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ENGLAND

STONEHENGE

After the Fall, there are some prehistoric monuments that was still intact. The fact that it is still intact is even more stranger because of what happened on other places.

Skyscraper buildings falls down to ashes and all kind of military structure could easily be destroyed by monsters yet all around the world, there are some monuments and wonders of the ancient world that did not fall or destroyed.

It was like the monsters avoided such places and do not dare come near it.

One such cases are the Stonehenge in Wiltshire, England three kilometers west of Amesbury.

The Stonehenge has always been a mystery of sorts for people.

It consists of a ring of standing stones, with each standing stone around thirteen feet high, seven feet wide and weighing around twenty-five tons each.

At least it used to.

After the Fall, the Stonehenge was somehow changed like it finally showing its true form.

The moment the World Orb entered into Earth and emanated out all kind of source of energies that existed in all of the universes the Stones erected itself into its true original position and more stones suddenly appeared, formed by the energy of the world and from universal energies that come from the sun and stars.

Instead of being three kilometers west of Amesbury, it is now only one kilometers away from it with the ring expanded itself to cover a large swath of area.

Around it is a forest that emerged out from the grassy terrain and dark creatures that is like a dark blob that guarded the area around the stones.

The standing stones is no longer thirteen feet high and seven feet wide.

Instead the standing stones new measurement is twenty feet high, fourteen feet wide and weighing around one hundred tons each.

It also seems to glow with blue aura when it is night and red when it is dawn.

They were a few explanatory expeditions around here after the Fall from the reigning King of Britain that is supporting the World Government trying to explore this place but they are always repelled by the dark blob of monsters that live around the forest.

Some of the Neo Druids that survives the Fall believes that this is the true Stonehenge and that the ancient prehistoric man used magic to bring the Stones from other places to England and that maybe it is really true that Merlin did use magic to bring it to Britain.

Truth is, no one really knows.

But regardless of that, today, the undisturbed Stonehenge finally have its first visitor after the Fall.

There is two person coming out of the forest, looking scrawny and exhausted, their outfits have some kind of weird aura.

Behind them is dark blob of darkness that was about to chase them but the moment that these two person step onto the circular ring of stones, the dark blob stopped and after a few second floated away from the area

These two person consisted of a man and a woman.

They look around and the woman smiles.

'Antonius we have finally arrived' the woman exclaimed as she falls down to the ground exhausted and thirsty after all of that running and fighting in the forest.

Antonius stand beside the woman and look at her with worried expression. These two people is none other than Erika the Oracle and her bodyguard and lover Antonius

'Yes, we have arrived. Never thought we really would reach it. But are you sure those thing would not be chasing us anymore?' Erika nodded

'Yes, they won't chase anyone and disturb anyone inside this ring' Erika said as she looked at the center of this circular ring formation.

In any depiction of the Stonehenge the center of the ring formation is that there is nothing other than some rubbles and stones.

But this new Stonehenge that appears after the Fall have something in the center of this circular ring formation.

A tree.

Yes, a tree. It is a thin tree that reached the clouds and its roots are tangled like some kind of twisted thread that have no hope of being unraveled and one of the branches of the lower part of the tree hang a small fruit like cherries, its skin is like the combination of white and gray.

And Erika is looking at that tree right now and she did not know whether to smile or be sad.

'How similar' she thought to herself. She has seen this tree before. She seen this tree for a long time in her dreams. She is finally here.

'Hmm?' Antonius said as he looked at Erika. He could see that Erika seems to be showing a weird expression as she looks at the tree.

'Is everything alright, Erika?'

'Nothing' Erika said.

She then got up and drink the water she brought in her storage bag and slowly energy is coming back to her.

She is here now so she could not delay. Of course she knows she still have a lot of time, but nothing beats now.

She walks to the center of the ring formation and then she sat under the tree and took one of those fruit and eat it.

Antonius who was beside her was shocked to see that Erika suddenly consume something that they didn't know would be poisonous or not.

'Erika?! What are you doing?' He was about to force Erika to puke back what she eaten but she gestured to Antonius not to with her hand.

'I know what I am doing' Erika said as she finishes eating that weird fruit. She then leans on the tree like she is about to go to sleep.

But instead of closing her eyes, she opened her eyes but her eyes turn cloudy white and one could see clouds and skies in her eyes if one looks closely.

The clouds in her yes is moving and the skies inside her eyes is red.

She seems to be experiencing something after eating the fruit that is on this weird branch of tree.

Antonius was anxious but he couldn't do anything then see at Erika and let her do what she needs to do.

That is probably one of the hardest thing he had to do...always. He sat beside her and could only try to understand the burden that she had

That is always what make him want to cry.

The burden of the world carried on her tiny shoulders, and he is the only one who could see it and each time it made him want to cry.

He wanted to share the same pain and even if he could lift even a bit of that burden from her shoulders he would not mind doing it.

But as Erika keep reminding him, it is not his burden to bear and then she said something about Destiny and Fate.

Each time she did this kind of thing, she would always look like she is about to collapse and each time she would say that she is alright.

Those days they have in Santorini, seems like a dream now. He sat beside her and could only accompany her as he recalled the past four months.

They have been traveling in secret from everyone which is why it took them so long to reach here.

They were nearly spotted many times by the Republic forces as they sailed the British Isle. After all Europe belong to him after the World Distribution Event

Of course if the Republic saw it was the Oracle they would not capture her and instead might even hold a feast for her.

But Erika was adamant in saying that they must not be discovered by anyone. That anyone must never know who she is and what she is trying to do.

It was like she was hiding from someone. But from what Antonius knows Erika don't have many enemies.

Even he himself, the closet person to Erika and have stick by her since this journey began don't know what she is trying to do.

All he knows is the place where she wants to go.

Since four months ago, it looks like she is preparing for something as she stops at a few places to grab some things before coming over here

He sighed as he looked the standing stones around him

Antonius heard stories about the Stonehenge before and how it plays a part during the Weronian War. this content of novelfullbook.com, if you reading this content please go to website novelfullbook.com to continue reading, fastest update hourly

But he himself never went to go to it, their journey rarely landed them to Britain. But for some reason, four months ago, Erika suddenly wanted to go here.

But since it is Erika it might not have been sudden. She must have seen something in her dreams or her vision or whatever she called it.

It's here. Whatever it is. He sparks a fire as he waited for Erika to wake up.

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After a few hours suddenly Erika opens her eyes and sweat suddenly rushed down from her entire body.

Her eyes are bloodshot and she seems to be freaked out. But she managed to calm herself down almost immediately

But she is still not looking good. Antonius rushed to be beside her and tries to support her and ask her this content of novelfullbook.com, if you reading this content please go to website novelfullbook.com to continue reading, fastest update hourly

'Are you alright? Do you need your herbs?' Erika shakes her head weakly and then said

'I am hungry. Get me some food'

Antonius could only smile bitterly. He doesn't like seeing her like this but he listens to her orders as he brought out some food from his storage bag and give it to Erika.

It is hot bread that he bought from some shop near London. She quickly swallowed it and slowly energy returns to her.

Her eyes are slowly healing itself and her eyes is no longer cloudy white and the clouds in her eyes has disappeared

As the night deepens, the stones around them glow in blue and Erika eyes shines. She got up startling Antonius.

‘Erika, what are you doing? You are still weak’ He thought that Erika will eat the fruit again. He doesn’t know what the fruit does but judging from Erika state after eating it, it seems it is able to amplify Erika foresight abilities.

It also takes a toll on her body. Antonius is eyeing the fruits with vigilant eyes worried that Erika will pushed herself again.

‘I must do this now’

She said as she brought out something form her storage bag. It is a parchment.

She opens the parchment and one could see the illustration of arrays inside it.

It is complex and seems to correspond to the same design of this circular ring formation of the Stonehenge.

Antonius didn’t know that Erika is talented in arrays formation. After all, it is not her class. She could always learn it but to create such array probably require prodigious talent.

Erika did not notice Antonius amazement.

Instead she brought out a knife and the slice her finger lightly as a drop of blood gently drips down to the illustration arrays inside the parchment.

The moment the blood falls down onto that parchment, a buzzing sound like a Song could be heard in Antonius and Erika ears.

