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Chapter 901: The battle for the divine throne (2)

The first owner of that ring is someone that is accursed.

And that curse stays on. One could even say it was destiny that guided Azief to find that ring. That is something that Loki could not change. In that timeline and in this timeline, Azief still arrive at the Seresian world and get that ring.

It is all connected when one thinks about it.

If Azief did not go to the Seresian world, he would not lead a trail of energy for the demonic soldiers to follow and the destruction of the world during the Multiversal Convergence might not be as bad as it is now

But there is no use crying over spilt milk.

Because he was present during that final battle. Though, he wonders whether Number two knows or not about this memory.

Sometimes, even he himself could not know what the other Loki remembers and not remembers. This is intentional on his part.

He sighed each time he thinks of the Ten Eternal Rings

The Ten Eternal Rings is very ancient.

And it is very mystical in its abilities and the effect that it has on the Laws in the Omniverse. Azief in the other timeline rely heavily on that ring to reach Sovereign level. Loki is glad that at least in this timeline, he would not rely too heavily that ring. Azief in this timeline had fulfilled Azul mission and probably got Azul legacy.

As such, the hidden danger of the ring is minimized.

Loki look at Yewa Hafar who was standing beside him. They both look at the state of the world and seeing the changes.

There are new sceneries to be seen in front of them, new continents to be explored, new path that would appear

A brand new world.

The world had become even more dangerous. But it also become more beautiful. It is ironic that sometime these things go hand in hand

There is no longer steel towers and bad air. Instead there are trees that reached the clouds, looking ethereal and mystical.

To the one living in this era, this sight is very extraordinary. But to those of late regeneration, these kind of scenery might be the norm

the shade of the tree could even cover an entire country if this is before the expansion of the world.

The area below the tree is cold because of the branches and the leaves that covers the ground from the sunlight.

But still plants below the tree grows. Because some trees did not need sunlight but instead were nurtured by the energy of the world

It would be like the plants and fruits in many fantasy novels where it is nurtured by energy and the fruits would be mystical and possess great beneficial effect to the body and one's energy circulation.

The air is clean and each time one inhales the air of the world, one would feel refreshed and energized.

The energy of the world is boundless like the very beginning of the Fall when leveling up was fast that it could be achieved in killing monster in a few days.

The water is clean, the air is clear, the world was like at its nascent form when dinosaurs rule the Earth.

Oxygen is abounding and as such, this would surely make changes to the animal in the world. And oxygen is not the only thing that would changes the life on earth.

There is also all of this energy that is hovering between heaven and Earth, nourishing the world

Many people believe that oxygen is the cause of the gigantism of the dinosaurs.

But actually the atmospheric oxygen on Earth during most of the past 220 million years ago was actually considerably lower than 21 percent of the world oxygen before the Fall.

Most believe that the oxygen level during that time is between ten to fifteen percent.

For Cretaceous period (65 to 145 million years ago) may believe that it is up to thirty percent atmospheric oxygen

Of course this itself did not negate the influence of oxygen for the evolution of life on Earth but the gigantism of dinosaurs cannot be explained simply by the theory of dense concentration of oxygen.

Maybe, there is a trace of magic.

Loki laughed when the think of this. he did not care much about this.

But he knows this is a brand new world. Yewa Hafar also seems to be thinking of something.

No doubt, that like him, Yewa Hafar is also thinking about his next plan. Other people did not have to think too much.

But for them, as they both are chess players, they spend their time thinking of how to move their chess pieces to gain the perfect ending that they wanted

Loki did not bother Yewa Hafar. He too wanted to think more. It is not always that he is out and about.

Slumbering for too long also have its side effect. All the while, Loki is still protecting Yewa Hafar from any detection.

That, and he is still holding Yewa Hafar. It is not like Yewa Hafar could escape him with his ability of a Sovereign right now.

Loki close his eyes for a second. He is trying to think about anything that he might miss.

Memories, especially his memories need to be review always. Especially when he had come out from his sealed space that he had created.

He needs to make sure that his memory is still intact.

One of the things that he knows he must remember is the Battle for the Divine Throne.

It is a filler if he had to categorized it. After all, the main event, the second event that he had bookmarked happens after the Divine Throne battle ended.

But this filler is very important.

Because Loki also knows that there is a chance that the sequences of who becomes Sovereign might change this time.

Azief is still the likeliest candidate to become the first sovereign. But as for the other, the sequences of them entering Sovereign realm might change.

And that is not necessarily good. Especially if Jean becomes Sovereign before its time. Then a lot of things would change.

He still remembers the Battle for the Divine Throne, like it had happened yesterday. And most important of all the battel of the Divine throne is the first true battle for the Divine Throne which is to decide the Third Sovereign.

The third Sovereign is Katarina the Ice Deity.

Jean and Katarina was evenly matched during the Battle of the Divine Throne.

One could even say that during the battle, Jean was superior and barring any unforeseen circumstances, he would be the third Sovereign.

But, Azief appeared. He was that unforeseen circumstances.

Even Raymond could not stop him since from the very beginning, Azief had already reaches to a realm that is above Raymond.

The entire realm for the battle of the Divine throne crack just by him appearing and Raymond was pushed away from his Divine Throne seat

Even Sovereign have different realm.

Azief come out from the Underworld and he sided with Katarina because he used to owe Katarina.

This is Karma.

And this is how powerful Karma could be to affect Destiny and Fate.

And by crowning Katarina, Jean had to wait another one hundred years before he could have the chance to become a Sovereign again

And that is the beginning of the tragedy of Paulette and how it would eventually lead to the War of the Sovereigns.

Each event interconnected with each other to reach that tragic conclusion.

Loki laugh a bit

There would be six hundred years that had to pass before the marriage of the Earthshaker and the Divine Archer.

That is how long that Number Two had time to set up all the preparations before the next event started.

Of course, Number Two might have his own thoughts. After all, things changes and Number Two had also have to change his plan according to circumstances.

Out of the six events that would happen in the future, Loki felt that the Marriage of the Earthshaker would be the easiest to change.

And because it is the easiest to change, it is the most dangerous. The Marriage and the subsequent event needs to happen for the other five events after it to also follow up.

Then Loki smiles bitterly. Thinking about the battle for the Divine Throne, he felt a little bit bitter.

After all, he also fought in the battle of the Divine Throne. But the sad thing about this era was that he didn't even have the chance to win. After the Sixth Sovereign was crowned, the Will of the World was ripped apart.

The Will of the World is needed to create the Divine Throne.

Each Sovereign when they were crowned by the power of the Wil of the World controls all the Laws that is present in Earth Prime.

Of course, when they sit on the Divine throne, they were also constrained by it. Hence, why one could understand that when a Sovereign sit on the Divine Throne, he is limited sometimes by the Laws that bounds him.

The Sovereigns is all powerful, but he is also restrained. Azief told him this. because out of all the Sovereigns, Loki is the only one that had never sat on the Divine Throne.

Loki did not know whether to think of it as a blessing or not.

Loki is also tempted to stop the ripping of the Will of the World. After the Sixth Sovereign, no one thought that the world would have another Sovereign.

Loki had fought with all he had to have a seat at the big boys table. Maybe it is because of the other sovereign action of ripping the Will of the World that makes Loki very much despise most of the Sovereigns even when he is one.

'Aish, old stories' he thought to himself.

Chapter 902: The limit to the changes (1)

Now, he should focus on this current reality and the current changes of the world. The fact that Time Crisis still happen shows that his plan was not wrong.

That there is a limit that he could change and there are certain events that would be hard to change.

At least now, Hirate would stop thinking of some horrendous plans to take control of the energy of the world for the elites.

The Multiversal Convergence now had made sure that those great powers no longer think of implementing such terrible plans upon the world population.

