crime Alliance is also moving their people.

Hundreds of thousands of people, all kinds of robotic army appear out of nowhere.

The Red Table has begun to move and all the forces of Evil, as the word power dubbed them is beginning to move.

Some people began seeing the result of Death Monarch action.

Death Monarch is forcing the world to pick a side.

Either they sided with the world power or the rebellious element of the world.

The Pirates are not all bad and the Crime Alliance is also the same.

Individuals are not a group.

But, Crime Alliance is undoubtedly an evil organization.

Even if not everyone under its umbrella is committing evil, most of them do.

And that is their trade.

The same for pirates.

There are pirates who did pillage island or robs and burns cities but most of them do.

The World powers is the same.

Just because they occupied the side of righteousness, does not mean that they are all righteous.

But, they do promote righteousness and so they were bound to it

And even though they are some bad apples, most of them believe in the slogans and motto of their world power.

To establish order, strengthen humanity and fight for the betterment of the world

They provide stability and order and safety to the common people

What Death Monarch had done was to tear apart whatever alliance the world power had with these dark elements of the world.

He is a person with ideals.

If that is the only thing he is, everyone could ignore him. But Death Monarch is a person with ideals and having the strength to bring that ideals into reality

And none is so dangerous as a man who have such ability.

Even if the world power does not think that doing this is good, Death Monarch had drawn the line.

He draws the line and he lets the world chooses.

Two weeks had passed.

And in that two weeks he stayed in Arturia.

He spoke with old friend that come to visit, but he did not address the world to whatever he is planning. Only what he had told the world.

And then he waited.

And the world powers, regardless of their distaste for Death Monarch method, fall in line.

And the moment they fall in line, the pirates, the Crime Alliance, the other dark forces of the world all gathered together.

They know that this is Death Monarch wanting to start a war.

And in this war, they must not lose.

Who know that such a war is started because of a trident?

Everyone knows why the war is started and why Death Monarch is so determined this time.

In the past it was not like Death Monarch did not have the ability to do what he did today.

But he did not do it.

Why?

because the threat to him was nonexistent.

At that time, he was busy with many other things and the pirates and the Crime Alliance is small problem.

He could clean them up whenever he wanted to. So, he focusses on the big problem first.

But when Kaiju got the trident, the power to control the Ten Seas, Death Monarch has now look at them.

And this time, he no longer looks at them with disdain.

This time, he is going to take them seriously.

It is something that no one wanted Death Monarch to do.

Because if Death Monarch look at you seriously, that means he is going to deal with you with all the power he could muster.

And these forces of evil knows that this time, it is not a simple battle.

This is war intending to wipe them out

So, after a meeting with the great forces of the criminal underworld, a war was decided.

The dark forces of the world is no basically declaring war to the world powers.

There would be a war and this war would determine rearrange the status quo of the world

Whether these forces could survive depends on the conclusion of the war.

And the Great general of this war on the criminal underworld side is Kaiju.

Because among these forces of evil, there is only one person that is probably capable of battling it out with Death Monarch

And so, three weeks' passes

Chapter 1453 Killing Two Birds With One Stone

Azief is walking alongside a large garden.

Beside him is Will, wearing normal clothes for once.

There is a table in the middle of the garden. Azief passes through a carefully carved bush and saw people on the chair surrounding the table.

It is Hirate and Raymond.

Azief walk toward them and they got up.

Azief only nodded as he sat down on the chair. Will took one of the chairs and positioned it beside Azief

Then he sat beside him

'Only a week left' Raymond suddenly said. Azief smiles but he did not answer. Instead he conjured up a cup and coffee jug.

'Let's talk while drinking' Azief pour a cup for him and Will and then he pours one for Raymond and Hirate.

There is also a bowl fill with crackers. Azief had eaten many delicious meals in his life. But for some reason he still craves coffee or milk tea with hard crackers.

There is a cracker in his country called Hup Sang.

Of course, after the Fall, there is no such thing anymore.

He thought back to the past and it felt like if he could only stuff all of it into his storage rings or something, he would have a supply of it by now.

He smiles at the thought

It is a very famous brand of crackers in his country. But, Azief stop eating it when researchers found there is traces of cancer inducing substances in it.

He doesn't know whether that is true or not, but it surely does make him think twice from eating crackers again

However, now that his lifespan is probably in then tens of thousands of years, he simply does not care even if he et uranium itself

He dips the cracker into his coffee and chew it and a smile is on his face.

An old familiar taste.

Then he looks at Raymond

'I am ready for it'

'You're sure Kaiju would come?' At this Azief smiles

'Either he came or we will have the advantage'

'The thing about my plot is that whether he came or not, we will win regardless. If he did not come and Crime Alliance and the pirate did not show any resistance at all, their people would lose heart'

'In this scenario we will win easily. And they would slowly crumble. They would think that they have no future and their safety could not be guaranteed whether they join the pirates or the Crime Alliance' Raymond nodded

Azief continue by saying.

'When I capture those ten people I am simply telling them that it is enough. They have done enough and they now have my attention'

Smiling he added

'And you should pray that you do not get my attention. Because unless you are my friend, having me putting my attention on you usually is bad'

Azief smiles and Will chuckles at this. He takes a sip of coffee and Will is also the same.

Azief is not done.

'I do not have time to crack down on them before. But now, since I am cracking down on them, they could either scatter or rise up and try to kill me'

'If they do come and they did not come with Kaiju to help them, the only result of that day, would be that they would be eradicated'

Raymond nodded. Hirate also nodded. All of them is hoping for this scenario. That Kaiju would come.

Only if he comes out, they would have the chance to snatch the trident. Jean and Hikigaya wanted to study the weapon. And Raymond needed it to somehow make his breakthrough easier and more powerful.

It would probably even repair all of his flaws in his foundation.

Azief on the other hand wanted the world to have another Divine Comprehension leveler. For now, the world only has three Divine Comprehension leveler.

Even though Adam could rust with Divine Comprehension power that is only if he uses the power of Heaven

It is the sword that bestows him power and he is not truly a Divine Comprehension leveler. But if one considered him, there is now four Divine Comprehension leveler in the world.

This is not enough. It might be able to restrain one Essence Creation level but if there is two, it is not enough.

It is still very much not enough for him

Even though Azief knows Essence Creation leveler is rare in the Universe, after all he likes to be prepared.

With the Multiversal Convergence, Earth has made itself known in the dark forest.

And some people might be eyeing on Earth. It is fine if what they do is only staring at them.

But, if they wanted to make a move.... Azief would prefer that they could defend against such threat

if they do not have the power to stop these forces, Earth would be in precarious position in the future

'The day of the execution, I would not be alone. There would be Hikigaya and Oreki and Arthur. That is four Divine Comprehension leveler. Without Kaiju, they are but lamb waiting to be slaughtered.'

This is the situation if Kaiju did not come but the other two forces came

'And if Kaiju also come along, we would grab the trident and in the end we would still win. This plot has always been a trap. It did not matter whether they come or not. We will win regardless'

Azief ended his words

Raymond look at Azief and did not know what to say. Is he really confident that he could defeat Kaiju? This is what Raymond could not figure out.

Yes, if Kaiju s still like before, this is not something that Azief needs to worry about. He would understand Azief confidence

But this Kaiju now holds the tridents.

And if he could control...truly control the Ten Seas and its properties, Kaiju would be a very formidable opponent

Azief had told him about Poseidon.

About Olympus. And knowing how powerful Poseidon is and his ability, if Kaiju could harness even ten percent of that power, there is no one on Earth that could defeat him.