Then the array floated up from the parchment paper and expanded as it masked the Stonehenge area and then falls down to the ground like it was layering it with protection.

The moment it merges with the ground and the Stonehenge area, the Song stopped.

And Erika could feel her energy was drained out of her as she almost tumbles down to the ground unconscious.

Antonius who was ready for this slide to Erika and catch her before she could fall down.

In a princess embrace she stares at Antonius face and smiles

‘My knight in shining armor’ she teased as she chuckles weakly.

‘Now....I need the herbs’ she said as she smiles. Antonius sighed.

‘How many times have I said to not push yourself this hard’ she only chuckles weakly listening to him

‘I’m serious’ he said

She nodded but Antonius knew that this girlfriend of his is very stubborn.

He set her down and spoon fed her the herbs and slowly after a few minutes Erika could feel herself gaining back her strength,

She could move her body now though it is still weak.

At least this time she did not experience instant aging like before.

She leans back on the tree as she took the spoon away from Antonius and slowly sipping the herbs concoctions herself now that she has enough energy.

Erika while chowing down on her herbs look at Antonius and could see from his expression that he clearly did not like what Erika was doing just a moment ago.

‘You must have many question’ she suddenly said looking at Antonius.

‘I do’

‘Then ask it’ she said. Antonius hesitated for a while but then he decided to ask something from her.

‘How did you get so talented in using arrays?’

‘That’s the question you wanted to ask?’

‘Like I said I have many questions. This is one of them’

She chuckles and then nodded.

‘The arrays huh? No, I am not talented’ she replies nonchalantly

‘Not talented?! Your array just masks our existence from the outside world. I might not be the Sensing type class like some people or have high cultivation but I am still a Seed Formation Middle Stage leveler. I could feel the moment that the array was set up our existence and our aura seems to be masked and even our physical appearance would be covered up. I bet anyone that is passing through the sky looking below will only see an empty area around here other than this large tree.’

She chuckles looking at Antonius reaction. She then added

‘The reason why I said I was not talented is because I don’t know anything g about arrays’ she said, no doubt trying to tease him again

Antonius sighed

‘Try to explain that to me in a way I could understand’

She smiles and then nodded and explain to him

‘This array is not actually crafted by me.’

‘What do you mean?’

‘Lee Sangmin crafted it for me’

‘The Arrays master?’

‘That’s the one’ Hearing this Antonius was shocked. They did not meet the Array master. From what he heard, he is in China, ruling a large area of China.

‘When did you meet him?’ he asked

'A few months before Death Monarch escape from the Mountain of Everlasting Love. He need to know something and I need his expertise. It is a win-win situation for him and me so he created an array equation for me and I give him the answer he wants. He is a genius in arrays formation. I just need to use my blood to activate the array. I told him to craft a circular ring masking formation on the Stonehenge and he delivered'

It was then Antonius realized something after listening to Erika story.

'You know we would come here even at that time?' Antonius ask as his eyes look deep at Erika.

Erika only smiles, her eyes is as calm as ever

'Any more questions?' she asked

'Why are we here?' Antonius asked as he looked around him. All he could see is large standing stones, a large dark forest and no city around this area.

'Ah, the million-dollar question' she said and then she said as she closes her eyes

'To wait. We are here to wait for someone.' Antonius then knows this must have to do something with her vision.

Someone will come here. At least Antonius knows that much but since Erika did not tell who she is waiting for he will not ask.

Antonius then ask.

'Will it be long?'

'Don't know really' she replies

'It could be a few months or a few years. But until he comes, I will wait here. Because he needs to see something and after that he needs to go somewhere else. And I am his guide.'

After saying that she did not say anything else as she took the last sip of her herb and lean back on the tree. Looking at Antonius she then said

'Until then I will wait' Then she closes her eyes as she drifted off into sleep.

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PANDEMONIUM

The Garden of Pandemonium is one of the most scenic area inside the Centre Palace and it is one of the most relaxing place to unwind

Even Death Monarch usually could be found there in his idle time. It is also one of the rendezvous place for the couples in the Palace.

There were many Keepers of the Palace and the Palace Maiden that met here to express their ardent wish and desires

Of course when Death Monarch is in the Palace, the Keepers of the Palace and the Palace Maiden avoid doing it.

Nobody likes to be caught with their pants down by Death Monarch. He might just pulverize them on the spot.

And while the people of the palace like dating there, nobody even dares to have sex there. After all, it is his garden.

Today, as the sun begins to show his face someone is sitting on a chair inside one of the gardens in the large Garden of Pandemonium.

The person is sipping wine in the morning like it is nobody business.

This person is tall, around six feet five, with brown hair and green eyes.

He is fit and lean, his face is handsome and his demeanor is especially striking.

The few Keeper of the Palace and the woman maids look at this person yet even though his face is strikingly handsome and his demeanor is amiable none of them dare to come near this person.

When they pass the area of this Garden to do their job on the other side of the Centre Palace, they would look down to the ground fearing to make eye contact with this person and they will not speak a word.

It is not they tried to alienate the person. They would not dare to do such a thing. They just following the wisdom of the Palace.

That is to see nothing, to hear nothing and to know nothing.

Because this person background is too high for them to interact with and the rumors surrounding this person is numerous and no one knows which one they should believe.

And not every rumor about this man is good. Which explain the precautions that the Keeper of the Palace took to not communicate with this person.

The man sighed as he looks at the garden.

He come down from his room today to look around the Garden to ease his heart.

While the beauty did take his mind off from his problem for a few minutes, his mind could not just forget it all.

They are too many things that had happened in this past few months that made him unsettled

He got up leaving his unfinished wine on the table.

As he got up and leave the Keeper of the palace that is responsible for the maintenance of the Gardens watch over and saw the unfinished wine and they all quickly cleans it making sure the place is clean as a sparkle almost immediately.

The wind blows gently today in Pandemonium but that Keeper could not help but feel his back is sweating.

That person might not do anything but the pressure around him is truly suffocating

They also released a heave of relieved breath after seeing that person have already gone from this place.

The man walks around the corridor as he looks at the roof of the other towers in this Palace like he is waiting for something or someone.

In the distance, he saw a raven flapping around its wing on top of one of the towers. The man smiles as he walks calmly to his destination

Each time he passes the Keeper of the palace, they would all bow down to him before going on their way.

They did not speak unless spoken to and they did not try to curry favor from him or trying to make his life miserable.

In other words, he felt that they are keeping a comfortable distance from him.

The man sighed bitterly thinking about this matter.

It is not that Azief is making it hard for him. It is because the tense atmosphere in Pandemonium right now.

There is that murder that got everybody talking, then there is the fact that a battle almost erupted in the Court and dye this entire Palace red.

If not for Wang Jian rushing in time to stop the battle, he would not know how Death Monarch would response.

In the time that he steps out of Pandemonium momentarily, chaos seems to rear its ugly head almost like someone is directing this.

Now in Pandemonium, the Three Army, the Central Government and the Shadow Guards seems to be watching each other like predator eyeing each other waiting for some weakness to appears

The Central Government hold the Western Suppressing general Athena to be responsible for the murder of their most esteemed leader of their faction, while Athena herself is incensed because her people were also being assassinated and demand justice.

Wang Jian shut the Southern Region while Freya took up the North and defend her position in case the Central Government is trying to reduce the influence and power of the Three Army.

The populace does not know what truly happens in the Palace, but they could feel the tense atmosphere in Pandemonium right now.

After all, The Three Generals no longer came to the Palace in their monthly court meeting while the Central Government officials set the Court at the Ten Thousand Blessing Pavilion instead of the Centre Palace.

The Head Keeper of the Palace suddenly shut off the gate of the Centre Palace not allowing any officials, or any members of the military to enter the Palace until Death Monarch return.

So, everyone in Pandemonium knows something happens. They just did not know what happened in exact.

But they thought it might have to do with the fact that Death Monarch is leaving.

And everyone expected him to settle a few affairs before he is leaving.

The Central Government, the Three Army, the officials and the people of Pandemonium is all in a state of anxiousness.

For this couple of months, there is no large events. War is rarely waged now as each power is consolidating their powers and trying to attract population to their area and Continent.