This is the small change that he could do.

Slowly changing, slowly throwing small pebbles into the calm lake, to let the waves keep continuing.

Now that the All Source had absorbed large volume of energy from the Otherworlds, this is no longer the case.

It is without a doubt that the Time Crisis will help the strengthening of humanity as a whole when more people would have the chance to breaks through to Disk Formation.

Time Crisis if one looks at it on a benefit-loss standpoint, it is a good thing that it happened. But, right now, it is a tragedy.

Tens of thousands of people had died before the Mirror Dimension was activated, as they had to fight with the sudden invasion of the demonic creatures

Many more died before Death Monarch arrives and destroy the tens of millions of demons by himself.

Today it is a tragedy.

However, in the long term, it is a benefit.

Time sometimes changes everything.

The important thing was that Time Crisis must happen for the other events to also happens.

Loki, Jean, Sofia Hirate all recognized this.

That is why even though Loki knows that there would be people dying he still had to steel his heart and let the Time Crisis happens.

Azief decision to go to the future to see what would happen to his relationship with Sofia also is the cause for another important event in the future which is why Loki did not stop him.

There is thing that he could change and must change. And there are things that must not change and must be prevented from changing

Loki had always had to plan meticulously so that he would not break this rule. Because if he breaks it, then the potential of failure is too high. And because of the stake of this plan is very high, at times Loki had to be hardhearted.

This is why he feel very complicated seeing the Time Crisis event ending the way it did. The Demon Kings survives that battle

It was a shock to see that the Demon King actually have such a method and if that is all, it would be that big a problem

But the Demon King is kidnapping Katarina and bringing her to the Seresian world. This did not happen before in his timeline

This is a variable that Loki did not anticipate. Katarina could die. And that would throw a large wrench into the plans of the future

It would change so many lives and affect so many things. It is not like Katarina never had the risk of dying before.

But she must not die now.

At least, she should die in the War of the Sovereigns and not now. Of course, Loki is not the only one that did not want Katarina to die. Yewa Hafar also did not want Katarina to die

Because if she dies, there is many more variables at play. And right now Loki and Yewa Hafar both could not handle more variables at this moment

And because of this both him and Yewa Hafar knows that there is a new wind blowing. And it is not a wind that is blowing on favor of them

If everything changes, without any order at all in the Timeline, then how could his plan work?

Changing everything is not the way. Loki knows this. the force of Time, Destiny, Fate would then conspire to correct such blatant manipulation of Time.

It must be subtle. It must be hidden. Loki think of the story of the Universe as a book which had an ending that is predetermined by the author

This author is none other than that mysterious supreme being, the one that many called Supreme One.

And if he changes the story, if he makes changes to the plot that is to obvious, then the author would realize that his story has been altered as he read back on the story.

Because the changes in the plot is too obvious, Destiny and Fate would catch that discrepancies easier.

With a few corrections with his pen, this author could then change back the plot to the original.

But what if, the characters in the story slowly take their time to change the predetermined ending?

Changes one bit by one bit.

Small plots here and there changes. And when the author does realize that the small details were changed, the author have to change the bigger plot.

Because the story doesn't fit anymore and to write it all again from the beginning would not be an option.

The story has to fit for it to make sense. A story must be fun. It must have a beginning and an end.

But what determine the end? It is the middle of the story.

The plot that foreshadowed the ending. And if this plot slowly changes, change toward a direction of the story that would require a correction of the ending, then the ending could be change.

That is why Loki always cautioned himself to not change too much. He must change something. But he must change only the necessary part. This is a chess game.

And he had to play by the rulers. But the one setting up the chessboard could easily flip away the chessboard.

So, he always need to be cautious. Today, something had changed. But the cause of this change.... who know if it's because of him.... or because of Yewa Hafar? Or maybe, the credit did not fall onto them at all

But Loki had strong premonition that, all of this changes was in the making since Azief had changed.

Loki suddenly chuckles

'He changed. So, the future change.' Then he laughs.

Yewa Hafar frowned. He was still standing beside Loki. He also had the time to calm himself down. Like Loki, he too thinks about a lot of thing.

Unlike Loki he did not have to worry too much about Time Correction. Because he was not the one that turn back time.

But his memory is also could be tampered by the Time Correction. Right now, he is also trying to remember any details that he might have forgotten

He heard what Loki had said and then he spoke

'If the future change, then your plan and your scheme's would be harder to be realized' Loki nodded as he stopped laughing.

But there is still a smile on his face. He looks at Yewa Hafar and he nodded

'True. My plan would be harder to realize. But....' and he chuckles again as he looks at Yewa Hafar as he finished the rest of his sentence

'But...while it may be harder for me...it would also make it harder for you' Yewa Hafar eyes turns black for a second before he blinked and his eyes returns to normal as he said

'Just because someone throws a stone into a lake and it creates large ripples, did not mean the water would overflow. In the end, the water would still be in the lake'

Loki however did not get baited. instead, he only smiles and said

'Who knows? Maybe, if there is enough stone being thrown into the lake, the water in the lake would overflow?'

Yewa Hafar only scowled at Loki words. Loki look at his left and at his right. Jean Divine Sense is also not that good right now.

Loki of course could see what Jean had done. It only took him a glance to understand what Jean was trying to do

Loki look up at the sky and he smiles a bit. It is enough that he had save Yewa Hafar. If not for the many things that he still needs to do and the fact that killing Yewa Hafar is useless, Loki would not hesitate to kill Yewa Hafar right now.

He turns his face to Yewa Hafar and then he simply said

'Now, this is enough. I have done more than enough' Yewa Hafar narrowed his eyes. But then almost a second later, he understood.

'Don't you da-'

Tak!

Loki click his finger and Yewa Hafar who were about to say something were transported up into the moon.

It was almost an instant as the space around him distrusted and absorbs Yewa Hafar and regurgitated him on the area of the moon

Loki laugh feeling funny.

It was like he was doing a prank on Yewa Hafar. Then his laugh stopped. He could feel the power of the Time Correction coming after him.

'Haish. They could not even let me have some fun' Right now, the world energy is getting stabilized and the laws that were in chaos before is also slowly recovering and as such, for a being like him, synched out of time, in an era that he did not belong in, the force of Time Correction would be coming after him

Chapter 903: The limit to the changes (2)

If he was a Sovereign right now, the force of Time Correction would at most injured him.

But he is not a true Sovereign.

Instead he only possesses the Willpower of a Sovereign but did not possess the true prowess of a Sovereign. His body would not be able to withstand the overbearing power of Time Correction.

Loki look at another direction and he nodded to himself.

'Number Two should have all the memories from Number One. This is more than enough' he thought to himself.

Saying this, he then flicks his finger forward. The Laws of the world around him distorted and changes it properties.

The space crack and thunder crack up in the heavens.

The gust of wind that was generated when he flicks his finger tore open a hole in space.

If one looks at the space tear one would see dark void on the other side of that space tear. Loki walk toward that space tear and he immediately disappeared.

The world become calm as Loki had return back to the sealed dimension. On another part of the world, Loki remove the Helm of Invisibility form the top of his head.

He had sense that Number Seven had come out and returned back.

'He is taking too much risk' he clicked his tongue.

But then he thought of the current situation and he could somewhat agree with Number Seven coming out. If Number Seven did not come out when Azief summons that Wheel and protect Yewa Hafar, there would be to many variables for them to keep track off later.

All in all, he is a genius. There is a sly smile on Loki face as he realized that he had just praise himself to high heaven.

'I have more important thing to do'

He taps his forehead and he close his eyes as he tries to digest the changes that Number One had done and then he nodded to himself.

All of Number One experience, his feeling and emotions all now become Number Two experience, feeling and emotions.