Poseidon is an entirely different existence than them.

Even an Essence Creation leveler could not even lift their heads if they really fought against him

At first he didn't understand what Azief is doing. When he meets Azief and Azief explains it to him, only then he understands his plan.

Azief wanted to force Kaiju to come out.

Even when Will zipping around the world, he could not find Kaiju.

Even Azief using his Divine Sense added with the Heavenly Will surveillance could not find him. He might be hiding in some forbidden zones of the world or he might use the power of the trident to hide himself from the prying eyes of Heaven

Azief also knows that the longer the time he gave Kaiju, the more dangerous he would become. Azief likes a challenge. But he would not do something stupid like raising a tiger that could eat him

So, he had to force him out. But then why take ten people? Why gave him a months' time?

Azief explains to Raymond that Kaiju is not from this world. And he was only in this world for six months. And from the intelligence reports that the world powers have on him, he is a loner.

He had no close friends.

Even among the pirate circle, he only interacts with some of the pirate lord like Pirate Lord Mary

So, how does he force him out?

When the world power once wanted to force Death Monarch out, they would capture a bait. At that time, the bait was Sofia, Sina, Loki, Will, people he knows and people who is like a family to him

But Kaiju had no such person

So, Azief chooses another way. A way that could kill two birds with one stone. First, he captures people from the pirate circle and then also from the Crime Alliance.

Rather than letting kaiju having the initiative, Death Monarch has forced the Crime Alliance the pirates to make a move.

Kaiju may not be moved by any emotional threat.

But when he is being forced by the pirates and the Crime Alliance to enter this battle, he had no choice.

Yes, Azief is borrowing the hand of the Crime Alliance and the Pirates to force Kaiju to enter the battle.

The Crime Alliance and the Pirates both know that they would lose if they could not force Kaiju to make a move.

So, they could only pressure Kaiju to go with them to retrieve back their people.

Even Kaiju knows what to choose. If he declines, it would not only be the world powers that would become his enemies but also the Crime Alliance and the pirates

There would be no place for him under Heaven and Earth.

They probably know why Azief done this but even if they know, they still have to walk to this trap willingly because if they don't save these people, the reputation of the Crime Alliance and the pirates would fall to a freezing point and it would not be long before these two powerful forces crumble.

Because if Death Monarch could do it this time, he could do it again later. Could it be that each time Death Monarch takes a few of their members, they just need to stand still and accept?

If they did this, who would ever want to enter their organization? Who among them would feel safe? Isn't it announcing that entering these two forces is like painting a target behind their back?

So, they know, this time, they have to fight or the people of the world would truly look down on them

And in a world that is inhabited by criminals, evil people, misfits, reputation is everything

Chapter 1454 The Plan

As for giving a month time, this is also part of the plan. Yes, it would give Kaiju time to refine the trident.

But a month is not enough to truly master a true divine artifact of a god. So, it is still not enough time for Kaiju to refine it. To refine such a weapon to truly become a master of it, it might take years, or decades or even hundred or thousands of years.

A month is not enough unless Kaiju got some divine luck, or some kid of method to facilitate the fast refining of such weapons which Azief doubt that Kaiju have.

As for the true reason why the time is given, it is so that the pirates, the criminals, the dark forces of the world could gather together.

Since Azief has already tear apart any face they had with each other, it means war.

And if it's a war, then at least Azief wanted to eradicate this threat completely.

If the world powers wins, the world would have a period of peace.

Crime could never be truly eradicated because people have desires and the desires are not always good.

Some desires violated other people happiness and pursuit of life.

But, if these elements of evil is destroyed, at least for a moment, evil would have to recuperate.

However, if they lose, at most, evil would spread its tentacles. In their calculations, even if they lose, they would not lose too badly.

Because this time, Azief is not fighting alone.

If they did lose this battle, then the entire world power will feel the threat of the Crime Alliance and the pirates and the next time they fight, they would unleash all their trump card on these two forces.

Whatever the conclusion of this battle, win or lose, the war, from the moment its started already has an ending.

The Crime Alliance will be dismantled; the pirates would weaken. The only question is how long it would take. If Kaiju could win, that time would be longer.

And if they win, the time would be faster.

Raymond also had spoken about the possible power that Kaiju might have now. Azief, Jean and Hikigaya all believe that by now, Kaiju probably could only slightly control the trident power.

Raymond also believe so. Because out of all the three, he is the only one that have hold that trident before.

At most, right now, he could control a part of the Ten Seas.

And that is why Raymond is a little worried.

Controlling the Ten Seas would be a powerful feat and even though there is four Divine Comprehension leveler that would be present during the execution, Raymond still feel that kaiju could withstand that attack if he could use all the power of the Ten Seas.

The Ten Seas all have different mystical properties.

It is these properties that Raymond fears. If Kaiju could really control the trident, then it is not out of the realm of possibility that he might be able to also control the properties of these seas.

Even though Azief is powerful and so is Hikigaya and Oreki, even they were affected by the properties of these seas.

Because it contains the rules of heaven and earth.

Raymond then said

'I hope you are really sure about this' Azief only smiles as he takes another sip at his coffee.

'You just have to wait Raymond. And don't meddle in the battle between the Divine Comprehension levelers. If you did get involved, you could die. '

Raymond nodded

'Just remember what you promise me. Do that, and I consider it as repayment for my effort in capturing the trident for you'

Hirate look at Azief and could not help but feel Azief is really confident of his own strength. They have made a deal.

If they ranged to snatch the trident, Azief would give the trident to Raymond so that he could understand that feeling he had when he holds that trident

So, he could breakthrough to Divine Comprehension leveler

How is he so confident that Raymond would not surpass him then? But, Hirate is not one to jinx good thing.

They then talk about the plans. They speak about the Ten Sea and what is their plans is after the battle.

One thing that you would notices you hear their conversation; it was as if they are already won the war.

After half an hour of talking and perfecting some of the plans that was already in place, Hirate and Raymond excuses themselves from the garden and goes back to their residence

Now, on the garden there is only Will and Azief. They already finish their drinks and there is only a few of those crackers.

There is silence between them. Will then suddenly said

'Did you see things again?' Azief look at Will, smiles and nodded

Seeing Azief admittance, Will sighed

Azief could only smiles bitterly at this.

Since Erika gives him her eyes, Azief had always seems to be able to see glimpses of the future.

Sometime, it is the past.

Times after all in a way seems to affect each other.

What he sees are fate and destiny, the effect of causality, of cause and effect.

He sees some glimpse of the future that he is familiar with. The future where he sees with Will.

But sometime he also sees the future that is closer to him. Like how this war would unfold.

But he didn't intend to believe what he sees one hundred percent. Especially when all he could see is glimpses.

Will then said

'Erika really....' But he did not finish his words. Azief only smiles bitterly at this.

This is the price that needs to be paid.

Azief regrets that he sees the future.

At least that is how he felt in the beginning. But now, he learns to accept what he saw and the regret slowly fades and he is ready to face the world and the future.

Will then said

'I will help Jean. That is the only thing I could contribute. I might be fast but I don't think I could meddle in the battle between Divine Comprehension leveler. Unless I summon the Speed Source and use it all up. But, there is no need for me to go that far right? Because you could handle it'

Will look at Azief with a smile on his face

Azief nodded

'Yes, it is better for you to help Jean. I could hold down the fort'

There is another silence. The wind blows gently in the garden, the leaves of the trees sway, the scent of flowers filled the area.