Each power is offering a lot of benefits. The only one that did not do such advertisement is Pandemonium.

Yet people still keep sailing the seas to come here.

Pandemonium is large and most of its land is uninhabited.

There is the fact that most of the people of Australia died in the initial Fall that causes it to become uninhabited.

It wasn't until Azief clear the land and formed Pandemonium that the people of the world started migrating here.

The title of the strongest is the most effective advertisement that they have. Everyone like being with the winning side.

This is not the first time that Death Monarch is leaving.

But Pandemonium is not a normal territory like Eden in the Fake World. Many people that is in Pandemonium here now used to live in Eden

But Pandemonium is not Eden.

Eden was not as large as Pandemonium.

And there is the fact that people regarded Pandemonium as their homes and where they belong.

Civilization was started again and the most stable one is in Pandemonium.

People still die of course.

There is still unexplored land and there are monsters everywhere roaming around the land.

But as long as you take precautions there is no dangers.

Pandemonium still have caves with monsters on it but instead of a place of fear those caves were treated like dungeons in a video game where people who are at lower levels could ask for help to help them at least pass the Pillar Forming Stage.

The man walks around the corner as he climbs the stairs to go to the Communication Tower.

As he walks he could see below him people scurrying about in the market place in front of the Centre Palace

Pandemonium is peaceful right now but he could feel the anxiousness in the air. Probably the only one that is not anxious is the Shadow Guards.

No one knows when Death Monarch is living but as weeks and months passes by and seeing Death Monarch entering into seclusion, all the people in the world speculated it will not be long now.

He is going and the question in everyone mind now is who will substitute for him?

Who would rule in his absence?

Everyone knows that Death Monarch doesn't really rule Pandemonium at least this is common knowledge among the Three Army and the Central Government because most of them is the one that is making the policies.

But just because he didn't draft laws or make policy to say he is not the ruler of Pandemonium is ridiculous.

The Shadow Guards is his sharpest blade and his orders are followed to the letter without question.

He is their leader and each of his words is like a decree from the Heavens.

He did not need to say much to express his will because his official knows his will. They created an effective system of bureaucracy that aligned with Death Monarch personality. this content of novelfullbook.com, if you reading this content please go to website novelfullbook.com to continue reading, fastest update hourly

There is fear, awe and respect from all over the world of this person called Death Monarch. And the whole world is waiting for him to leave and before he leaves, none of those forces dares to make even a squeak for fearing to attract his attention.

The man sighed as he finally arrived at the Communication Tower and then he opens the room.

This Communication tower is one of the abandoned communications towers in the Palace.

The Three Army and the Research Department of Pandemonium headed by Budiman created new kind of communication center and is inventing many new things like the Orb of Recording and the Stone Disk Player.

They used to communicate using birds but now since that method was scrapped, these tower also were abandoned.

The moment he enters the door he quickly closed the door and then stomp his feet. Energy rushed out from his entire body and gathered at his feet.

The moment that energy comes out it turns into a green aura.

Then it condenses into green mist comes out from the point where he stomps the floor as the green mist turns into runes and embedded itself into every brick of this room.

If anyone Divine Senses were to scan around here, they would discover that no one is inside the room and no noise escape from inside the room to the outside.

The raven on the opposite tower fly over to the open window of the communication tower and then it jumped to the ground and it morphed into a young woman.

The man was not shocked at all. Instead it was almost like he expected it.

It is a woman around six feet four, slender and wearing a red smiling demon mask with horns on each side

This young woman is none other than one of the Three Demoness Trisha the Red Smiling Demoness.

The moment she morphed back to her original form, even as the green mist around her not yet receding. She anxiously reported the information she got

‘My lord, I got the news’

The man smiles and nodded. Then he said

‘I never doubted that you would get it’

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The man is none other than Loki the Tricksters. Since four months ago, he has been recuperating.

Since then he has been thinking of many things...especially about a certain person. He sighed a bit.

Even though Loki whereabouts is no longer a secret, nobody come to do anything to him and not even his worst enemies is just shutting up, pretending like he doesn't exist.

And considering the thing he had pulled off in the Underworld, and the many mission where he sabotages both on the Republic and the World Government side, some people are surprised why no one is taking a shot at the Trickster.

It is simple really.

It is none other than because Death Monarch is about to leave.,

Instead of being the most dangerous moment, this is the safest moment for any acquaintances of Death Monarch.

Because everyone know Death Monarch is only waiting for an excuse to go on a rampage. Give him any excuse, provoke him in any way and everyone knows they could end up being like the Heavens, wrecked.

And no one wanted to volunteer themselves to become an example to everybody else. No one wanted to be the monkey that warn the chicken

The World Government Quorum even sent out an order to the Agency not to pursue Loki right now and they are just gritting their teeth

The Republic on the other hand do not want to risk a fallout with Pandemonium and decided to just classified any mission that had Loki involved in it.

Trisha look around her as she could felt the existence of runes around her and she ask

‘Is this still necessary? I heard he is not here in Pandemonium. Last I heard he is in the Amazon in seclusion’

Loki just sneered.

‘There is no harm in being cautious. Who know how many eyes and ears are watching me and listening to me? Sasha have been sending her people to guard me when in fact it is to watch over me. Especially after that stunt I did in Belize’

Loki did not mention about other thing. There is still Wang Jian, Athena, Freya and Will. Of course The Speedster is rarely here, disappearing almost every day and sometimes even months.

Will the Purple Speedster also have change a lot from Loki memory and like his fact was changed

Like Azief he is growing faster than he should be.

In the future where Loki resided, Will nearly became a Sovereign before his life was extinguished by Death Monarch in the Final Battle.

If not for that he would have become the Eight Sovereigns. And he even has a teacher that is still worshipping the Will of Asargan.

Trisha who did not know what Loki is thinking nodded. Then she remembered something and quickly relay the message

‘The Order of Thinkers is grateful for your help. The Grand Researcher especially’

‘Heh’ hearing this Loki snorted.

‘They never liked doing business with me and they despise me personally. It was because they were desperate that they finally turned to me. Anyway, they owe me one. And I always come to collect’ Loki said as there is a smirk on his handsome face.

Trisha knows her lord so she only bitterly smiles.

She even pities the Order of Thinkers. After all she was there when he made a deal with the Inventor and Loki squeezed that man dry.

Then she brought out something from her storage bag. It is a flat thin stone with circuit like runes.

Loki take it and connect the circuit board with energies and then the information streamed into his mind

He then frowned after he finished digesting the information

‘This is.... shocking’ he said

‘Right? That is what I thought to. ‘

'Who gave you this information? I know the Broker didn't give you this information. Since he supported Void for the position, any information around him were sealed and since the Broker have the most information about anyone in this world, finding this information would not be easy'

Yes, Loki is worrying about a certain person. And for once that person is not Death Monarch. It is Void.

He has been searching information about Void for the past for months.

And the more he got to know this man, the more it seems he does not seem the generic villain that Azief or he ever faced.

It is not that he is diabolically evil that makes him a threat. It is his power. The more Loki learns about him, the more he felt a premonition of something terrifying.

But it wasn't until last month that feeling become even stronger.

Last month, there is a news that a giant palm descended down from the Heavens to strike the area around Moscow.

From eyewitness account they said it was a cloudy palm print descending down with a force so mighty, that the entire land caved in seven feet deep even before the palm print could land on the ground.

But just right before it reached the ground and smashed the area it dissipated like it was wind like it encountered something and the palm print could not bear it and burst into nothing

Some people thought some people were attempting to breakthrough and complained that if any of the levelers wanted to breakthrough they should have breakthrough on secluded area or create some protective formation around them so it will not affect the world and the city

But Loki had a contact in the White Owl. That contact told him what happened that day.

Void appeared in Moscow and was heading to the Senate. Even though no one knows why he appears there, they believed that Void was coming to either kill or kidnap Katarina.

Or maybe he wanted to stir chaos in the Republic. Whatever the reason was, he clearly didn't come there with good intention.

The moment he appeared, the Heavens above him turns violent as the sky turns cloudy, thunder roars and lightning fills the entire sky. this content of novelfullbook.com, if you reading this content please go to website novelfullbook.com to continue reading, fastest update hourly

The wind was howling and storms was forming.