'I don't know what Azief would do after he find out that I take the blame for him. He might seek for me. Or he might also confess that he is the one that started it all'

There is a smile on Loki face.

'But my plan is quite foolproof. Even if he confesses, it would be useless since everyone would only think that he is trying to protect me' Sighing he said

'And the general trend of the era is blowing toward him so the Great Power would only support the current narrative. There are only merits and no demerits in me taking the blame. Even Hirate understood this. Even if the other great power learns of the real truth, they would think of the greater good and will not try to drag Azief down to the mud. Because then they have to fight Pandemonium'

He laughed at his own thoughts and said

'But, Azief had always been a bit unpredictable. I wonder what he would do.' The wind blows, the flowers blooms, the grass grows and the clouds above his head move.

Nature is changing in a rate of speed that is incredible

Loki closes his eyes for a second, like he wanted to take it all in.

Then he opens back his eyes. Loki then look toward the direction of that hill

He could only see blurry images of the hill and the people around the hill. The chaotic energy sis till not yet fully disperse from around the world.

'And, I think he would be busy with Katarina matters' Like Will, Loki know what Azief would do. Azief would surely go to the Seresian world to save Katarina even if it's a trap.

Katarina is after all one of Azief greatest love. Her and Sofia. This tangled relationship between them would take hundreds of years.

And even after the death of Katarina, this tangled relationship did not end. As Sofia eloquently put it, she could not fight someone that is idealized in Azief mind.

How could she fight a dead person? And because of that, even before fighting Sofia had lost.

All the memories that Azief had of Katarina magnified after her death. Regrets and longing of a person that is already dead, an emptiness that Sofia could not fill because Azief would not let her.

It is quite a tragic story.

Loki sighed.

'Now, is not the time to worry about him. I need to worry about myself first' he thought to himself as he scours his sleeve with his hand.

Weirdly, his hand seems to enter into another space dimension when he put his hand inside his large sleeve.

A few second later he found what he was looking for. He brought out a pouch. The pouch had runic inscription on it. He opens the pouch and inside it is millions of items. This pouch had already been modified with space magic making it able to store even a whole planet inside it.

Loki look at the many things inside his pouch and put his hand inside his pouch and a second later he brought out an octagonal plate with inscription on it.

The octagonal plate is blue in color

He then taps a few of the inscription like he is inputting a command on command prompt of the computer.

The octagonal plate shines and glows and then on the flat plate that did not have anything before, a holographic projection rises up showing a location

'Phew' Loki thought to himself.

'It is unscathed' he thought to himself. He was actually quite confident of his creation but there is always a chance of something to go wrong. Thankfully, it did not.

'So, it had move to the other side of the world. Haish. Azief really overdone it this time. Though, I should count my blessing. At least it was not destroyed.' The holographic projection that appeared shows a location.

It is the location of Loki secret prison.

Nowhere Land. That is the name of the prison. Only a few people in the world knows that this prison exist and fewer people knows its name

This prison before the expansion of the world was deep below the surface of the island in Jan Mayen in Denmark

A prison that is made by using the mixture of certain soil found in the Bubble Land. Most of the spells and formation that protected the prison has already been torn apart.

But there is still a few of them that remains intact. Loki knows he needs to repair all of that later.

There is also the fact that certain part of the prison had been destroyed. This has something to do with the fact that it disengages itself from its original location and all the ley lines of the island that was connected with the prison had been severed.

Its concealing abilities however remain intact. Loki shudders to think what would happen if this prison is found by Azief. Most of Loki secrets might be exposed.

Most of the time, any changes to the world, this prison, be it tall water that came crashing down or the quaking sea bed trembling, it remains unaffected.

It is maintained by some invisible force that was undeterred and unmoved. But, with the Multiversal Convergence, even his prison could no remain completely unscathed from it.

Loki nodded to himself.

'I need to lay low.' That is his plan right now. Then he said to himself, like he is reminding himself

Around him, there is an aura of time.

Ancient and at the same time do not exist. Loki is not supposed to exist in the first place.

Or to be more accurate, should not exist yet.

He comes from the future, at least his mind was.

So, the Time Correction which is mystical and mysterious in nature is trying to correct this anomaly that to "it" is something that is wrong in the fabric of reality

And this is unlike some time traveler who come to the past using technology, manipulating Time using science and physics. The way that Loki and his friends did it, they were using magic. If someone uses the laws of physics to bend the laws of time and space, they would also be constrained by the laws of physics.

Loki uses magic to do what he is doing now. he too is constrained. But not by the same laws that a person might be constrained under the laws of physic.

Since he uses magic, then constraining him is also magic. But, because of the runes that is present all around him, it protects him from the correction force of Time

And the force of this Time Correction is more concentrated toward Number Seven. But Loki felt it for a moment and he could only ignore it

'I also need to make contact with the Broker. I have to seek Riana' he mutters to himself, making a note in his mind

Riana is the one closest to the Broker and also one of his subordinate

If there is anyone in the world that knows where the Broker is, it would be Riana. If he is not mistaken, those two people share quite the close relationship.

Riana must be in Pandemonium right now or under the orders of the Pandemonium. After all, Loki was the one that told them to help Pandemonium.

He knew Pandemonium would not be able to handle all the demonic soldiers if he did not send some help.

But, Loki could guess that those three sisters would know what to do after hearing the news that he was the one that was responsible for the Multiversal Convergence

Riana did not betray him. But she is not entirely honest with him either. Riana after all is no his slave. And he had never taken in Riana to make her be a slave.

He shakes his head.

'They would know how to run before they got caught by Azief' Loki is one hundred percent sure that Azief might capture the three sisters to force him to come out.

Those three sister would also know that would happen.

Loki is quite sure that he would be hunted by all the great powers after this. The only way for him to survive and evade capture is to forge an alliance.

There are some hidden forces that he hid that would be of help to him.

He also knew some mercenaries, some faction of the criminal underworld that would help him in his endeavor of eluding capture by the great powers of the world.

The Broker is in his List. Then he thought of another name. Ezzio the Inventor. He smirks and said to himself

'Ezzio might not be eager to see me again' Loki did not forget that he had once captured Ezzio to give him the location of that Orb.

But maybe Ezzio had changed. After all, he got all the stash of the treasure that belongs to the Merchant King.

It did not replace his family, true, but being sad while being rich is better than being sad while being poor.

He has lots of enemies. But he also has a lot of partners.

He smiles and he laughed

'This time I have a lot of time to prepare. It is not long now that Azief would reach Sovereign level. Then it would be the Age of the Sovereigns. Before that era comes, I need to plan a lot of things before I could reach the Origin'

Then taking a deep breath, he once again put the Helm of Invisibility on top of his head and then he flew toward the direction of Nowhere Land as the world calms down.

Chapter 904: Primordial garden (1)

At the same time that Loki on Earth is flying toward Nowhere Land, space distorted in one of the space area of the Omniverse.

The space distorted before runes appeared out of nowhere and stabilizes it. There is someone walking along the lines of energy of the Universe and that person is none other than Loki

This is Number Seven.

He arrived at one multiversal point that is hidden inside another layer of hidden dimension. There are all kinds of runic formation floating round.

This runic formation is all for protection, for hiding, for cloaking Loki true location. This dimension, this area itself is always mobile, moving through parallel universes, dimensions and all kinds of worlds.

It made searching for his location almost an impossibility. This method is actually inspired by Wargod methods.

Of course he could not be as blatant as Wargod who uses a broken star as his place of dwelling. Inside this nothingness space of existence there is a throne.

This throne is made from stars and there are two snakes that slithers across its handle.