The sun is shining bright, but the heat is not high, the clouds in the sky is sparse and beautiful, the smell of the sea melded with the wind, bringing a calming feeling

The silence between them seems long. Will had something to ask. Something that have nothing to do with the world

But something personal

He sighed. As years passes by, there are less and less people that could talk personal thing with Azief.

Loki left. Sofia left.

Azief could hear Will sighed.

'What are you sighing about?' Will then ask

'Will you not meet Sofia?' Azief hearing this question sighed.

When the heroes and heroin of the world heard that there would be a war between the world powers and the evil forces of the world, most of them gather in Arturia.

And Sofia is one of them. As of Pandemonium, Sasha is holding the fort and so the Three Army is also sailing back to Arturia.

But since Sofia is in Arturia, these two people never met each other.

Azief still stay at the villa on the hill and Sofia lives in a large apartment on the middle of the city, near the city square.

They are not far from each other. But they did not see one another

Azief sighed.

Will did not push it.

Azief life is quite simple.

He only seeks the way to become stronger.

He went to all kinds of worlds and live different lives there but his determination, his desire to become stronger has never stopped.

If there is one flavor in his otherwise monotone life, it is his heart tribulation.

The relationship he had with Katarina and Sofia is very complicated.

Will do not want to add troubles to him. And he seems happy when he is with Katarina. But Will also know that this sworn brother of his could never forget Sofia.

Letting go is not easy. But, he had to face her someday. The world might be vast but to these two people wanted to meet each other, they could easily meet.

In this world, there is no place that Azief couldn't go. Sofia might not be as strong as Death Monarch but with her ability, she could survive in most places in the world

Yet, now, even when they are in the same island continent, they do not meet with each other.

Like they have designated each other places as forbidden zones.

Azief sighed and then said

'I fear that if I met her, I would be weak. And that is not fair to either of them. And the rejection it still hurts'

Will could understand what Azief meant by being weak. It is the same for him when it is something about Lily

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For a moment there is silence between them. Azief rarely talks about his personal stuff. But this did not mean he did not want to talk about it.

He himself is not very accustomed in making connection and he is trying hard at it.

So the only thing he could do is rely on the people around him. But, the people around him is also not that normal.

Loki always speaks in riddles, Sofia is different. The only normal people around him has always been Sina.

And then he met Will. He is also very normal when it is about relationship.

The silence is broken suddenly

'Rejection?' Will ask

'yes.' He said then paused for a second before saying

'In my life I have been rejected many times'

He then smiles bitterly

'Of course, most of this is work rejection. I never got rejected in love because I have never had the courage to fall into it. I never understood breakup songs or love song. I never relate to it because I never felt such love.' he sighed and then said

'I was rejected by my family, and I have few people I could call friends. My life was pretty depressing. An I thought I was numb to it. To rejection, that is.'

He seems to close his eyes for a second like he was remembering all those years ago. Then he opens his eyes and said

'But, a simple rejection by Sofia cuts my heart like it never had been cut before'

He paused for a second and then said

'I don't hate her. I am angry at her. But, I could never stay angry at her. Was it her fault? Or was it mine? Maybe, I don't want to know the answer. So, it is better not to meet her. Not until I am ready'

He wanted to make Will understand. In many cases, there is never a need for him to explain anything to anyone.

He usually let people makes their own thoughts about him. he has no need to socialize too much because he already sat on the highest peak of power.

But Will is not someone that he could brush off or someone he did not care about. This is his friend. His sworn brother.

He did not want Will to think of him badlly. So, he wanted him to understand why he did the things he did.

Will nodded.

This is Azief personal problem. He could comment on it; he could advise him but it is important not to overstepped certain things.

He also understood how complicated a person feeling are.

'Let's talk about something else then' Will said.

Azief nodded. They began talking about mundane things. Will would tell Azief the story of his journey with his teacher and Azief told him stories about the past adventure he had

They deliberately did not touch any subjects about the world.

They did not speak about big plans, about the world powers, about Loki, about the affairs of the world but instead, they talked about each other

Azief wanted to know how life is for Will right now and Will wanted to know if there is any happy news in Azief life.

Like two old friends meeting after a long time, forget the affairs of the world for a while and enjoy the companion of a friend.

The day passes like this for both of them as the forces of the world all is sailing toward the Turbulent Sea.

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The world is at war. But this time, the people of the world would not suffer. This is the struggle for the world domination.

After almost a decade, the trend of the world seems to be completed.

The trend of the world sided with the world powers.

By now, everyone has recognized the influence of the world powers, the Seven Great forces that rules the world and make the rules for everyone.

However, with the sudden news that there is a trident of a god from Olympus held by a member of the pirates, suddenly this trend of the world seems to be up for the grabs again.

And then Death Monarch suddenly attacked and captured high ranking members of the pirates and the Crime Alliance.

This alone had provoked the criminal underworld. Those who is in the criminal underworld could all feel that this time, Death Monarch is not playing around.

It is not like before.

And so, the criminal underworld also banded together. The hostages, the people that needs to be executed is no longer important

Because right now, the war had to fought. It is not simply to release those ten people that Death Monarch had captured but also to determine whether the Crime Alliance and the pirates could have a place in the world

Death Monarch captured those people because he wanted to induce a war.

And now, a war had been declared. The Ten Seas are boiling!

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Azief is on his office. It is already night. He leans back on his chair as he closes his eyes for a while

There is many information that has been downloaded into his mind.

'For some reason, I still prefer the old methods of reading' he thought to himself.

On his office table, there is all kinds of drafts. Most of it is the draft he wrote.

There are also many notes that he wrote.

Many of these are his subsequent plans for the world.

He put it on paper so he could see the outline of his own plan.

He then opens his eyes and then waves his hand.

All the paper rolled itself up and flew to the shelf and arrange itself neatly.

Azief then got up from his seat and look outside of the window.

He is in his villa on the hills, surrounded by thick fog and mist.

The moon above shines brightly, the sound of the sea clams him down.

Even though people would only see fog and mist if they look toward his villa, he himself has an unrestricted view to everything.

After all, the fog is like a window on the car that is tinted heavily

Other people could not see the inside of the car but the people inside the car could see the outside clearly.

That is how it is for him. He looks at the waves and he thought about the information he just gets. And he could not help bug sighed

'Even though I gave Kaiju time, I am also quite nervous' Azief thought to himself. The world only sees his victories. Who have known that he was also beaten many times in the past?

Before the Fall, he is not the most extraordinary person. Even after the Fall, if not for his luck and his perseverance, he would not have reached this point.

Kaiju is not the problem. The problem is the trident. He just got the information about the Ten Seas.

If Kaiju could relay mobilize the mystical properties of the Ten Seas, Kaiju would be a formidable enemy.

There is the Turbulent Sea

Distorting time and space, this is the Turbulent Sea feature. If Kaiju could manipulate this, it would be a very powerful ability to have.

Azief had also learn what the order of Thinkers speculated about this mystical properties of the sea. It is not in the water.

But a rule that has been set upon these seas. It gathered and it solidified and it created these mystical properties that seems to be embedded.

Azief had a long day thinking about this and he concluded with his power right now, while he could arrange the continent of the world, create the Ten Realms of land., he could not strip these mystical properties from the sea.

So, the best way is to manipulate these tens seas to become a barrier of sorts for the continent that would be established.

Then there is the Blood Sea. From it rises wraiths, demonic creatures and even zombie-like monsters.

Azief had talk about this with the Order of Thinkers and they insisted that they want the sea to remain around them even after the distribution of the world.

It seems that they found a different way to human strengthening in the Blood Sea.

The Order of Thinkers did not share the research with the other world power but Azief could guess what they had uncovered.