Then a palm the size of a mountain was shaped from the clouds as it descended down upon him. And Void only uses one finger to destroy that palm.

When Loki ask why the White Owl not reported this, his contact said they got the gag order from the top. Either the Republic don't want people to know or some other people did not want the news that Void attempted to stir chaos in the Republic to come out.

However, Loki knows that in this world there is only a few people that could create such powerful palm technique without breaking a sweat.

And that person is only Death Monarch.

If Loki was there on the Amazon forest, he would understand why Azief was asking Sasha to investigate more about Void and why his expression is weird when Sasha said she could not find the whereabouts of Void.

That is because Azief have clashed with Void albeit it was an indirect clash.

That palm attack is a warning to not come near the Republic.

Loki could deduce all of this because while the Broker boast he knew all the information; Loki is not too shabby either.

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It was after hearing this, that Loki target shifted from the chess pieces that Yewa Hafar has planted in Pandemonium to Void. this content of novelfullbook.com, if you reading this content please go to website novelfullbook.com to continue reading, fastest update hourly

The only reason he got interested in Void was because he took the Thing that he wanted. Then he seems to grow be an influential person in the criminal underground after being elected as its leader.

And now as he digested the information he got, he felt that the feeling he felt about Void is slowly becoming true.

The information that he streamed into his mind is about Void condition. He has no power whatsoever.

The teleportation thing he did was not his power. His power is truly apt like his name. It is Void. He is Void of power.

Then how did he teleport. From the information he got, it seems someone crafted a suit for him to amplify and changes the properties of his Void energy so that he voided any Space and concept of Time around him enabling him to teleport wherever in the world.

But because the suit has its limit, it could not pass certain restriction.

But if Void step out of that suit he could use his finger to destroy any restriction since every restriction is powered by an energy source.

But it is the other aspect of Void that made Loki uncomfortable. He sighed as he closes his eyes. Trisha waited as she knows that Loki is thinking right now.

He opens his eyes as he looks outside the window and he sighed again.

In the journey of the rise of Death Monarch until he reaches Sovereign while he has many enemies and rivals, he never truly had anyone that could be considered his nemesis.

His opposite.

But in this timeline.....there is. Void is the very opposite of Death Monarch

And Void is everything that Azief is not. He is his most perfect antithesis of what Azief is not.

Azief is the strongest person in the world while Void had no energy at all. He is no different than a normal human before the Fall.

For some reason Loki could not help but feel like Void is the result of Fate and Destiny fighting back against his decision.

'Hmm' he said.

And how about my brother seclusion? Has he come out yet? Loki ask. Trisha who could only see his back said

'Yes. He has come out.'

Loki then laughed.

'I guess he is coming home. He needs to settle a few things anyway'

Loki sighed and then turn back to look at Trisha.

'How are your sisters? They are doing well with what I tasked them to do?'

Trisha nodded.

'Riana and Greisha is doing well. Greisha is with Lee Sangmin now. And even though Lee Sangmin is not as powerful as Death Monarch, his array formation would be enough to mask her presence. And Riana.... well, she is still there'

Loki nodded

'I.....put many of you to work while I am lazing round here.'

'Don't say that....my lord' Loki looked at Trisha and he felt a little guilty. He knew what Trisha felt for him but he did not feel the same and he did not want to give her false hope.

'One day....one day...I'll make it up to you' Trisha only smiles bitterly. Loki had a few objective this time coming back to Pandemonium.

First he wanted to pit Void with Death Monarch. Now, that he knows Void better he thinks that this might not have been a very good idea.

Void is crazy.... but he is also very smart and manipulative. A functional crazy.

He wants chaos, destruction and death and he did not want it because of some specific reason, he just wanted it because it is fun probably.

And from what Loki got form the information, it seems Void is obsessed with Death Monarch. There is also the fact that Void have the Orb.

He might need to think of a way to get that thing away from Void. And then there is Will and the Oracle.

The World Distribution Event has ended and while it happened a little bit differently than before, it has passed.

Now, they are inching closer to the Time Crisis. Even though Loki said it a Time Crisis, it is not that grand as people might have imagined.

Azief saw some things in that future of his and he decided to try to get to the bottom of it. And Will helped him. As they run through Space and time, the fabric of reality was stretched to its limit and the border between the Multiverse and other dimension runs thins.

And all manner of monsters, creatures and people from other Universes could enter. To the outside world, Will and Azief was only gone for three hours.

But who knows how long they were in that limb of time and what they saw when they traveled through and what they experienced

And in that three hours, let say chaos happens to the world.

It is because of that event that from moment on that everybody was forbidden to ever create a Time Bridge and travel through Space and time again fearing that the fabric of reality would be ripped apart and end all the life and even probably throwing the entire Milky Way universe into some kind of a Time Loop nightmare that would never end.

Loki had no intention to stop Azief from looking at his own future. It was because the Time Crisis is his defining moment that he became The God of Death.

It is from that moment he had that determination.

Loki don't quite remember what the memory was about but he knows it is important and that Azief must experience it by himself.

After all, he doesn't have all the memories, especially when it is concerning Azief.

His mind seems to wander away as the gentle breeze of wind bring him back. He looks at Trisha and said

'Keep watching over the Broker. Until Death Monarch leaves, you don't come here no matter what. Now, go on' he said as he turns around and look at the sky above the Palace and then he smiles

'He is coming home' He smiles and leave the communication tower.

Trisha jump out of the window and as she jumped out, green mist covered her as she turned into a black raven and she flies of into the distance.

On the sky, a figure seems to descend down from the clouds to the Palace as Loki calmly walk to the Throne Room of Centre Palace.

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The sky trembles and the wind changed direction as the clouds parted and reveal someone flying on the sky of Pandemonium.

The people on the market that is buying and selling things could hear the sonic boom from the distance and as they look up, they saw a black dot cutting through the clouds as they could see even the air ion the sky seems to become heavier.

Some of them even prostrate themselves and those people coming to the Temple of Death were even more touched.

The airspace of Pandemonium is restricted unless it was an emergency.

There is even an array underground powered by the many energy veins all around Pandemonium to restrict intruders from entering.

But it seems that the array clearly didn't treat the person flying as an enemy.

It is because of that and the aura that is spreading out that all the people of the Pandemonium look up at the sky with awe and a little bit of fear.

Because Death Monarch has returned.

And the world thundered.

Azief descended down upon the Palace Throne Room as the ceiling opened up for him.

His arrival was announced and relayed by Sasha already so the Keepers of the Palace were ready for his arrival.

He slowly descended down as the wind around him calms down and the aura around him slowly dissipated.

But he clearly seems like some kind of an immortal otherworldly being as even when his energy is suppressed the kind of presence he emitted is like he is the light in a dark tunnel

The moment he descended down someone open up the door of the Throne Room and Azief smiles.

His feet touched the ground and the space and Time around it slowly wrinkles and ripples like a stone was thrown into a calm lake.

He then finally landed as the ceiling above his head slowly closed itself back. The clouds above calms down and the wind blows it gentle breeze once again.

Then the door was opened and someone appeared. The man looks at Azief with a smile and Azief look back at him with his own smile.

'It has been a long time brother' the young handsome man said to Azief and Azief nodded. Azief could instantly recognize that this man is none other than Loki

He knew that Loki would not come to greet him unless it was for something important.

He thought to meet her first but he guesses that there is something wrong for Loki to seems so anxious right now.

He sat down on his throne and the moment he sat down one could feel the power that oozes out of him.

It was like there is not one more perfect to sit in that throne other than him. Loki look at Azief and said

'You look good'

Azief smirk, his eye looking down from his high throne

'Well, you don't look too shabby either' Loki laughed.

Then he approached Azief stepping into the step leading to the Throne and then when he is close enough he said

'I need to talk about something with you. There was a lot going on when you went into seclusion. And I don't want you to make a mistake handling it.'

Azief nodded as he gestures for Loki to continue. Then he began recounting some of the matters that

At the same time, movement could be felt all over Pandemonium. The return of Death Monarch is like the shaking of an earthquake.

Everyone is getting ready

All over Pandemonium, officials dressed up, and wear their official robes to greet the lord of this land.