This snake is not normal snakes as it had red rubies eyes and golden skin. It did not move when Loki was not there but when they sense their master, they immediately move. Loki smiles and sighed a bit

'It is not always I had the chance to take a breath of fresh air.'

Fortunately, this time when he goes to his slumber, the memory of Number One would at least be a comfort for him. He flies to his floating throne and was about to sit on his throne but then he stopped.

There is something on top of his throne.

His eyes narrowed. And his expression changes.

'What kind of thing this is?'

It is a token, a coin.

It glinted gold and there is a carving of a snake circling each other forming an S symbol and biting the tail of the other.

Loki knows that there is only one person that would leave such a message and leave such a symbol.

Instead of a person, it is more accurate to call him as Asgardian.

'Teacher' Loki muttered to himself.

This is the symbol of Loki the Cosmic Trickster.

Loki immediately look around him, expecting his teacher to suddenly materialize in front of him

That is his teacher normal way of appearing in front of someone. Loki method of theatrics, of appearing before someone is actually copied from his teacher.

But there is no trace of his teacher in this dimension.

Well, his teacher is adept in hiding his trace.

He sighed.

Loki of course knew that his teacher is not just some normal Asgardian gods.

If is teacher is just a normal Asgardian Gods, they would not be able to enter this area.

This runic formation that he laid upon this sealed dimension inside a multiversal points that always mobile and move without stop, is not something an Asgardian Gods could break into without notifying Loki Divine Sense that he had left inside the area.

But, it would be different for his teacher

Loki did not sit down. The serpents that was waiting for him to it hiss. A few ravens fly out from their trees of stars and perch itself on top of the throne

They look at Loki. Loki only click his tongue.

'What is teacher trying to do?' Loki has always bene confident. He is even confident enough to fight against Yewa Hafar, one of the Acolytes of the Destroyer but for some reason, when it is about his teacher, he was not that confident.

Know your enemy and you will win every battle. But, it is precisely because he knows his teacher, he knows how hard it is to win against his teacher

There is many reason why his teacher would easily found this place and could easily enter it.

One of the reason is because it is his teacher that teaches him this spell and this formation to remain hidden from the many gazes in the Omniverse.

It is one of the basic of learning runes. And that is to create runic formation. His teacher not only teaches him runes but also hieroglyph of the Amenthes and Sekhet Hetepet and incorporated that into his rune.

It requires high knowledge in formations to infiltrate this formation.

Of course Loki had made many changes to the formation and he is also curios whether his teacher had solved the formation key or did he rely on his other identity to break into this dimension.

Loki teacher another identity is none other than the Gardener of the Primordial Garden.

If he uses that identity, there is probably no formation in this whole wide Omniverse that he could not break.

Regardless of the way his teacher is able to come inside the area there must be a reason why.

Loki look back at the coin.

'He left something for me. Is this the message? Why not speak to me directly?'

Only silence answer him back. he stares at the coin, maybe hoping for something to happen. Seconds passes and nothing happened.

'Hmm'

And then like a lightbulb turning on in his mind, Loki remembers that after the Battle of the End, his teacher did come to him.

But he did not come to him in physical form. Instead, his teacher come to him in a form of dreams.

Loki felt like he had discovered what his teacher is trying to tell him. He picks up the coins but he did not feel that there is anything magical about the coin.

But appearance is always deceiving.

And Loki would know. His appearance is always a lie. Then his finger could feel that there is a different texture on the other side of the coin

and he look at the back of the coin. He smiles

'So, this is the message' he thought to himself

There is a rune on the back of the coin. And Loki smiles when he saw the runes. He understood the meaning of the rune with one glance.

The rune inscribed on the back of the coin is the rune Laguz.

Laguz literal meaning is lake. Its esoteric meaning is the unconscious, the subconscious, memory, dreams, imagination among others

'Our future selves call us from the infinite pasts, and each night are eroded with our dreams' This is the meaning that six revealed to him the moment he looks at the rune

Asgard magic is tightly related to the runes. One rune could express a thousand meanings and each one of it is magical

Words are then treated very preciously. Songs when it is sung using the meaning of the runes would create cosmic phenomenon, beckoning the Laws of the Omniverse to obey.

As such, the Gods of Asgardian rarely sang. But when they sang, the world shakes and trembles.

Odin sacrifices himself so he could see the wisdom of the runes

The magic of the runes of Asgard is not something that should be underestimated. But it is also the hardest to master. It is easier to understand the methods of energy refining like those Immortals of the Jade Empire instead of the runic magic of the Asgard. But there is power in words and in meanings.

The rune that Loki saw on the back of the coin itself could be interpreted in many ways. One could think of it as literally, or one could think of it as figuratively and one could think of it mundanely.

The runes could even be use to divinate certain events.

Among many other effects of rune is that it can be used in establishing a communication link from one concise mind, under willful intent to the unconscious mind of another.

Loki know what he should do and how his teacher intends to communicate with him. He sat on his throne and he sleeps.

Gripped inside his palm is the coin. As he goes to sleep, the coin dissipates.

Moments passes and then Loki become conscious. But the moment he become conscious he is no longer inside that sealed area that he had created

Instead he is a garden. His head feels a little dizzy but his body felt light like he is inside some ethereal place.

Loki tries to use his Divine Sense but he could not use it.

'A dream' he mutters.

Loki immediately remembers what he was doing before he appeared here in this middle of nowhere.

He went to sleep and then he appears here. This is the place that his teacher wanted to meet him

Is it an illusion? He asks himself. Then he shakes his head. This is nothing like an illusion he mutters to himself.

But it is not real either' he thought to himself

He narrows his eyes and then he nodded to himself

'A perfect replica' he thought to himself. That is why even though he did not feel that this place is fake, he also did not feel that this place is real

Because it is simply a replica. As expected of his teacher. Even though Loki had reached Sovereign realm, he almost got fooled

Chapter 905: Primordial garden (2)

Of course if he were able to use his Eye of the Ruth, this replica would not even last a second in front of his eyes. But, it is in bad taste of trying to make excuses.

He did not sense anyone here. It seems that his teacher might not appears as obvious.

There might be hints in the form of another

Dreams rarely make sense.

Loki understood that sometimes in dreams imagery is impotent. It is full of symbolism and depends on one interpretation. Loki understood why his teacher wanted to meet him in dreams.

As the Gardener, he might unable to give direct help to Loki. And as such, he could only use this kind of methods.

But this did not mean Loki trust his teacher explicitly. There is a reason why his teacher is called the God of Mischief.

Whether his teacher really wanted to help him is still something that needs to be pondered upon.

There is always a chance that his teacher is doing the bidding of the Supreme One. The possibility is low, but there is still such a possibility

Hence, Loki always need to be cautious and vigilant when dealing with his teacher. He began looking around the garden. There is thick fog on many parts of the gardens.

Fortunately, the fog is not poisonous or anything.

Of course, not all parts of the garden are covered by thick fog. This thick fog only looks thick from afar, but when Loki comes near it, he could easily see pass through the fog and saw more of the flowers that is cultivated inside this garden

He walks around the garden. The smell of the flowers all gave him a refreshing feeling, being embraced by such aromatic and good smelling scent.

Loki also recognize that it is full of life force.

The more he walks around the garden the more he became astonished at it. There were tens of thousands of flowers and that is from the only area that he could see.

Who knows how many flowers that exist inside this garden really is if he were to be given the chance to roam every corner of this garden?

Each of the flowers is different yet it could live alongside each other, like some kind of impossibility. It is like a snake and a chicken live inside the same nest and the snake did not eta the chicken and the chicken did not run form the snake.

Harmoniously existing, defying the normal laws of nature

Some of them is flowers he used to see on Earth. Some of them were flowers that he used to saw in some other planetary systems. Some of it is even flowers that he had never seen before

And that is saying something considering that Loki had seen a lot of things in his life.