Azief had many knowledge in his head after he immerse himself in Orvanians technology for months

There is also the Sea of Fire. It is literally in the name. The entire sea is not water but flames. Unless you have powerful bodies, you would be scorched to death in this sea.

But the pirates in this part of the sea somehow have managed to find a way to sails freely in this sea made of flames.

Then there is the Illusory Sea.

This sea is near the Empire of Japan but not so close to it

For those who sails this sea, they would sea illusion that could not be distinguished with reality.

At times, it would even bring people into some kind of illusion world where everything in that world is real

There is fog surrounding this sea so if people don't know how to navigate it, it is better for them to steer clear away from it.

Then there is the Sea of Monsters.

Like the name, this is a sea filled with monsters.

There is sea monster three feet below every island, and the island are all filled with beast of titanic proportion.

This is the reason why some seas are peaceful without monster's habitats. Most of seventy percent of monster seems to gather around the sea of monster

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Then there is the Whirling Sea.

The Whirling Sea is a sea that also have characteristic of the Turbulent Sea and the Illusory Sea.

It is said that the Whirling Sea is calm most of the time.

But when the Whirling began, thunders and lightning clouds would gather over the entire sea. There would be whirling tornado on some parts of the sea.

It would suck anything into its whirl.

Sometimes these people would find themselves in different dimension. Sometime they would suddenly found themselves in other parts of the world.

Then there is the Sea of Light

Out of the many seas of all the ten seas, this Sea of Light is the most peaceful and safe out of all the Ten Seas.

When it is night, the entire sea seems to glow with light. The light itself is not as overbearing like the light of a Sun.

It did not blind people.

It is more like the luminescence of the moon

When it first appeared, everyone simply thought that this sea has no function at all.

But it only took around one month for people to know that this Sea of Light is not simple.

Those who are inside the Sea of Light would find that their strength, durability all is enhanced.

In other words, it buffs every ability you have making you strong and healthy

It is because of this some people also lives around the Sea of Light. Inside it, they are not only healthy and safe, they also seem to quickly improve.

However, the reason why not many people is there is because the route to going there is dangerous and there is also restriction inside the area of that sea.

The moment you enter that area of the Sea you would not fly.

But you could still practice and you could use all of your other abilities.

There might be other properties of that sea that is unknown to the world. Because of how hard it is to go there, and the people there does not really send news outside.

It is also one of the largest sea area in the world.

Then there is the Cloud Sea.

The sea is basically clouds like sea. Sometimes, those who sail there does not know whether they are sailing on top of water or on top of fluffy clouds.

This sea is one of the pirate stronghold. And because of that not many people know its secret.

The world power itself did not want to provoke war during the last six months and since the world is vast, nobody is eagerly wanting that piece of the sea when there is so much sea area that they could focus on.

Most world powers simply did not care that much about the Cloud Sea.

Other than the fact it is Pirates headquarters, and that the clouds that replaced these water could be molded into construction material, not much is known about that part of the sea

Then there is the Sea of Lightning.

Just like its name, this sea of lightning is covered with thunder, 24/7 never stopping. It is like that place before the Fall that have thunder falling every day.

This place is like that. Only the thunder that falls from this sea, is magical and mystical, possessing the same kind of destructive power like those of the Heavenly Tribulation thunder.

Weirdly enough, the islands in this sea is fine. Even if they were hit by the thunder tens of thousands of times each day, they seem to be alright.

And instead seems to be more powerful.

Not many people go to this sea.

Not only it is gloomy it is also very dangerous

At least the sea of fire could still be traversed with a powerful enough sip or you could fly over it if your body could withstand the heat.,

But, the Sea of Thunders is a place where thunder fell from the sky.

It did not matter whether you sail the sea with ships or you fly above the sea water.

It comes from above.

Some people tries to disperse the clouds. It only made thing worse as the thunder become more powerful and the clouds did not disperse

It was like it is connected by a glue so strong that unless it moves naturally, these clouds would not disperse.

It is the same even if you fly high enough. Lightning bolts would follow you. Of course, if you fly out to space, then the thunder and lightning would not follow you.

But, then there is no point of going to the Sea of Lightning

There is only a few people in the world that seems to go to this Sea of Lightning and even then these kind of people only come to this sea every once in a while.

And that is Will the Speedster and Oreki the Thunder Controller. Will told Azief that sometimes he would run across the edges to attract lightning bolts to him

It seems to have the power to recharge him when he uses to much speed. Oreki could be seen there many times.

Azief believe that Oreki is training there. With Hikigaya being a Divine Comprehension leveler, Oreki status seems to have fallen down a bit.

But the two of them are still the pillars of Japan. Azief did not talk much with Oreki but each time he met with him, there is always a change from him.

From someone who could not even be bothered to do anything, to becoming one of the strongest warlord in Japan, a person without motivation could not do such a thing.

Then there is the Sea of Darkness

As the name implies, this sea is full of Darkness

Those who come around its vicinity could see this dark void. It is like the image of a black hole void.

But unlike a black hole, it did not suck people in. Nor does it have any destruction properties. There is a definite size of this sea.

The sunlight could not penetrate it and it is a sea that is shrouded with darkness. It was like there is a dome that seems to make it perpetually in darkness.

Some people enter this sea and fly out of from this sea to the top. They found out that there is no dome or barrier that would prevent them from flying upwards.

But for some reason there seems to be a limit where the darkness seems to stretch.

It stretches upwards and downward.

The darkness height is around a few inches below the stratosphere which makes it very high considering the ceiling between Earth and the sky now.

Below, it reaches to the sea bed. This is also a place where some deep sea monsters would go as they like the darkness.

Some pirates make this place their hide out spot. Even though it is full of darkness, some people find a way to live inside it.

The sea itself is said to be calm and the islands seem to sprout all kinds of weird flowers and fruits which all seems to have great medicinal value.

It is said that the Queen of Alchemy Sina once did go to this sea once accompanied with her Acolyte.

She went there and found an island fills with herbs she never seen before outside that sea area.

She found that many of the herbs, plant fruits and even leaves of the trees inside the Sea of Darkness, all have life strengthening properties and longevity.

It is like a lost continent untouched and unsoiled by human hands.

However, this is not enough to make people go crazy about it.

It is not until Sina created something from the ingredients she took from the Sea of Darkness that the place become famous all over the world

With the ingredient she gets form the island, she created a kind of pill that attract heavenly punishment.

No one knows what kind of pill she managed to refine but everyone could tell that a pill that could even induce the heavenly punishment to descend must not be some kind of ordinary pill.

Since then, this sea is also famous.

These are the ten seas and these are its properties. Each time, Azief remembered this, he could not help but sigh.

Preferably he did not want to give Kaiju time. But, for now, he have no other choice to give time if he wanted to quickly dispatch Kaiju.

Even when he sent Will and even when he uses the power of the Heavenly Will, he could not find Kaiju.

So, the only way is to provoke an earth shaking war.

To draw him out relying on the pressure of the world.

Either he waited until Azief clean up all the criminals and pirates in the dark forces, or bet against him and unite all the dark forces and fight a decisive battle with the world powers.

Whatever he chooses, Azief already had countermeasures.

But after seeing the recording of Raymond battle with Kaiju, Azief could guess which one Kaiju would choose.

Someone like him would choose to fight.

There are only a few days until the execution.

And Azief could already sense there is many spies in the city.

He did not mind them and did not care that they are in the city.

In the end, they all came here to see the conclusion of this war.