The Three Generals who are all at their residence and their region all stood up. Azief when he came he spread out his might and aura.

The Heavens tries to resist it but after its terrible loss against him last time his Will occupied some of the Heaven Powers.

For one brief moment, his power swept by and the entire Pandemonium were frozen in shock.

Even the people on the street could feel it and some of them even cheer.

Death Monarch has returned.

The moment he returned, White Owls fly into the clouds as news of his return would surely be relayed to all forces of the world.

Death Monarch has exited his seclusion and this is the final hour. Everyone would like to see what he would do before he leaves.

General Wang Jian wear his armor, and put his Ruyi Jingu Bang behind his back as he flies off into the air with his Cloud Walking Boots.

Somi look at the clouds with worried expression as she only sighed as she returns to her room.

In the Western Mountains Athena was startled when she felt the energy washed over her. She was leaning against a tree resting after a particularly difficult hunt.

Behind her, her soldiers are skinning the dead meat of a gigantic bird. It is a Three Horned Griffin.

The Griffin ate a Weronian and evolve becoming stronger and becoming a threat.

With each of the flaps of its wing it could create storms. And that monster has been wreaking havoc on the western part of Pandemonium.

The mayor of the city of Rueben send a distress call to the Western Garrison so Athena quickly mobilized her soldiers as she fought the Three Horned Griffin in the sky.

That battle took her three hours.

Most of it is because she had to make sure that the wind did not reach the civilians and the cities and villages nearby.

If not she could have ended the battle faster.

And she was just about to take a nap when this energy swept pass over her. She got up almost immediately and her weird behavior is caught by her commanders

‘My lady, what seems to trouble you?’ she frowned and said

‘Death Monarch has returned’ The entire upper echelon of her army was frozen for a second before a frown appeared on their faces.

Death Monarch has returned and nobody knows what is going on in his mind and how would he react if he knows what happened in the past few months.

The Myrmidon Army has been loyal to Death Monarch but they are certainly not loyal to the Central Government.

They just fear that their General would be seen as disloyal. One of the Commander bend his knees and said

‘General, since Death Monarch has returned, let us accompany you to meet him’ Athena looking at her subordinate smiles bitterly and said

‘I know what you are thinking but if Death Monarch want to kill me, he would not have summoned me like this. He purposefully let the whole Pandemonium knows he is returning. I guess maybe Sasha told him what has happened.’

She sighed and then she continues

‘I must return to the Court and pay my respects. And if brought you, that means I don’t trust him. And if he actually trusts me, then seeing you might change that opinion’

She smiles bitterly and added

‘He could get by not playing the game we play but I am weak compared to him so I have to watch my actions. And who knows what he thought about our actions?’

He would certainly not be happy one of the commanders said.

their Army create their own court just like Wang Jian has his own Court on the Southern Part of Pandemonium. this content of novelfullbook.com, if you reading this content please go to website novelfullbook.com to continue reading, fastest update hourly

Most of the time the Western Court, the Southern Court and the Central Government stay out of each other business.

But a few months ago, there is an altercation between Athena faction in the court and Sina faction.

To say it is an altercation is an understatement

There was a murder in the Capital City and it shocked the entire Central Government.

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The day before the murder happened, that official was seen arguing with one of the commander in Athena army about unfair distribution resources and the Athena commander was accusing the official to be channeling the resources to other secret project without consulting Death Monarch and the other factions in the court.

And the Sina faction accuses that Athena faction orchestrated the murder in the Palace.

The one that was murdered was an old man with only Orb Condensing realm but he was the leading figure from the political faction in the Central Government.

Athena of course did not order such thing.

She might be upset having to deal with unfair distribution but she would not have resorted to murdering her political rivals.

Not to mention she was not desperate for the resources since she takes over the West. She was prepared to investigate the claims when something else happen that push both parties into hostile position.

The event escalated so quickly that both parties have no choice but to duke it out.

As the delegation of Athena was waiting for Athena response in the Capital someone killed all of her men, slaughtering them without mercy.

No doubt that Athena believes the Central Government had betrayed their promise of protection and instead in an act of revenge, slaughter her soldiers.

Like Wang Jian, Athena value her soldiers. The battlefield is her home and her soldiers are her family.

She of course was furioso. She strapped her armor and unsheathe her sword in anger and promise to avenge the death of her men.

She rides her Pegasus with ten thousand soldiers and flies toward the Capital City.

The Shadow Guards saw all of this happening but as long as Death Monarch did not say anything and as long as their war did not reach the people and involve the people, they remain in the shadows, lurking and watching.

It means the array was not activated as Athena charged into the Palace eager to slaughter all of the Central Government people.

Sina was not there at the time. If she was there she could have settled all of this down. Loki at the time was in Belize.

Then there was a battle inside the Centre Palace. Thankfully Wang Jian rushed there in time to make sure that no one kill each other in the Centre palace.

He arrived and reminded everyone what would happen to everyone if Death Monarch knows they are killing each other in his Palace.

The Head Palace Keeper then arrived and shows the Dragon Tally and everyone bowed and kneeled in front of him.

The Head Palace Keeper throws them all out and then closed the Centre Palace and designated the Ten Thousand Blessing Pavilion as the meeting place for the officials to discuss matters of Pandemonium until Death Monarch returns.

The Central Government of course was unsatisfied with this outcome. First they have their people killed and then they were accused of killing Athena soldier when they did nothing.

While Athena did not kill anyone inside the Centre Palace, the entrance gate of the Centre Palace is littered by the dead bodies of officials of Central Government.

The Central Government then summons Athena to the Palace to account for her rebellious action forbidding her to bring her army to the Capital

Athena is not an idiot.

She of course knew that this is a scheme by the Central Government to kill her. How could she obey that order?

She then contacted Freya and make an alliance with her as Freya herself established a court in the Northern Region.

A month ago, the Central Government finally bares its fang. They sent soldiers to force Athena to come to the Capital by trying to terrorize the Western region.

Athena repel them and send them packing back home.

But the Central Government have already branded her as a murderer and a traitor without even giving her the benefit of the doubt, accusing her to try to usurp the power of the Central Government and rule in Death Monarch stead.

Loki did come to her but she never trusted the Trickster anyway so she refuses to meet with him.

She fears that the Trickster has aligned himself with the Central Government.

Wang Jian on the other hand seal himself shut on the Southern Court, and only settle the matters in his region.

The Central Government sent an edict to pit Wang Jian against her but Wang Jian is loyal but he is also not that idiotic like before.

Before he himself was betrayed by the officials of the court so one could imagine his mood when he heard that the Central Government is sending a letter to force him to deal with Athena.

While Wang Jian and Athena had disagreements sometimes and did not always see eye to eye on something they respected each other.

And since Athena said that she did not scheme such a plot against the Central Government, Wang Jian was inclined to believe her.

But he is also very loyal to Death Monarch.

However, that is the mistake that the Central Government makes.

They thought themselves to be Death Monarch. Wang Jian have always hated the officials who for him uses the name of Death Monarch to suppresses people. this content of novelfullbook.com, if you reading this content please go to website novelfullbook.com to continue reading, fastest update hourly

It is like a fox borrowing the might of the tiger.

But if the edict arrived at his table, he of course would have to set out and apprehend Athena. When Somi the Fairy of the Battlefield hears this he suggested something.

It is true that if the letter arrived at his residence, with Wang Jian personality he will surely follow the order even though he doesn't like it.

But that is only if the letter arrives.

When the Central Government send out the edict, the letter would either get lost, robbed by some bandits, or get snatched by some beast or monsters and at one point even get ripped apart by two traveling swordsman.

All manners of weird thing happen as long as the letter was sent to the Southern region

Hearing this matter how could the Central Government does not know what Wang Jian is doing?

He is deliberately not wanting to see the edict at all.

He then pretended to be sick and will not be coming to any meetings or join any events other than ordering his men to clean out the Southern region of monster infestation.

He will wait until Death Monarch returns

And nobody in the Central Government like to push Wang Jian too much since his faction is still strong in the Court.

Freya maintains the North, Athena defended her position in the West and Wang Jian pretend like nothing happens in the South.