Loki smiles as he thinks to himself "this garden must have all the flowers in the Omniverse'

Of course, inside the garden, it is not only flowers that populate it. There is trees that birthed strange fruit. Most of it is fruits that give great abilities and powers to those who eats it.

Loki stop when he arrived in front of a tree.

He then narrowed his eyes as he looks at the leaves of the trees. Then his expression changed to shock and incredulity.

He come closer to the tree and he hold one of the leaf on one of the branch of the tree. His face come closer to the lead and then he could see that on the leaf is a world.

There were living beings inside that leaf, mountain and hills, lakes and seas, villages and cities. But one would not be able to notice it if they don't take a closer look on the leaf. Of course, the world itself is not the shape of a leaf. But a small orb that is like a particle of atom, a spherical planet that rested on the leaf

A world contained inside a leaf. He then releases the leaf and he look all around him. There were tens of thousands of flowers and trees and leaves of all kinds

And if each flowers and trees inside this garden, if each leaf of a tree actually contained a world, then how many worlds is there inside this garden.

'The Primordial Garden' Loki muttered to himself. Now, for some reason, he felt that the title of the garden is very appropriate. If each flower contained a world, then his teacher, as the Gardener, what would be his task?

This question suddenly enters Loki minds and the answer that come a second later, is something that is terrifying for him. So, he stopped thinking about it.

Instead, he focused on why his teacher brought him here? Why show him this? It could not be that his teacher just wants him to marvel the Garden.

Is there something that his teacher wanted to tell him?

He looks again. And then he sighed.

This garden doesn't seem to have an end. And because he could not use his Divine Sense, he could not estimate the true size of this garden.

And then he shivers for a second.

'Cold. Hmm, what kind of cold is this?' he thought to himself.

The cold that he is feeling is unlike any other. He felt pain as the coldness seems to seep deep into his skin and serrating it

The moment he thought of this, the wind blows, and the leaves of the trees sway left and right, the flowers blooms and a Song echoes all over the space.

The song started slow and in the words of Asgardians. Runes lights up and floated all around the gardens. Slowly, the Song become louder and the pace picked up.

It overlapped with all kinds of languages until it become a language that Loki understood. And the song also could now be understood by him

He looks around to try to find the source of the song. But, he could not pinpoint exactly where the Song comes from.

It was like it come from everywhere.

It is from the Poetic Edda, the song about Yggdrasil. But, the notes of the Song are very sorrowful. And this sorrowfulness in the song penetrates deep into his heart.

?I know an ash tree standing named Yggdrasil?

? A high tree besprinkled with white mud?

? thence comes the dew which falls in the valleys?

? it forever stands green above the Source of ure?

The Song echoes endlessly and then Loki saw a large snake, the size of worlds. This scenery appeared on the horizon of the garden.

The sky was render apart and stars dimmed. Loki walk closer to the scene and he could that the snake is devouring worlds and Loki knows that snake.

'Jormungandr' he muttered. After all, Loki had once seen this snake before swirling on his teacher feet when his teacher was teaching him

'What is it that teacher is trying to tell me?' Loki had never felt as clueless as he is now. He always was the smartest one in the room

He never claims he know everything in the Omniverse. But, Loki after breaking through Sovereign level, he knew many secrets.

But it is clear, that he had never seen such scene before. He could feel that this is also related to some secret

He wonders why his teacher is showing something like this to him. Is there some secret about this?

Then before he could contemplate on the matter, another Song rose from the cold wind.

?It sates itself on the life-blood of fated men?

?paints red the powers' homes with crimson gore?

?Black become the sun's beams in the summers that follow, weathers all treacherous?

?Do you still seek to know? And what??

?The Seers spoke to Odin! And woe to Odin Allfather?

A sound of Harp come in and perfected the Song, the song is sorrowful and bring sadness to anyone who listens to it.

This Song overlapped the Songs about Yggdrasil before. Loki himself did not able to catch all the words.

Then another Song echoes. This time, the garden shakes as the sound of gongs and drums echoes out like thunder and lightning fighting each other in the sky accompanying the Song

?Brothers will fight and kill each other?,

?sisters' children will defile kinship?

?It is harsh in the world, whoredom rife?

?an axe age, a sword age shields are riven?

?a wind age, a wolf age before the world goes headlong. ?

?No man will have mercy on another?

Wind blows him and he swayed a bit and then his eyes caught another scene. It shakes him to his core

Chapter 906: Ragnarok (1)

Loki then look at the horizons on the other side and saw Yggdrasil, its roots connected the Eight Realms. It shudders and groans, like it is in pain

Then a Jotun appears, his shield was so large it could fit worlds and withstand even the most powerful explosion in the Universe.

The stars that was rammed by this shield exploded into particles of atom before disintegrating completely, like it had never existed before

'This is.... I need to see more'

Loki fly upwards to see the scene better. The moment he flies upwards; he saw what Jormungandr is doing.

The World Devouring Serpent writhes in pain and anger, causing the waves of the seas of Asgard to crash, affecting the Eight Realms.

The waves were so furious and destructive that it breaks the chains that tied up the ship Naglfar. The moment that ship was released the seas react violently, as tsunamis, thunderstorm, and all kinds of sea disaster seems to be unleashed

The waves unfurl the sails of the ship and it set sail to Asgard, sailing through the stars, crushing any planets that on its way

But Asgard is not the only one that seems to be affected. One of the Eight realms also moves and affected.

Muspellheim shakes and trembles, its volcanic range spew fires that reach to the skies, passing through the heavens and heading toward Asgard like some kind of interplanetary ballistic missile.

When people think of Asgard, and of the Eight realms, people that have not seen the Eight realms would think that these being live in a primitive world, relying on their runic magic to have an advantage over the many interplanetary systems

But that is only on the surface.

The Eight realms are very technologically advanced. They combined magic with science and each realm have their own specialties

The fire Jotnar inhabitants comes out, their bodies are shrouded with fire, each step they take created large flame on the ground

They flew up into the air like a flaming meteor coming out from Muspelheim and heading toward the Aesir.

Jotunheim is aroar and the Aesir trembles as darkness fills the whole Eight Realm, cold winter come upon them

The dwarfs groan by their stone doors and armed themselves with their magical shield and magical axes.

Surtr advances, his sword brighter than the sun and its flame cut the coldness of Fimbulwinter.

The wolf Fenrir roars and Loki could see Odin Allfather, armed from head to toe, his only eye sparkling with light as he pointed his spear Gungnir toward the wolf and engage with the titanic wolf in the starry skies.

The space above Asgard contorted and exploded as stars and planets around the area of their battle exploded and creating all kinds of cosmic phenomenon.

Some star regress and some stars exploded spewing out cosmic matter as some of them is about to become a black hole

Loki was entranced. He did not understand why his teacher is showing him this. he still did not understand.

But he was entranced nonetheless.

So he keeps watching., There might be something that he missed. Maybe there is a message that his teacher is trying to give to him as this dream shows him the scene

Loki knows what scene he is looking at right now

'Ragnarok!'

The Final Destiny of the Gods.

Loki understood that there are still many things about Asgard he did not understand. The reason why he knew all of this figures is because he once went to Asgard. And by went he meant that he truly was inside Asgard.

Of course, he was not allowed to roam around inside Asgard but he has gone into Asgard.

Azief and Will when they were stranded and was searching for a way home back to Earth did pass Asgard. But they did not enter Asgard.

Instead they went to the many planets under Asgard controls.

At most they are in the periphery of Asgard. Asgard and Aesir lies beyond the Source Wall

The Eight Realms is the Eight galaxy system that is ruled by Asgard.

It is connected by Yggdrasil, the mystical tree of Asgard.