There is also spies from the world powers. Everyone wanted to know if the world powers and the criminal underworld fight who would win? There are tens of thousands of ships sailing the sea right now, all heading to Arturia.

This is unlike the world powers suppression of the Crime Alliance or the laissez-faire attitude that the world powers usually adopts when they deal with pirates.

This time, since Death Monarch lead the way, the other world powers also knows that they must not be left behind.

And whether Death Monarch action destroyed some of the plans of the world power, they also know to weigh the matters.

Kaiju is now the trump card of the criminal underworld.

Before, they were like loose sands. Even if they have a leader, none of their leaders have strength to challenge the world power so the world power simply looks down on them.

The world powers have a thousand problems to solve every day, and the criminal underworld is the least of their problem

They were not united and they fight against each other. How could they enter the eyes of the world power? How could the world power think of them as threat?

Just look at what happen with Void. He became the leader of the Crime Alliance, in just almost a year, he was ousted.

Void was only the impetus to unite the crime families.

When these crime families finally could cooperate with each other, how could they let a crazy outsider like Void to stay on top of their heads.

From this the world powers could tell that the criminal underworld is not a threat to them.

It is the same for the pirate.

Even though they have powerful Disk Formation leveler, do they have the strongest man in the world in their corner?

They don't.

It is precisely because these forces did not have someone who could support them if the heaven falls, that the world powers has always neglected them and even work with them to gain some benefit in the world

But that stance clearly had to change when someone like Kaiju appears.

With a weapon that could control the tense seas, this is a threat that could overturned the current governance of the world

The Seven World powers is enough. There is no need for another faction to be a world power. So, even if they lose a bit, they did not hesitate to support Death Monarch.

Azief sighed as he thinks of all of this.

He muttered to himself

'As long as I solve this matter, I would go into seclusion and not participate in the world affair. I hope by doing this I could buy a few decades of stability for the world' he mutters to himself.

The night deepens as the days to the war is approaching

Chapter 1457 Past Acquaintance

The city of Arturia has been changed entirely.

A month was given to the world. In that month, overt and covert schemes are used against each other.

And in that one month Arturia changes from a free port city for pirate to one of the most heavily fortified fortress in the entire Ten Seas.

There is no such fortress in any of the other nine seas.

There are tens of thousands of island in the four direction of the city. Each island acts like a water current obstacles, magical properties embedded into it.

And even if you somehow managed to sail through the uncertain current and crazy waves around the island to reach to Arturia, that is not the end

There is a gate standing on four direction of the island city.

Each gate is titanic and heavy and sturdy. The North Gate, the South Gate, The West Gate and the East Gate.

All of this measure is to stop the pirate from coming. Of course, no one knows the true intention of Death Monarch when he created these gates

Hamad look around the city. Walking beside him is his old friend, Hatta.

Hamad then suddenly said

'As the battle rages on outside the city walls, the citizens within huddle in fear, praying for the safety of their loved ones and the protection of their home. The streets are deserted, save for the occasional soldier rushing to and fro on errands for their commanders'

He suddenly said

Hatta frowned and said

'What the hell are you talking about?'

'When you think of a war, that is what you think, right? But look at this city!' Hamad said and Hatta nodded.

Around them the streets are still busy. The café is still opened. There are throngs of people still walking around on the road.

Some people are drinking milk tea while enjoying the sunny weather. Some are lounging around.

Hamad and Hatta then goes to one of the café.

They buy some drinks and then ask some question. After a while they finally understand what is happening here

From what they heard, it is not that they are not worried.

But they are prepared. Most of the people here are all people who have ability.

The moment the alarm is sounded; they would fly away. Most of the population has already been moved to other part of the island

There are many cities all over the island continent.

Some build their cities around the shore and some build it on the center of the island continent. There are many cities for people to choose.

As for them that keep lounging around, they all are confident of their strength.

However, if those bigshots began making moves, they would run as fast as they could.

Hamad is now sitting on a swing and Hatta is standing beside the swing. Hamad is on a vacation. Hatta is also on a vacation.

Both of them are members of the League of Freedom. Over the years, they have risen to quite a high rank.

At least, they now have people they could command and armies and soldiers and they also know some secrets

However, they are not among the inner circle of the League of Freedom but they like it that way.

Those on the high ranks of the League of Freedom all have to play politics with each other and all of those people in the inner circle have heavy responsibilities

Hamad and Hatta had experienced many things and they just wanted to survive in this world. They are very low profile in the world

As the years passes, more and more heroes and heroines appears in the world and the world forgotten people like Hamad and Hatta

But, it is not something that these two cared about. It is better like this. As long as they develop steadily and keeps surviving, it is enough.

Hamad sighed.

'I guess even in vacation we still have to do some work' he said to no one in particular. Hatta only nodded.

Hatta and Hamad is one of many representative of the world power that is present in the city of Arturia right now.

There is reports that the pirates, the Crime Alliance, the many other criminal organizations all over the world all sail the sea to Arturia.

But then they stopped before entering the first layers of island.

They seem to be waiting, to gather everyone with a bone to pick with the world power. And the world power also did not engage them

It is like there is a certain tacit understanding between them. As long as you did not enter the city, we will not attack

But, even if we did not attack, even if we do not provoke you, we know you would still enter the city

Because if you don't, the reputation of your organization would crumble and from now on, you should accept your place in the world

Not in the light, but in the darkness, and when light shines upon you, you better scurry away like rats.

So, the dark forces of the world would gather all the darkness in the world and fight against justice

Light versus dark, evil versus good, it is a story as old as time, a universal struggle

It is not like they suddenly developed courage to fight against the world power.

It is just that they know Death Monarch move this time, is to determine the winner.

If these dark forces do not unite with each other, do not help the Crime Alliance and the pirates, the next target would be them

They could see the trend of the world that Death Monarch wanted to promote.

If today, the Crime Alliance and the pirate loses, the dark forces of the world also would not be good.

If the lips are gone, the teeth will be cold.

They understand this, so they united together for a decisive battle.

Since Death Monarch wanted a war, then they have no choice but to give him a war.

Some of those people on the ship still have soe hope. When they arrived near the near the island, they waited.

Waited for an attack.

If the world powers attacked them before thy enter the city, then Death Moanrhc might simply wanted to weaken them and lower their rueptaion.

But hours had gone by. The morning sun is now going up, the dawn had already break and there is not a single ship, not a single warrior, not a single shot levied upon them

Death Monarch wanted them to gather.

He wanted them to unite against each other.

And everyone knows why.

If he wanted to cripple the dark forces in the world in one blow, this is the most effective way to do it.

Of course, they could always choose not to gather.

But when your enemy is the entire seven world powers all together, if you did not give your best, whoever came today would be sacrificed.

Only if they all gather all of their power, they could at least have the chance to win.

The Crime Alliance, the pirates, the killers, the thieves, the evil organization spread out all over the world all have the same trait.

And that they are very selfish. But, they also know that this is no longer the time to play such games.

Because this is survival.

The shame is very simple and very cruel. everyone could see through it, but no one could stop it and still have to fall into it

If they do not even have one chance of winning, they would all still stay and hide. But because there is a chance of winning, because there is such a chance, they could gather.

This is why Death Monarch rarely need to use scheme and plot

When you have such power, if you make such a simple scheme, people still have to fall into it. If he did not possess the power he has now, people could have many different measures against him

But what if.... does not win you battle or win you a war.

It is just a simple choice.

A scheme that is so simple but so deadly.

Hamad and Hatta only ponders at this matter. Looking at the grand city, at the soldiers that could be seen stationed in may different places all over the city, both of them did not talk about it, but they truly marvel at Death Monarch simple plan.