The Central Government which have control of the central, north and east part of Pandemonium was reduced to only controlling the center part and the eastern part of Pandemonium while the Three Generals controls the other three parts of Pandemonium

But no one is thinking of a full blown out war.

After all, the monarch of this continent has not yet return.

They only fear if they were rash they would be strike by red thunderbolts and perish into dust and ashes.

That is why Wang Jian fly almost immediately to the Centre Palace.

He wanted to address Death Monarch directly before the Central Government officials twisted what happen and why Athena even with the accusation heaped on her must go to the Centre Palace and explain to Death Monarch.

Freya is the same as she burst out from her camp heading to the sky and not before long those three generals meet each other on the sky and they nodded at each other as they sped up their movements.

The Officials on the other hand begun coming out from their residence, climb onto their carriage as they all are heading onto the streets to the Centre palace.

The Head Keeper tied the Dragon tally on his hip and he brought a few Palace keepers with him as his large body slowly and calmly coming down from the towers as he arrived at the entrance gate of the Centre palace and with a cold voice he orders to the Palace Guards

‘Open the Palace gate and get ready to accept guest’

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All of the while when all of this is happening, Azief finally heard the story from Loki. Loki did not do nothing after he returns from Belize and learn what happened since his departure.

He began investigating all over Pandemonium about this weird case. And the more he investigated the more he felt like this is not some normal kind of case.

He got the news from Sasha before but at that time he is still thinking about how to refine the thirteen energy so he had to delay in judging these matters.

But as Loki told him the story, he realized something from the way Loki talk and the way he is acting.

Azief then look curiously at Loki and then he snickered

‘You don’t believe none of them responsible right?’ Azief ask.

He himself felt weird when he heard what happens. Mostly because he knew Athena and he knew the officials in his court.

‘It is as if...someone is planning all this’ Loki said, staring at Azief.

Azief nodded. He felt that feeling too.

He had sent Sasha to investigate whether this is a matter of factional strife but when Sasha reported to him that nothing indicates that the Athena faction and the Central Government faction have bad blood before, Azief mind began to think of another possibility.

Azief look at Loki and then said

‘I think so too. I know Athena. While she would not hesitate to kill the enemy in the battlefield, she would not do that just because she is angry. It is just not her style’

If the officials hearing what Death Monarch said they would surely be shocked

Since the moment Azief uses his aura to summon all of his people into the Centre palace, he had never once think about punishing Athena.

he felt that this matter is not as simple as it seems.

He is about to leave and he had no time left.

He could not delay too long as that would only put more distance with him and others. Raymond is already preparing to enter to Divine Comprehension

While Azief could fight him even with his Disk Formation, there are certain powers only Divine Comprehension levelers could use.

He continued his reasoning

'And the content of their supposed reason for killing is just ridiculous. I let her have the West and while it is true that the Central Government was unfair in their distribution, if the Central Government explains that most of the resources was diverted back to the Research Department, even Athena would not be so insistent. There were so many things that is wrong in that story. Especially the part where all of Athena delegation all died'

He then looks at Loki, expecting him to already check the scene.

'I confirmed that when I returned. They truly all died. It is not some kind of illusion or some kind of transfiguration tricks. And they are Athena people.'

'I expected it....' He then asked

'Could it be one of your enemies?' Azief ask Loki.

Loki shakes his head and said

'Killing Athena people would damage me in no way whatsoever. If they capture or try to kill people like Trisha and her sister, now that would be different. No, I am pretty sure this is not one of my enemies'

Azief frowned.

He sighed like he expected it but he also didn't want to acknowledge it.

Loki look at Azief and Loki though that probably he is not the only one that have cracked this case that nearly tore apart Pandemonium and send this land into a civil war

Loki did entertain the thought that it was probably Yewa Hafar but then he saw no trace of him.

He even though that the pawn he had in Pandemonium schemed all this but as he investigates it become even more apparent that this is not his style at all.

Yewa Hafar does not care about human lives but that doesn't mean he would destroy everything.

After all his objectives is never to destroy everything. He just wants to follow his master desire.

But, then there is only one other person that could do this.

'This is targeted at you....Or more probably it is targeted at Pandemonium. Someone is sending a warning.'

Azief and Loki look at each other and smile bitterly. They both seem to be agreeing on something

If they eliminate other possibilities, there is only one person that comes to mind

Who could enter Pandemonium undetected, disable all restriction and precaution, alerting no one like it was nothing, then kill one of the most important political leader of the Central Government and was also one of the most guarded men in Pandemonium, and also be able to leave some clues that it was Athena and then orchestrate a bloody slaughter without even the Shadow Guards and the Palace Guards noticing the commotion in Athena camp and intensify the conflict between Athena and the Central Government?

Who would have the ability and motive to do so?

When they ask themselves this question, they both have only one person that came into mind and the answer come clearly and easy for both of them this content of novelfullbook.com, if you reading this content please go to website novelfullbook.com to continue reading, fastest update hourly

Then they said in unison

'Void' Azief smiles bitterly and Loki solemnly nodded. Azief eyes seems to become fierce. He seems to be thinking of something.

'He is beginning to become more than just a pest' Azief said as he tapped his finger on the handle of his throne.

Loki nodded and then he said

'I got some information about him that you would probably like to know' He then handed something to Azief.

Azief touches it and then the information stream into his mind and his expression is weird the moment he finished reviewing the information.

He was silent for a few second, trying to digest the information. He closes his eyes and then open his eyes with clarity in it and then he said

'So..... he is wearing a suit. But his power is the real deal. Nullification of any energy around him. Even Laws will be affected. It is like Emptiness'

Like Loki, the more Azief learns about Void, the more he felt an unease.

By now they could guess what happened and how Void action leads to the current situations. Loki the ask

'Did you try to kill him in Moscow?' Azief nodded. He did not ask how Loki knows about that but he knows that Loki have an extensive intelligence network that is hidden from him.

Loki frowned and then he pondered a bit before he said

'This is probably his payback. Maybe a warning to you' Azief frowned as his mind travel back to that day

Azief was meditating that day but he formed an array on the border of Moscow if anyone decided to seek problem with Katarina.

It was the least he could do.

As he was about to calm himself down and fell deep into his own Inner Universe he could felt something was wrong and he immediately broke himself from his seclusion

He senses that his array was destroyed almost in a second. He then activated his Divine Sense and his Divine Sense envelop the whole world for one second

He immediately discovers Void appearing out of a destabilized space rip.

When he saw that Void is coming to Moscow with evil intention, Azief did not hesitate to use heavenly Power and the clouds above Void gathered and form a gigantic palm with the power to flatten mountains and part the seas

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The clouds all were absorbed into that palm, the wind of the four direction all were gathered inside that palm and the worldly energy destroyed as even the Laws of gravity seems to slowly lose its hold.

Storms forms and thunders and lightning follows as the palm was formed in almost a few seconds.

As it descended down Azief still could not forget Void eyes looking at that palm.

When he saw the palm is coming near him he laughed madly and then he pointed his finger.

There is no power in that finger and no aura whatsoever. It is just his finger without any power.

The moment Azief palm met that finger all the energy in that palm strike dissipated like it never existed in the first place.

His clothes all become tattered because of the force of the wind, as it rips apart from his body and Void become exposed to the cold.

By now Azief knows that clothes are not real clothes but a suit disguised as clothes.

No wonder, after his clothes was destroyed, he fell down to the ground as his body shivers like he could not stand the winter wind and the cold atmosphere.

While that cold is quite biting, for any levelers even for Pillar Forming, it would not induce such reactions like it did on Void.

Azief clearly saw it at that time but he did not understand it at that time. How could a man that could withstand his palm strike with one finger could not stand cold?

It wasn't until he got the information from Loki that he understands why

Void possess normal human physiology and as such the cold affected him. He then teleported away like he couldn't stand the cold, no doubt using the suit technology.

Loki did not know all this but he could have guessed accurately that it is Azief attack on Void that causes him to come to Pandemonium and try to disturb the fragile political balance in Pandemonium.

He might have hoped it would break Death Monarch concentration and cause him to be distracted, or he might have hoped that the quarrel between the Central Government and the Three Generals would lead to a war where Death Monarch had no choice but to execute his general and his officials for inciting chaos and havoc in his Continent.