And they have the Bifrost, the burning rainbow bridge. It is not exactly like a rainbow as one would think.

Instead it had variety of colors spectrum. The stronger a being is, the more spectrum of colors that they could see from the Bifrost.

For the Asgardians, they called it the Aesir Bridge. It is guarded by Heimdallr.

Loki had seen all of it before hence he could recognize almost all of the figure that is fighting right now.

He flies higher and he could saw Himinbjorg, as he saw heavenly hills and golden dome. Inside that golden dome is the heavenly castle of Heimdallr.

He saw that the bridge is shaking and trembling as the forces of Muspelheim appeared on top of the Bifrost.

They clash with the forces of the Aesir, it affected the heavens and all of the eight realms.

Even though the Eight realm is far away from each other, each one is a galaxy that spans tens of thousands of planets habitable and uninhabitable

All of these eight realms is connected by the roots of Yggdrasil and their transportation method relied on the Bifrost technology.

That has a price. Whatever happens to the Aesir, whatever happened to Asgard, affect the other realms

Surtr appeared riding a flaming horse, and before him and after him, flames burning fire burns the light of the Bifrost

He rides upon the Aesir Bridge and the light, the energy, the laws that underpinned the creation of the Bifrost slowly cracks and it is about to break to pieces.

Thunders and lightning fills the skies and flaming light covered the skies and heavens of Asgard. Cold winter blew all over the eight realm, a magical scene of destruction and devastation spread all over.

The Gods of Asgard flew out and fought as it signifies the final destiny of the Gods

Loki look toward Odin Allfather who is fighting with Fenrir. Fenrir is the son of his teacher. Its mother is the giantess Angerboda.

Yes, Loki teacher is quite the playboy in the Eight realms, siring many children, three of which would play a very heavy role in Ragnarok.

Asgard magic is always misunderstood and feared. It is misunderstood because it did not follow any convention as normal magic which uses at least the concept of energy of the world.

Hence, rarely people understood it. Asgard magic could be considered something that is abstract, something that is intangible and abstract.

One of the humans that Loki knows that very much thrive in this kind of magic is none other than Morgana who uses emotions to fuel her magic and rituals to perform high level magic and curses

And the other one is himself. One of the example of the absurdity of Asgard magic was the imprisonment of Fenrir.

Fenrir is bound by a magical chain, made from the sound of a cat footsteps, the beard of a woman, the breath of a fish and other occult elements.

It is border on impossibility, on intangible things.

But, because it is an impossibility, an element that borders on absurd, that it could chain the might wolf that could devours Gods and Demons

The Gods of Asgard collected all of this elements to create a magical chain powerful enough to bound this gigantic wolf.

Chapter 907: Ragnarok (2)

Its mouth is gagged by a titanic sword after Fenrir bit the hand of the god Tyr as he tries to put the chain on it.

Fenrir is bound to a magical rock that was infused with the water from Mimr Well and blessed by the forces of fate and destiny.

But, in Ragnarok, the wolf is released. And now, it is fighting with Odin Allfather in a story that is predetermined

Loki saw how Fenrir fought Odin toe to toe. But Odin is more powerful than Fenrir. Fenrir who is now jumping across stars devours the suns of the Universe.

Its energy skyrocketed, its wound healed and then it turns back to fight Odin. No matter how Odin uses his spells and his magic, no matter how many times Odin pierce the wolf with his mystical spear, Fenrir healed extremely fast.

But, it is not entirely because Fenrir is powerful that it could ignore most of the damage levied on it

Loki could see there is a force helping Fenrir.

'Destiny and Fate' Loki muttered to himself.

Fenrir is aided by the force of destiny and fate. How ironic! It is fate and destiny that decreed that it should be bound and aided in his bondage.

But it is also destiny and fate that aid Fenrir in defeating Odin.

Loki then saw how Fenrir opens its mouth.

Inside its mouth is a powerful sucking force. Odin powerful spell could not help him.

Loki felt goosebumps rising on his skin. If not for the fact that he doesn't seems to be affected form the battle, he would not have dare to fly so high to look at this scene

For some reason this garden is not affected by the shockwave of the battels of these Gods.

Loki at this moment threw all of that to the back of his mind as he continues watching. He uses his vision and the runes inside the garden glows, helping him.

And Loki knew this is his teacher ways of helping him. He now could see even further and he could now see clearly what is inside the titanic wolf mouth.

It is a supermassive black holes.

When it opens its mouth and wanted to swallow, it created a powerful pulling pressure. It did not only pull Odin. It pulls planets, stars, and even light into it.

And like the Ragnarok foretold, Odin is swallowed whole. Frigga howled in sorrow.

Loki frowned. And muttered

'The Second Sorrow of Frigga' At this time, Loki saw another god flew across the crumbling Bifrost to arrive in front of Fenrir in almost an instant.

The fire of Surtr is now receding in the eight realms. It is only now that this god could appeared.

A song then echoes inside the garden again

?In the god's home?

? Vithar and Vali shall dwell, ?

?When the fires of Surtr have sunk?

? Mothi and Magni shall Mjolnir have ?

? When Vingnir fall in fight?

The song then changes to another song this time, the tone is angry and slow, but there is rage inside the song

?The wolf shall fell, Odin Allfather fell, and this deed shall Vithar avenge?

?Then comes Allfather might son, Vithar in front of the might wolf?

?The terrible jaws of Fenrir shall he tear apart, and so the wolf shall he slay. ?

?To fight with the foaming wolf?

?In the giant son, does he thrust his sword?

?Full to the heart, his father, avenged?

The scene then shows that Vidar appeared and his seven feet tall figures morphed into gigantic proportions to match the titanic wolf figure.

He is as mighty as Thor and as beautiful as Baldur. He commands the power of the stars and the sun and his light covered the eight realms.

He punched the wolf and the shockwave causes the planets nearby to be depressed and changes shapes.

Then Vidar step down with one of his foot onto the lower jaw of Fenrir.

He is stepping on the wolf with his boots. His boot itself is a magical artifact. It glows blue and purple and seems to contains the wishes of the people to eradicate evil and bring prosperity. This wishes turns into the most potent weapon that even the might wolf could not get its head up.

Vidar then grab Fenrir upper jaw in one hand and tearing its mouth apart. He then made a pulling motion with his hand and the spear of his father, Odin flew to his hand

Boundless energy surrounded him and absorbed into him as the Universe seems to tremble and the Laws changes its properties.

Space and Time distorted, gravitational force around him attracts planets and stars as they move out from their gravitational orbit

Bathed in golden light he looks like a savior of the Eight realms. Huginn and Munnin appears in the distance, watching Vidar.

Vidar lifted the spears and runic words appeared all over the Eight Realms floating all over the Heavens.

The Eight Realms trembles in anger of the death of Allfather and energies flew toward Vidar for him to avenge his father

He stabs the wolf with Gungnir and the wolf dies with an explosion that bathed the Eight realms with energy

Life blooms and the enemy of Asgard was destroyed

On the other side was Jormungandr who is met in combat by Thor. Storms and lightning followed Thor into battle. His eyes are fierce and his red hair is spewing flames his beard is long and tied tightly.

There is wounds all over his body, and some snowflakes that covers his wound. This is the wound he got from fighting the frost giants

He rides in a chariot drawn by two goats. These two goats are also titanic in size and its bleating of fear could be heard echoing all the Eight realms.

But even if these two goats are fearful, it still flew toward the World Serpent.

Thor shouted something and a hammer flew out from the Void and he wields his hammer Mjolnir to fight with the World Devouring Serpent.