Because he si the only one who could create such plan and make it work.

Hamad jump from the swing and landed on the sandy beaches of Arturia.

'Azief is really a different kind of breed from us' he thought to himself.

Many people did not know this but Hamad and Hatta once met Death Monarch

Though, at the time, Azief is not yet the world famous number one person in the world.

At that time, Azief is still someone the world could suppress.

When Hamad think of it again, if the World Government knows how much of a threat Azief would be, Hirate at that time, instead of waiting and trying to win against Azief, he would send every warrior he could spare and do everything he could do to make sure Azief is dead.

Who would have thought that kid would become such a high figure in the world?

People sometimes forget that Death Monarch is quite young.

Hamad and Hatta clearly didn't think so. By now, he is in his thirties. But, when he became famous, he was in his twenties.

Thirty is a very young age considering that a Disk Formation level could live for hundreds of years if not thousands or tens of thousands.

As long as you do not have any hidden injuries, Disk Formation levelers could live for tens of thousands of years

And now Azief is a Divine Comprehension leveler. Who knows how much of a lifespan they possess?

A person they met only a few days, at that time, how could they have thought that such a person would be such a colossal figure in the world?

This is also the reason why Hamad and Hatta always maintains a low profile especially when it is about his acquaintance with Death Monarch.

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Chapter 1458 The Lineup

Now, Death Monarch Azief identity is a very sensitive information.

In the past, they could still boast that they know Azief.

But, as the position of Azief in the world rises more and more, knowing Death Monarch past is not something to boast about.

It is something that could be very dangerous.

Even if they know him only as an acquaintance, it is still very dangerous to admit knowing Death Monarch

The new generations all worshipped and at awe with the power of Death Monarch. But, there is also those who wanted to usurp his place.

And there are his enemies that wanted to kill him.

And Hamad and Hatta also knows that even the world powers always try to craft plan on how to suppress Death Monarch or kill him.

Nobody likes someone like Death Monarch to exist. Other than his friend., most people in the world either worshipped him, in awe at him or wanted to kill him.

Some people believe that knowing the past of Death Monarch would help them understand Death Monarch and understanding your enemy is like the number one requirement to defeat your enemy.

Hence, when Azief reach such a high level, they no longer boast about knowing Azief. Who knows if some people would target them for knowing Death Monarch?

Hamad and Hatta could handle themselves pretty well, but there is many powerful and terrifying figures in the world that even both of them are afraid off and could not offend

If these people are interested in them because of their connection with Death Monarch, how could they explain?

So, it is better to be low profile and it is better for people not to know too much about them

Their leader Narleod know about their connection with Death Monarch but he also knows that their connection with Death Monarch is very thin.

Just people that passed him by.

But, at times, they would reminisce with each other about the past.

It is good story after all, in a way, it is like they know a celebrity before they become famous.

Hamad and Hatta then walk out of the beach, and goes back to city.

Along the way, they see more and more people from other world powers. There are warriors, archers but most of them did not show their class so obviously.

Many people sometimes wear different clothes that did not at all reflect their own class. They saw soldiers on many checkpoints. These soldiers did not care about the people of the city

Whether they make trouble or not, they seem to be blind to it. Everyone knows that the soldiers here are waiting for the attack

Everywhere that Hamad and Hatta looks there is the presence of soldiers.

There is a unit on the wall, there is units in the city and so on and so forth.

All they could see are bits and pieces of the arrangements of the world powers. From what Hamad had heard from some of the other officers of the army, tens of thousands of soldiers are dispatched.

This is a lot. After the Multiversal Convergence and the other disaster that had befallen onto Earth, soldiers are not exactly in abundance. Not many people wanted to become soldiers

And the world powers also feel soldiers are unnecessary. After all, Death Monarch guarded the four corners of Pandemonium simply by using his reputation.

So, when they do create an army, they focused more on quality then quantity. And with the discovered ability of using army formation, the military of the world has slowly begun to be expanded.

And for the world powers to bring tens of thousands of their elite soldiers to this war shows how cub importance they view this showdown.

Sometime, they meet people they know and greeted them. They all have their own orders. Some people are sent to the front lines near the edges of this island continent, stationed near the beach

The beach itself is full of weapons from anti-ship machinery to air craft weapons

some soldiers are stationed near the execution ground

And Hamad and Hatta also finally see the people of the White Owl.

'Have you ever seen them before, Hatta?'

Hatta shook his head. Most people probably have the same curiosity like Hatta and Hamad

Most of the time, the White Owl get news in mysterious manner and sometimes people think that there is no people at all in the White Owl that capture the news.

But, today, they see the people of White Owl setting recording devices all over the execution stage.

Death Monarch wanted to publicize the execution to the rest of the world. It is a warning and a signal to the criminal underworld that he would no longer just close one yes.

Or that is what the world thinks. Hamad on the other hand simply thinks that Death Monarch always has a flair for the dramatic.

But, if there is one thing he has to admit is that, his dramatic flair always works. There is a reason why people fears him and deterred by his name

It is inseparable from the way he crafted his image. But even if the whole world knows it, they still could not help but be influenced because Death Monarch had the ability to walk the talk.

They finally arrived near the square.

'What a large grand platform!' Hamad exclaimed and Hatta nodded

In the square there is a platform. This platform is wide and large and occupied more than the square itself. Any shops, stalls or residence around this square was demolished to make way for the creation of this platform

There is the execution stands, the guillotine blade sometimes would reflect the light of the sun, shining on the bottom of the platform

Sharp and murderous.

Just seeing it make people heart feels cold.

Since the Fall, there has never been such an execution like this.

There has been execution, after all during the warring periods and among the conflict before the world power was established, people killed each other every day.

They also have to fight monsters and beast. So, there was always execution, whether it is a political opponent or criminals that has been caught.

The world after the Fall is dangerous but it is also very simple.

A world of great chaos. It is the best of times and it is the worst of times.

However, there has never been this much fanfare. A public execution for the whole world to see.

It is on the upper part of the platform, the highest part of the platform where it could even see the city from the top

There are ten guillotines and trapped under that guillotine is none other than the ten people that Death Monarch had captured

The platform itself have four level

There is the bottom part. The bottom part has soldiers guarding it, encircling the entire platform.

The second part, a little bit higher than the bottom part are powerful officers from the world powers.

These are Disk Formation levelers, each one of them could stomp their feet and create ripples in the world

Great heroes and heroines of the world, great generals and great figures!

Sitting alone on the other end of the right is Sofia the Divine Archer, her bow floats behind her, emanating a sharp aura.

If anyone below Seed Forming comes near the bow, the sharp aura alone is enough to hurt people.

Since she is no longer affiliated with Pandemonium, she has been wandering the world.

Some people said that she is now the lover of Raymond but nobody dares to say it out loud. Above your head, the Heaven is listening.

Of course, Hamad and Hatta knows that this is just the gossip of normal people who do not know the truth

Though, she did accompany Raymond in many of his adventure and even participated in the battle for the Trident, they know that these two are not lovers.

But everyone knows that Raymond has once shows his feeling toward Sofia. So, whether these two would become a couple later on is something that is still debated

Beside her, sometimes whispering to the Divine Archer ears is the Queen of Alchemy Sina. She has a smile on her face, her hair is tied in a beautiful bun with a diadem over the top her head

Sina rarely shows her face to people, preferring the tranquility and silence of her herb gardens. But, her faction is the strongest among the many factions in Pandemonium

Her Acolytes is all over the world.