Whatever his reason was he nearly succeeded.

If not for Wang Jian timely interference stopping the battle at the Palace, Azief might have to truly punish his generals and his officials.

After thinking of all this Loki look at Azief and Azief is looking at him and said

'It seems we need to get serious about this'

'You have any plans?' Azief ask. Loki have been thinking about this matter for a long time and the information he got from Trisha enables him to form a plan to stop such thing from happening ever again on pandemonium.

After all, Loki could not allow Void to distract Azief from his breakthrough. After all, how could the Time Crisis be started if Azief did not break through Divine Comprehension

'The only reason he could teleport inside Pandemonium was because we didn't know he was wearing a suit that enables him to transform his Void energy into some other kind of properties that enables him to manipulate Time and Space around him. We could just ask the research department to create Matter Repelling Array. The moment that is achieved, if Void enter Pandemonium, his suit would be rendered useless. The energy he had and his abilities is only ability and energy nullification if one thinks about it calmly. The reason why no one could pin that ability of his before was because of his suit that enable him to teleport and making people to mistake his teleportation as also one of his ability.'

Azief nodded. Now, that he knows what kind of power Void has, he could now plan on how to restrict him.

however, Azief also feel that he should not be near that guy. Judging from what he knew now, if he is near that guy, anyone could assassinate him.

As long as he is out of range, he would be invincible. But the moment he is around Void, all of his energy and Disk would be useless.

He would turn into nothing but mortal.

He doubts Void could kill him even when he has no powers but the people in the distance would no doubt kill him using arrows, stones or even guns.

It is the same kind of thing that happen when he lost his power after the Purifying Fire.

It is his most vulnerable moment so people targeted that moment. Void provide a new challenge for him

He is exactly Azief opposite.

Below his throne, Loki continued his analysis.

'Truth is, only the people around him would lose their ability. That explains how easy it was for him to kill Athena soldiers. They must have felt shock and fear when they find out all of their energy went away and feeling like mortal once again. On the other hand, he must have repaired his suit and while that suit would not stand to pressure it would probably be dangerously powerful in front of normal humans'

Azief nodded as he too came into the same conclusion

'Void came to Athena camp, nullify their powers and kill them all with his suit ability. If not because I clashed with him before I might have thought other people would be responsible'

Loki nodded.

This is Void. It doesn't matter whether you suspect him or not. It doesn't matter whether his scheme was successful or not'

Loki said as he sighs and he continues

'He is a madman. Maybe he did it because he wanted you to execute your own people. Maybe he did it expecting a civil war and to foster distrust between the Central Government and the Three Army. Or.... probably he just wanted to see chaos. The more you try to understand him the more you would be confused. Because you are not crazy like him' Loki said.

Azief fell into deep contemplation.

'What do you suggest I do?'

'Breakthrough' Loki said.

'Then how about all of you? What about Katarina? Sofia? Sina? You? And all of my people?'

'I didn't know you care about your people that much'

Azief smirk bitterly.

'Like you have seen, the people I care about tend to get kidnapped or become leverage. Feelings sometimes should be hidden so it would become an ammunition your enemy use to shoot at you'

Loki nodded agreeing with what Azief said

'For now, we could tell them all this information. The Broker will try to suppress this information but we should also hide the fact that Void was the one that orchestrates all of this chaos in Pandemonium. We don't want the people to be panicked and there is no reason to raise the prestige of our enemy. The Republic would not want Katarina to get caught up in all of this and.... I'll take care of the others. You do your thing.'

Loki seems to have already a plan ready. Azief was impressed.

Azief then laughed and he nodded.

'You are always on my side. Sometimes it makes me forget that we don't agree on many things' Loki bitterly smiles and then he said

'You know what I want from you. For you to stay alive. And I'll do anything to make sure of that'

Azief sighed.

'And that is what I am afraid of' Loki could only sighed

Azief then look at Loki and shakes his head.

'Where did we go wrong Loki?'

Loki laughed

'There is nothing going wrong. It is just two people walking different path. Where is wrong and right on that?

Azief hearing this chuckles

'Sometimes, I envy that optimism of yours' Loki shake his head and then he said

'Well, I'm not really rainbow and sunshine type of guy, but when I am beside you, any guy would look like the rainbow and sunshine type of guy.'

Azief laughed for a few second and then he was about to said something when Loki turn his head back and retreated from the throne step

'It seems your Generals and your officials is coming to meet you'

Loki could sense they coming and he is not the only one. Azief also senses them coming and he take a deep breath as he nodded

Loki then could understand how much of a hassle today would be in the Court.

'I guess they all wanted to blame each other and will ask you to redress their grievance. I should go now' Azief nodded as he too could guess what will happen in the Court today but before Loki could come out of the door Azief said

'Tomorrow meet me in the Garden. I need to talk to you about something important.'

Loki heard it but he did not turn back his head as he only halted his steps, nodded and went out from the Throne Room leaving Death Monarch there alone.

As he walks the crowded corridor, he smiles bitterly as he could guess what Azief would like to talk to him about.

He thought to himself and said

'Why are you making this hard on me, brother?'

Meanwhile inside the Throne Room, Death Monarch lean his body onto the cold hard throne and close his eyes.

His mind seems to be thinking of something g and he sighed.

'I guess this is the only way I could imprison you Loki' Azief muttered silently as the door of the throne room was open and the Three General and his officials walk in and then kneel in front of Death Monarch throne.

Azief shows them a cold smile as the throne room was closed by the Keeper of the Palace and the Court meeting began

[Chapter 410: Scheming in the dark \(8\)](#)

SOMEWHERE IN AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION

A rotund middle age man is looking at something. with his white hair being blown by the wind outside he looks older than he is.

The video display is playing on his table.

There seems to be many things that shocked him contained in the video

His eyes seem to be taking it all in.

He then sighed at each moment. It is shocking what is contained in the video but he doesn't seem shocked. It was almost like he expected it but from the expression on his face, he is clearly displeased.

Behind him is a woman, slender, tall, beautiful and blonde. She is clearly of European descent with piercing blue eyes and strikingly blonde hair.

She did not try to look at the display since she already knows what it is about. The man keeps looking and when it arrived at the important moment he sighed once again

No one could understand what he is sighing about, the woman was unresponsive as she just keeps standing behind him without no reaction.

The video ended and the man lean on his chair. He took a few moment and then he asked.

'What do you think of it?' he turned around and ask the woman.

The woman shakes her head and said

'I don't know. Depends on what you think Mr. Broker. I thought you would be pleased with what happen'

The man sighed and lean back on his chair once again.

Yes, this man is none other than the Broker. Four months ago, he heeds the call against Death Monarch and raised a King of the Criminal Underworld.

They need a leader to make sure the criminal underground did not turn into chaos.

He chooses Void as the leader. He did not like the guy but he had no other choices.

He considered Loki but that guy is always scheming something and The Trickster did sabotage his operation in Bolivia. He did not forget about that.

There is also the fact that Loki is too close with Death Monarch and no one is quite sure where his allegiance really lies.

As for Void, well, he is an unpredictable bastard but he is clearly not in league with the Three Great Powers.

He also choses Void because of his abilities.

Void abilities is something that is very suitable to deal with Death Monarch powers.

But he of course knows the limitation of Void powers. At least from what he has seen he could guess the limitation of that power.

And his plan worked.

For the first few months there were some probing from other forces trying to sow dissent and incite the criminal family to take power and rule the criminal underworld but they remain united.

In front of the same threat they have no choice but to remain united. Talking about trust with criminal is a pointless talk but they all know survival.

And they know if they started to divide themselves, they would be picked off one by one.

And the criminal family have made many concessions to make sure the Criminal Alliance could stay united, reserving their power, waiting for Death Monarch to leave.

The Corleone back off of Italy as the Republic is securing their rules in that part of Europe as they put their navy on the Mediterranean coastline

But they were not spared of punishment.

Since they are one of the factions that conspired against Death Monarch kill order, their crime family were hunted and many of them were killed.

They seem to be hiding somewhere in Mexico joining temporarily with the Navarra crime family.

The Yakuza on the other hand, take one region in the Bubble Land as the Twin Sages of Japan Oreki and Hikigaya grip on the island nation seems to be solidified with each passing day.