The moment Mjolnir arrived a Song echoes out, that sings about the hammer. It is already sung before, as it foretold that the sons of Thor will wield Mjolnir after the events of Ragnarok

Modi and Magni heard the song and they felt sad because it is predetermined that their father would die in this battle against Jormungandr.

Mjolnir is the most powerful weapon in all the Eight realms capable of crushing galaxies.

It did not take him long to appeared befog the World Serpent. Loki wonders if the stories were true.

It is said that before this event of Ragnarok, Thor had already clash with the World Serpent two times before it.

Of course if the stories he heard was true, then this is the third and last time that they will meet each other

He fought with the serpent hammering the serpent with his hammer, producing lightning and sharp gales of wind that could cut mountain.

but each time the serpent would got up and spew its poisons or trying to swallow Thor.

Its thick scale protected him from having any deep injuries. The poison also weakens Thor body

The sorrows and wails of the living being all over the Eight realm all enter the ears of Thor.

They curse Asgard and they curse their fates.

Chapter 908: Ragnarok (3)

The World Serpent thrashed about, its tail slaps a planet and the planets exploded with all of its inhabitant dying die without knowing why

A few of these planet flew out from their orbit heading into their sun, creating an even larger explosion that affects the battle between Thor and the World Serpent

Right now, the orders of life and death was in chaos. There were no Valkyries to guide the death and Helheim closes its gates.

The gauntlets on Thor hand is cracking. This gauntlet is required for Thor to wield Mjolnir and it is cracking.

The weight of the hammer causes Thor to have broken bones all over his body. But even so, he keeps fighting the serpent, protecting the other Eight realm from total destruction.

His belt Megindjord that doubles his strength is already almost severed from his waist, as it almost melted because of the poisonous gas around him.

Fenrir set ablaze the skies with figure and Jormungandr sprays poisons to fill the skies

All eight realms were affected by this as this fire is no normal fire and the poisons is no normal poisons.

Thor could only watch when his father died and could not help his other half-brothers and the other gods of Asgard as it takes all of his strength to fight Jormungandr.

Their battle become more intense and more destructive. Each time Thor slams his hammer, the thunder and lightning that was produced would destroys stars and planets.

Each time the World Serpent spews its poisons, millions of living beings that even took a whiff of that air would die in terrible death as it would torture them before they die.

But because they were fighting is Asgard, the inhabitants of Asgard is dying by millions per second.

Thor grab the serpent out from Asgard and flew to one of the other eight realms.

They fight about all over the skies of all the eight realms.

At one point, the serpent manages to bite one of Thor arms but the serpent did not manage to eat the entirety of the arm because Thor quickly smash his hammer on top of Jormungandr head.

Thunders and lightning smashed unto the serpent from some Void of space that was created by Thor.

Loki watched all of this and then he saw Thor charges his hammer with the power of the Omniverse energy and call upon the energy of all the Eight realm unto his hammer.

He then smashes the hammer on top of the serpent head and a large explosion akin of a Big Bang occurs in the space, affecting the tens of thousands of planets in the eight realms, devouring almost half of them.

The serpent is dead, rains of energy falls upon the desolate and battle torn star systems. Loki could see that Thor was sighing and an aura of death swirls around him

Thor took his first step and the space around him contorted as he teleported himself away from Asgard

The scene shows where Thor arrives.

Thor took that one step and he arrives at Vanaheim and greet his Vanir friends.

The Vanir saw him and they greeted him back from afar, and congratulate him for killing the World Serpent but they also look at Thor with pitiful expression.

Thor sighed and he takes another step and he reach Svartalfheim. The moment he arrived he smash his hammer, showing his displeasure to the Black Elves and the shaking of the world and the spewing of the land resources from the ground to the surface is his warning.

Then he took another step and he appeared at Nilfheim.

Here, he did not do anything. He did not greet anyone, he did not become fiery and angered. Instead, he seems to be reminiscing something. The aura of death around him grows thicker.

And some Gods that saw this in their eyes felt sorrow for the champion of Asgard.

and then Thor took another step and he appeared at Muspelheim.

There were tens of thousands of volcanic ranges that spew fires. The entire realm was hot and full of flames. Its rivers are magmas and the ground is scorched soils

The trees are all alien and foreign. The grass is not the green grass but of red fiery grass that extended the large area of Muspelheim

He throws his hammer toward the highest peak of Muspelheim and the thunder and lightning that swirls from the edges of his hammer was unleashed upon the world of the fire giants.

Tens of thousands of gigantic fire giants exploded when that force was unleashed.

Some of them flew to sky to fight against Thor.

Thor ignores them as the death aura around him grows even more thicker and his breath is getting shorter

Loki could guess what would happen to Thor and he felt sad but he also could not help but keep looking at this scene

Then Thor took another step and he appeared at Jotunheim. The land of the Frost Giants. Loki had now seen almost all of the Eight realms of Asgard.

Even if he did not see the battle, the fact that he now could see all of these eight realm, he felt that alone would be helpful to him later.

There was Utgard, the capital of Jotunheim surrounded by walls of ice tens of thousands of feet high. Skrymir, or also called Utgardsloki (Loki of the Outyards) saw that Thor is going to die and he only smiles.

But Thor did not target Skrymir instead he was seeking someone else.

Thor saw Farbauti with his sight and punch him from afar.

Thunder shaped fist appears and quickly the punch arrived in front of Farbauti causing the advisor of the King of Jotuns to be thrown away out of Jotunheim.

Skrymir only look on and smile. Thor did not have much time and he could not fight against Utgardsloki.

Thor then took another step and he arrived at Alfheim.

But before he could even do anything, a magic spell push him out of the realm. This powerful spell was already in place and Thor could only sigh and he had to change his direction

But he had already taken his step and Loki could see that Thor is almost at his last breath. He then took another step and he appeared back at Asgard.

He had stepped eight times and now he reached Asgard he saw the destruction and devastation of Ragnarok and he howls to the sky

He shouted

'Destiny and Fate, how cruel you are!'

The world trembles and thunders and lighting roars, filling the whole of Asgard.

Rain falls down like it is crying for the fate of Thor. Thor gauntlet breaks and fall down in front of the Asgard High Palace.

Thor then throws his hammer toward the skies and he knows that his son would wield it after his passing

Then he took his nine step and he falls down to the ground, Thor the great thunder god, the champion of Asgard had died because of the poison of the World Serpent

And that is not the only battle that is happening and ending

Freyr is fighting with Surtr and he is losing. Freyr is one of the renowned of the Aesir. His horses are all dying and there is wounds on his body that is burning endlessly

Around him the area was full of fire that devours all life.

Freyr had no sword to fight against Surtr because he had given away his sword to his servant Skirnir. But it is also a consequences of fate.

Freyr dies under the fire of Surtr flaming sword, his body is burning and the Aesir gods could see it all from the many places that they are fighting.

Today, is the day that Gods would die

The Eight realms suffer as the sun was covered and there is only darkness.

Planets sinks into the Void, the stars dimmed and then vanish as flames touches the heavens and burning the holy abodes of the Aesir.

And then slowly the scene dissipated like all of it was a mirage.

Chapter 909: A walk in the garden

Loki was stunned and then he frowned. He now has time to think

He is trying to understand why this particular scene was shown to him

But no matter how he thinks about it he doesn't understand.

He flew back down and landed back on the garden.

He looks at the sky and there is no longer any scenes showing a great battle between the Gods of Asgard.

There are only clear blue skies with white clouds that moves peacefully like all he had seen before is a dream.

'A dream inside a dream' he thought to himself

Then suddenly Loki senses some movement around him and he reacted instinctively as he turns his body around and look toward that area

He finally realizes that the fog around the garden had thicken suddenly.