She has seventy-two disciples, and these seventy-two disciples is spread all over the world, instructing alchemy, pill makers and other jobs that is related to alchemy and pill making.

If you are blacklisted by her, then unless you are an invincible existence in the world like Death Monarch, the Illusionist Archmage or the Time Manipulator, you would be better off also learning a bit of alchemy.

They are not good in fighting but for potions, poisons, and medicine, the faction that is affiliated with the Queen of Alchemy has created a powerful faction of their own.

Even the world powers have to tread carefully not to offend the Queen of Alchemy and the prominent seventy-two disciples of hers

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Then siting on his chair beside the Queen of Alchemy, crossing his arm together, eyes closed, possessing an aura that made him unapproachable is the Vice Leader of the Shadow Guard, Shinji the Swift Sword.

With an imposing height of six feet five, his katana is on his lap, seemingly not emanating any powerful fluctuations but in this world how many people dares to meet the edge of his sword?

He might have been low key in the past but in the past six months, any attempt of the enemy to attack Pandemonium in the dark has all been resolved by him simply relying on that sword on top of his lap

His leather armor reflects the bright sunlight.

Even just sitting there, he exuded this dignity of a proud man in the world.

Shinji is probably the only person in the world that would dare to release his sword toward Death Monarch even though knowing he would die if he does so.

Such a way of the warrior that sacrifices everything even moved Death Monarch. Shinji fought against Death Monarch in Poland under the orders of the World Government

Usually when someone confronted Death Monarch like that, they would surely die without a burial.

Shinji before he became the Vice Leader of the Shadow Guard, he is someone that contributed to the early rise of the World Government.

He is loyal to the World Government until death.

In the battle in Poland, he was basically dead for a few minutes before he was rescued by Death Monarch and then healed to full health.

Death Monarch then recruited him and since then Shinji has been a loyal subject of Pandemonium.

Then there is the three Great Generals of Pandemonium.

Sitting not far away from Shinji is the world famous The Southern Suppressing General Wang Jian of Pandemonium.

Even while he is sitting there, he seems to give powerful aura, his charisma seems to ooze out of him.

This is the temperament of a great general comparable to the great generals of the Senate and the World Government.

The military in Pandemonium is mostly controlled by him.

In Pandemonium, other than the Sina faction, Wang Jian faction is the strongest, holding great military power and influence ruling the southern regions of Pandemonium like a conferred king

His black staff is nowhere to be seen.

But that staff of his could even be shrinked to the size of a toothpick so it could be hidden even behind Wang Jian ears.

Behind him stands his subordinate, like his own personal guard

There is Milos, one of Wang Jian Vice General

There is Eurus.

Hamad and Hatta recognize those two.

Even though Hamad and Hatta did not deals with people like Wang Jian, they do deal with people like Eurus and Milos.

Hamad and Hatta then take their seat on the circle around the execution platform. Both of them are already in Disk Formation.

But their level of Disk Formation is only on the lower realm of Disk Formation

Only two Disk.

Even though, it is only two Disk, it took quite some time for them.

Not everybody could simply condense their Disk easily if they do not have sufficient energy or powerful enough body.

However, it might seem ridiculous that for these two people that survived the Fall to only have this kind of cultivation

But there is a reason for that

Hamad and Hatta also had injuries in the past where they had to recondense back their Disk. Many people are like this.

Because most people do suffer defeat. There are only a few people in this world that have remain undefeated since the Fall

The main protagonist of the world like Death Monarch, the Time Manipulator, Illusionist Archmage, the Earthshaker and the great figures of the world powers

Of course, some of them were also defeated in the past and sometimes lose against their opponent.

But what makes them different is that every loss is simply a fuel for them to be better. It is like everything that doesn't kill them makes them stronger

However, even though that they both have only started back to be a Disk Formation leveler again both of them is not that dissatisfied.

The people at the bottom, they all have been briefed about what they should do.

They should fight against anyone who wanted to come and climb the platform.

The area of the square is equipped with anti-gravity and all kinds of energy disruptors.

They could not fly around here. Unless they are of Divine Comprehension leveler.

As for the more powerful ones, that is the jobs of those high ranking people to handle. They are small fry, shrimps, and those people standing on the area at the top near the execution stands are whales.

How could shrimp fight against whales? They could not even be an appetizer for whale.

So, whales should fight against whales and shrimp and crab soldiers should fight against shrimps and crab army.

Hamad and Hatta stand at their position., waiting for the enemy.

And they waited

At the same time, all of this are being televised all over the world.

All the world powers have some kind of projection screen showing this event in every city they own.

As for some people that is not in any of the world powers, they were contacted by the White Owl and was given the projection screen and they gathered in villages and cities and is seeing this live event

The world understand why Death Monarch did this. This is his show of power.

This is a warning to all of the people of the world. And this is his declaration to the world

Whether the pirates and the dark forces of the world come or not to Arturia, it did not matter.

Today, there is going to be a war. And this war is inevitable.

Whatever anyone chooses, today there would be a bloodbath and a new status quo would be established.

All over the execution platform, people are gathering. These people are all people of the world powers.

Those who are low level stay at the bottom and those who are of high level stand a bit higher than the rest

On the sea, the area of the island is still deserted. The area is still not breached and the warning is not yet issued to the city

It is only after the fleet is a few hundred kilometers and almost reaching the sea wall that encircled the island continent that a warning would be issued so that anyone who are not involved in this matter should quickly evacuate.

A month has been spent in preparation for this.

if there are still casualties in the initial battle, one should not blame the world powers when they already warned that anyone not involved in this but still insisting to watch the battle, should be prepared to handle the consequences.

The recording device pointed all over the stand, showing the faces of the ten people that would be executed today.

There are also tens of thousands of recording device attached to the high sea walls.

There are also the drones on the sky. Probably these drones would be destroyed the moment the Divine Comprehension leveler fights against each other but for now, it is displaying the state of the city to the world

The drone fly all over from the top down view of Arturia before flying down and showing the lineup of people on the execution platform.

They all see the same sight that Hatta and Hamad had seen.

They see the four level platform, each level of the platform is wide and tall, made from stone.

The bottom level is populated with soldiers from the soldiers of the Three Army of Pandemonium, Golden Army of the World Government, the followers of Oreki and Hikigaya, the Lotus Army and many others.

The sight is astonishing and grand, nothing like the world had even seen before.

Tens of thousands of soldiers, world renowned armies in the world.

This is unlike the battle of the Multiversal Convergence where the army did not have time to regroup and have to fight with limited capabilities.

This time, the majesty of the army of the world is revealed to the world.

They stand with their comrades, wielding their weapons, standing in position.

Each one of them could quickly create a battle formation that could shock the Heavens and shatter the world.

Soldiers and armies might not be able to make a difference against such high level combat power like fighting a Divine Comprehension leveler, but after the discovery of using army formation, every army in the world could suppresses Disk Formation leveler.

There were many cases when Disk Formation leveler goes angry and wanted to slaughter a city or bring about destruction but quickly were suppressed by the local army using army formation.

Most Disk Formation leveler could still escape if the army formation is loose or the army is weak.

But, if they met the top level army, they usually would be able to be captured or killed. That is why even small city would organize an army.

In the beginning, when Disk Formation leveler first appear, the only way to counter a Disk Formation leveler is by using another Disk Formation leveler.

But, the army formation developed by the generals of the world began to catch up.

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And with the development of army formation, a new kind of way was devised to contain the strong people of the world

Most astounding is the generals in the Senate and the Lotus Order where they would create all kinds of attacking and defensive formation utilizing the energy of the world and the energy of the soldiers.