And the Bratva?

Considering the hatred, the Ice queen Katarina had for organized crime, they are lucky that most of their people have not been completely eradicated.

The whole criminal underground seems to go silent.

There is no big deals of weapons or violence. They seem to be retreating with fast speed and trying their best not to stand out from the rest.

And in that early month, Void seem like an amiable man, open to reason. But finally he understands why the Trickster call Void a madman.

He killed one of the generals of Society of the Light before killing them all in a fit of madness. He then laughed and dance amongst their corpses.

It is the act of a madman. He had to do a lot of things to cover up this matter.

But now...this?

The video he just watched was sent by one of his little rats in the White Owl. It shows Void destroying a titanic palm from the skies with only his finger

And he just found out it was the Death Monarch palm. He sighed because this is the last thing he wanted Vid to do.

To have the eyes of Death Monarch trained on them is not a good thing.

He sighed.

The woman behind him then said.

‘Void.... does he even listen to you Mr. Broker?’

The Broker sighed and then said

‘Does he look like the type of guy that listen to me? What is his obsession with Death Monarch anyway?’
He said it out loud.

Actually of the many people in this world while people know him as they guy with all the answer there are some people in this world that he doesn’t have a good grasp on.

His ability is Status Reading.

In the beginning of the Fall, his power was just reading the status of the monsters and beast which helps him identify the weakness of monsters

But as he grew in level so does his ability. He could even see the status of a person and then deduce and extract information from the status.

He could deduce someone past. In a way his ability work opposite of the Oracle. The Oracle see the future while he sees the past of a person.

Of course they are some people he could not effectively use it against.

Some of those people are like Raymond the Earthshaker, Illusion Archmage Hikigaya, Thunder Monarch Oreki, Mind Master Hirate, Ice Queen Katarina and of course Death Monarch.

There is also Loki which has some weird aura around him that prevented his information to be extracted.,

Basically anyone that is stronger than him, he could not see their status and their past.

Void on the other hand neutralizes all of his abilities. He could not see anything about him since his eyes would become just a normal eyes the moment he is in proximity of him.

And taking a hair out of him or his clothes didn’t help since it is full of his Void aura.

With Void, he had to do research and investigate him using the old fashioned way.

The woman behind him could see that the Broker is frowning so she asked

‘Isn’t this what you wanted Mr. Broker? To see proof that Void could neutralize Death Monarch attack?’

The Broker sighed.

'Not like this.' He then added this content of novelfullbook.com, if you reading this content please go to website novelfullbook.com to continue reading, fastest update hourly

I only wanted him to be a preventive shield. All the criminal underworld wants Death Monarch to die. I don't.'

The woman behind him when she heard the words coming out of the Broker words, her eyebrows was raised for a second before she collected herself back.

'I am not really criminal at least not in the sense that I killed personally. I don't deal New World drugs or developed some kind of poisons or weapons of mass destruction. I am an information peddler.'

Then he continued

'I sell information to anyone who could provide me with equal value of that information. Honestly, I don't want Void to kill Death Monarch. In the past I used to believe that he could not do this. But the more I learned about him, the more I think he could have the chance to kill Death Monarch. And that is a terrifying thought.'

The woman frowned and then she asked.

'Why? Wouldn't that solve the problems for the criminal underworld? Don't tell me that you like Death Monarch?'

He laughs bitterly

'Haven't you seen them? How brutal they are?'

He then said

'I don't like that Death Monarch is rounding up criminal and killing them without even a trial or any proof other than by the judging of his heart and mood but it's not like I want to see this world run by monsters like them either.'

'Imagine if any of the crime families ruled the world. What a bleak world that is don't you think?'

The woman nodded and then she asks

'Then why do all this?'

'Why would weak people band together and fight people that are stronger than them? Fear. I fear that he would seek me and crush me to dust. To him, I am just the same as the rest of them. A scum. He has his own belief and I have mine. To me, this has never been about fighting Death Monarch. To me, this has always bene about survival. Nothing more.'

The woman smiles and nodded

The Broker get up from his chair and walk to the windows.

Outside the windows, one could see an expansive sea and the wind of the seas blows by the curtain and the Broker take a deep breath

'You know I have been thinking about what you said before. About Loki offer to me. You kn-'

Just before he could end that sentence suddenly the entire place is shaking.

The woman was also shocked and her eyes widened. She closes her eyes for a few second and then she opens it back up and she seems to know something

'Someone is attacking'

The Broker eyes was unsettled.

'This place is a secret and no one should have sensed them' His survival instinct kicks up.

He rushed to his table and open the drawers. Inside it is a few teleportation orb could be seen rolling around because of the intense shaking.

The Broker could feel someone is drilling the ground with mighty pressure.

He crushed it immediately but then to his disappointment, nothing happened other than the orb was crushed into dust.

The woman shakes her head and said

'They have sealed the place with a Space Sealing Formation. Unless you are Warp or the Dimensional Traveler, you couldn't teleport from this place.' The Broker look toward the woman and sighed

'It seems you are familiar with them' The Broker could hear it from her words. She is very confident in her assessment

The woman nodded and then she said

'It is the Three Army'

'Three Army? You mean the Three Army of Pandemonium?'

The woman nodded. The Broker look at the woman and his expression turns hostile.

'Did you tell Loki about me? Did you set me up?!' he yelled looking at the woman. The woman shakes her head.

'I didn't. If I did, you wouldn't have been so concealed these past few months.' The woman said

'Riana! Be honest'

This woman is Riana, one of the Three Demoness. She is always wearing a laughing demon mask and the world called her the Laughing Demoness.

Riana look back at the Broker and said

'I said it is not me. If it is me, knowing Loki temperament he would have made me delivered you to him in a silver platter. It would surely not be like this. You think Loki would be comfortable handing you to the forces of Pandemonium? With all the secrets you have on him? Why do you think he didn't force me regarding my matters with you?'

The Broker hearing this close his eyes and calms himself down.

His mind is quickly thinking. He could hear the sound of the drilling and he could feel the mighty pressure bearing down on this rock

Yes, he is on a rock.

The rock is deep and large and on top of the sea it looks like a floating patch of land. But it was an illusion.

It is equipped with Phasing formation and invisibility hex and enchantments among the other protection that this patch of rock has.

If it is not Loki and not Riana, then the only one that would betray him is soemnone that have something to gain with him gone.

‘Why is the fuck, the Three Army of Pandemonium is here?’ He shouted internally

Riana on the other hand brings out a triangle looking stone with runes written all over it.

The Broker saw it and look at Riana and he asked

‘What is that?’ She could hear the formation is about to be broken any moment now.

‘Our ticket out’ she answers.

Then she grabbed The Broker arm and then throw the stone into the ground as the runes that is carved on the stone were released and created colorful rainbows that envelops them as they turned into one of the colors of the rainbows and seems to shoot out from the room as the forces of the Three Army broke through the formation and barge inside the empty room.

As the dusts settles a woman could be seen dismounting her Pegasus and look around her.

‘They escaped’ Her berserkers’ roars as they began scouring the rock for any clues while the Broker and Riana is halfway across the world.

The world was shocked today as Pandemonium after the return of Death Monarch send out his Three Army and began attacking many Criminal Alliance headquarters.

In some of the news, there is even report that General Freya nearly caught the Broker while the criminal family of Navarra and Corleone was slaughtered leaving only a few of their surviving members

Many of the people hearing this news and discussing it in some taverns on inns, they all thought that this is Death Monarch usual way of doing things before leaving.

But to some people that know the inside story, this was not a simple cleanup. This is a warning to someone.

Void gives a warning to Death Monarch by killing one battalion of his subordinate soldiers. Death Monarch responded swiftly by eliminating the Navarra family and the Corleone family and they are still hunting.

While the Three Army is hunting outside of Pandemonium, there sits on the highest throne of Pandemonium, Death Monarch, overlooking all creation like a lofty God.

And as long as he sits there, no force would dare come attacking.

This is Death Monarch answer to Void. Complete and utter suppression. You kill one of his people, then he would take a thousands of his.

The storms are beginning and the whole world waited for it to calm down. It has been three days since Death Monarch come out of his seclusion.

And he only has four days left.