In a way, they use the lives of soldiers to contain one person.

If one hundred people is not enough, use one thousand.

And if that is not enough, use ten thousand soldiers.

The more the better.

And there is variety of attacking and defensive formation. Unless a general shows the formation, it is hard to know what kind of formation would be employed

And even the same attacking formation could be used differently. To know and predict what the enemy general would employ is the mark of a talented general

And attacking power of the same formation did not always be the same.

For example, an army formation led by a Seed Forming leveler fighting against the same attacking formation led by a Disk Formation leveler.... there is a difference in power.

The one with the Disk Formation leveler at the helm would usually be the stronger one.

So, the world no longer looks down on soldiers and armies for the play a great role in subduing the Disk Formation leveler of the world.

For the past few years, many of the world powers that did not have deterrent effect like Death Monarch would spend their resources in creating a powerful army and recruiting soldiers, giving them a lot of benefits

It is no longer the time when Death Monarch with the cultivation of Disk Formation could suppress the world.

If Death Monarch is still in Disk Formation right now, at this moment, even though it would still be hard to kill him, as long as tens of thousands of soldiers is sacrificed it is not impossible to kill Death Monarch

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It is a pity that Death Monarch has always progress faster than people could create counter measures against him

These soldiers are all elite soldiers of the world and they look around them with solemn expression.

Even though, none of them is using their energy, the atmosphere around them is tense and heavy.

The people of the world that is looking at this scene from the projection screen could not help but feel awe and fear looking at these soldier and this armies surrounding the platform.

There is army on the stet, at the docks, at the beach, at the walls and at the entrance and exit of the city.

Any place that the enemy could come into the city, the army is there.

The elite unit stay around the execution platform and the normal soldiers are stationed in breach points all over the city.

This grandstanding is not only to fight the enemy but to show to the world the power of the world powers.

Some people that knows the inside story knows that Death Monarch is about to enter seclusion.

Before he enters such a long period of reclusiveness, he wanted to make sure the world would be stable.

Fear and awe need to be administered in the correct amount. The first platform has shocked the world.

As the drone move upwards, they see the people occupying the second level of the platform.

And the people of the world who saw it could not help but frowned a little, having many different motions.

For the citizens of the world power, they are very much happy to see the soldiers and army of their world powers shown on the screen but to the independent factions and forces of the world, each scene they saw makes them frown harder.

Then on the second level of the platform, the world could see the powerful figures of the world, heroes and heroines they only hear about in stories

People who could make waves in the world, each stomp create large ripples that could affect the world.

They saw what Hamad and Hatta saw and they saw it more clearly.

They see the lineup of Pandemonium, from Sina to Wang Jian, these three alone made people feels that Pandemonium has so many great talents.

This time Death Monarch did not hold back.

He summons many of his officers to the city, to show to the world the majesty of the most powerful force in the world!

Even after seeing Wang Jian, the lineup that Pandemonium had arranged is not yet over. As the drone pan to the left, the saw sitting beside the Southern Suppressing General Wang Jian is Lady Freya.

She is beautiful in appearance; her hair is styled in an elflock making her look like a Viking shield maiden

Her berserkers and soldiers all are on the first level of the platform, guarding in front of her.

If anyone comes to attack the platform, these berserkers might be the first one that would throw themselves into the battle

Wang Jian is known to have great understanding of military formation.

At times he could create a defensive formation that utilizes the power of heaven and Earth and withstand a hundred attack by forty Disk Formation levelers

He is also very flexible in using the army.

But Freya.... her method has always been the same.

But no one dares to fight with her.

It does not matter that the whole world knows how Freya deploys her soldier. It is just that they did not dare

The way Freya lead her soldiers had always been the same, attacking and charging directly with great force and ferocity

If anyone else uses such army formation like this, the generals of the world have all kinds of methods that they could use to restrain such charging formation

However, if Freya does it, the amount of destruction she could inflict is different than if other people uses it

This is because the unit she commanded is not a normal unit

The Berserkers

the Berserkers are not your normal elite unit. And this class of Berserkers only seems to be able to be picked by the people of Viking origins.

Britain has some Berserkers, the Scandinavian countries also build up their own Berserkers unit but for the rest of the world, they did not have such class that they could pick.

The Berserker class is quite a unique class in that those who picked it is basically a more enhanced warrior type class.

Not only the body is powerful and the rate of regeneration is fast, when one is angry, all abilities would get high boost.

It is the perfect soldiers that would charge ahead, relying on unstoppable momentum.

Unless the opponent is a Divine Comprehension leveler, Freya berserker Army made everyone tremble in their hearts.

When they go crazy and mad, they ignore all dangers and only focus on killing. Such a bloodthirsty warrior, who would want to fight voluntarily if they do not have to?

Unlike Wang Jian, she did not close her eyes instead she is talking with another powerful woman

Sitting beside her and chatting with her unreservedly is Lady Athena.

Her shield floats behind her back and her sword, the famous Ares Sword is inside the sheath on her left hip.

Frey has that demeanor of a beautiful but fierce warrior. But Athena has golden blonde hair, reaching past her neck, each time the wind blows from the shores of the sea, her hair would sway slightly like it was dancing

She forms this contrast with Freya. She is elegant and calm, just like one would imagine for someone called Athena

The Western Suppressing general and the Southern Surpassing general, Flying Berserk Cavalry General, the three great general of Pandemonium sit side by side.

It could be seen that there in the second platform there is seven distinct style of decoration which separates each of the faction of the seven world powers. And the current drone is now showing the lineup of Pandemonium.

And there is a face that many people did not expect to see. The Celestial Painter Xu Cong is also here.

He is still as handsome as before with that boyish charm with a carefree smile on his face. But there is also some kind of power emanating from him.

He looks elegant and scholarly with white robe.

Unlike the other people of Pandemonium line up which has swords and large weapons, he almost seems like he did not bring any weapons at all.

But the world knows that the Celestial Painter weapons has always been the brush.

If you look at his weapon, it looks very much like a calligraphy brush.

But there are all kinds of pictograms on its handle and around the brush tip that emits powerful reality bending abilities.

In the past, there is runic designs on the brush. Somehow, now, it has changed to pictogram symbols

Some people knows that Celestial painter had once again re-enter the world and since he enters the world again, he had to be involved in matters of Pandemonium.

And loses the immunity that Death Monarch had bestowed upon him.

That is the price

And sitting beside her is none other than Heaven Flute Lihua. There are many rumors about this woman.

There are many speculations that she is the disciple of Loki.

But, there is too many news in the world and who knows which one is true or not.

And many people have already forgotten about the battle years ago.

With how the world always have its world ending battle almost every other year, it is kind of hard to keep tracks of things.

To the world, Heaven Flute Lihua and the Celestial painter is famously more known for being the Immortal Couple, being in love with ah other, and rarely participated in the affairs of the world, making them to have the least of enemies among the many people in the lineup of Pandemonium.

But when they do fight someone, they would always fight together

Like Xu Cong, Lihua still retain her beautiful appearance.

She possesses this otherworldly beauty with white flawless skin and long silky hair that reach her waist, she was like a fairy.

But after improvement of her power, she seems even more otherworldly.

There is a flute on the side of her right waist.

What kind of power she had now after years of improving herself?

Not many people see her makes a move not even during those turbulent six-month period where Death Monarch is not present in the world.

The people of the world is not the only one that is watching the broadcast.

The pirates, the Crime Alliance, the dark forces of the world that joins this expedition to fight against the world power in Arturia is also looking at this broadcast.

They wanted to know what they are up against.