The fog suddenly moves and it slowly covers the areas, encircling Loki. Loki eyes narrowed and a silhouette could be seen appearing inside the thick fog

'Teacher?' Loki said and then a wind blows and all the fog was pushed away revealing a person. This person had scraggly hair, wearing tight outfit with grey robe lined with red on its inner sleeve.

His appearance is thin and pallid.

But this person eyes are very piercing. Loki instantly recognize this person. Because even though the appearance is different, the soul fluctuation from this person is a soul fluctuation that Loki recognize.

And there is only one person that would be able to appear inside this replica of the primordial garden without Loki not being able to sense anything

It is Loki the Cosmic Trickster, Loki teacher. Loki frowned at his teacher sudden appearance. Clearly, he was not expecting that his teacher would directly meet him. He thought that the message would be relayed to him indirectly just like before.

It is obvious that this time he was wrong. Loki the Cosmic trickster saw his disciple face expression and then with a smile he said

'You don't seem happy I am here' There was silence for a few second before Loki the Cosmic Trickster smiles widened as he could guess what his disciple was thinking

'Did you expect me to just give you a puzzle that is hard to solve and let you interpret it?

Loki nodded.

'Peter' Loki the Cosmic trickster said and Loki face fell. Peter is his real name

It is nothing out of the ordinary. Instead it is one of the most ordinary names in Denmark. Loki true name is Peter.

It felt weird hearing his own name. It has been too long since anyone called him by that name. It made him felt a bit nostalgic.

(From this point on, Loki would refer to Loki the Cosmic Trickster)

Loki look at his disciple and smiles

'You presume too much'

Peter look at his teacher and said

'Are you helping me? Or are you trying to stop me?'

Loki smiles and instead of answering Peter question, he asks him another question

'What did you see?' Peter sighed. he knows that when he spoke with his teacher, he unusually asks more than he answers.

That is also one of habits that Peter had also imitated. Peter then said with a sigh

'Ragnarok'

Loki nodded and then he asks

'What did you think that I was trying to tell you by showing Ragnarok to you?' Peter frowned and then he said with an ugly expression on his face

'Are you trying to tell me that fate is fixed? That I could not change anything? Odin Allfather knows his fate that he would be swallowed by Fenrir and so he must accept it? Is that what you are trying to tell me?'

Loki laughed. He shakes his head and then he said

'This is what I don't like about smart people. Sometimes, just sometimes, they overthink too much' There was silence for a second and then Loki said

'I know you. I know that even if that is the message that I want to express to you, it is not like you are going to stop doing what you are doing. You are stubborn that way. I expect no less from my disciple' But then he waves his finger and said

'But, that is not what I was trying to show you. And that is not what I was trying to tell you' Loki sighed and then he asks a question

'Ragnarok. What do you think of it? Is it real, you think?' Loki ask Peter. Peter think for a while and then he shakes his head.

'That is impossible right' He then elaborate

'The scene that you showed must be the Norns prediction or vision of the future right?' But the moment Peter said it, his expression suddenly changes.

There is a possibility that he had never entertained before.

Before, when he was looking at the battle between the Asgardians and the forces of other Eight realms fighting the Aesir, he was astounded, awed and shocked. But he had never thought that it is something that happened before

He speculated it is the vision of the future. Because Loki had seen Thor and the other Aesir before. And they are still alive.

Odin is slumbering. Thor guarded the Halls of Odin. Surtr is still in Muspelheim. The Ship Naglfar is still chained and so is Fenrir.

Peter speculated that the scene that he seen is actually the vision of the Norns.

It is a reasonable speculation. After all, Peter also knows Erika. These Seers and Norns all shares the same source which is Borgan which connected all clairvoyants all over the Omniverse.

One of their abilities is that they could also project the exact vision they saw to be projected outside of their minds.

For the Norns who have powerful clairvoyant abilities, it is nothing for them to do such a thing. But, it wasn't until Loki ask him that question, that he realized something

Those scenes, those battles, were too vivid and too clear to dismiss it as simply a vision of the future by the Norns.

There is no vagueness, there is no mist or Veils trying to interfere with the vision. And then Peter look at his teacher with incredulity as one possibility enter his mind

'It is real?' He asks with a trembling voice. Loki nodded. Then he sighed and with a bitter smile he said.

'I am on your side, Peter. But, I could not help you. This is something that you should understand. But, what I can do for you, to help you, is to reveal to you some knowledge, some secrets that most people don't know'

There was a pause on his words. It seems Loki is trying to find the words that could help him explain

Then he said

'Asgardians, Olympians, they are not as lucky as you would have thought'

Loki said and Peter is trying to make sense of it all. He did not hear what his teacher is saying, only pondering about what his teacher means by nodding his head to his question

'teacher, what do you mean?' Peter ask.

Loki smiles and then said

'Walk with me' Then Loki walk forward

As Loki began walking along, a road suddenly appeared in front of him. It is a trail that is enough for two people to walk along the tall grass and the many trees that fills the gardens

Peter frowned but he follows his teacher, walking beside him but quickly catching up and walking beside his teacher.

They walk a few steps and then Loki began his story.

'The scene you saw is what happened in the past'

'In the past?'

'Yes'

Peter is trying to make sense of something. He was silent for a second and then he asks another question

'But Odin died' Peter said as he looks at the side profile of his teacher. Loki laughed and answer him almost immediately

'he did'

'I don't understand' Peter said. Loki knows he must explain it more.

'That scene you saw was the first Ragnarok'

'The first?' Peter exclaimed for a moment.

There was silence for a few second as they keep walking along the garden.

The wind blows gently and the scent of the flowers calms one heart. Maybe that is the reason Peter is not yet breaking down.

He took a little time to digest what his teacher is saying. A few second passes and then he asks

'How many times did Ragnarok happens?' Peter already accepted that Ragnarok has happened before.

Loki smiles and laughed

'You are asking the right person. Six times already'

Six times! Peter was shocked but then he caught something in his teacher words. He immediately asks his teacher

'You said that I was asking the right person. What do you mean by that?'

Loki clapped his hand slightly.

'as expected of my disciple' Sighing he said

'There is only a few people in Asgard that retain their memories of Ragnarok each time it happens.'

'There is me. There is Surtr. Then there is Odin. Of course there are a few others that I would not mention. It is simply because mentioning it would not change what you have to do and what you planned to do. As such, there is no need for you to fixate in the wrong things. Asgard matters....is Asgard matters. In the end, most of the events would happen in Earth Prime. The Battle of the End, the True End would happen in Earth Prime'

Peter nodded. What his teacher said is true. He didn't need to know the full story. He only needs to know the important part.

Of course, if the important part did not actually relate that heavily to the Battle of the End, then he must seek the full story

They walk again and time passes again. Of course, Peter also wanted to ask more question. But he wants to make sure that the question he asks shoot straight to the crux.

He thought for a while.

He still did not understand why this Final Destiny of the Gods had repeated. there must be a reason why it is repeated.

It could not be the Asgardian gods is bunch of masochist that wanted to be killed and revived infinitely. There is also the question of reviving.

And from what his teacher said, not everyone remembers what happens.

He wanted to understand what is happening. He had a premonition that this relates very heavily with what he is planning.

He then asks his teacher a simple question. Though, it is a simple question, the answer would probably be very complicated. Peter look at his teacher and then simply ask him

'Why?' Loki hearing his disciple question, halted his step for a second.

He understood what his disciple is asking him. Why was Ragnarok keep being repeated. Why? This question has many meaning.

'At least you remember what I thought you? Sometimes, the shorter the question, the more then answerer had to elaborate?' He said to Peter.

But, Peter had no leisure to brag about it or feeling good about it. For some reason, he did not think what he would learn would make his heart at ease.

Loki also realizes it and said

'I would try to explain it as simple as I could' he sighed and then he began thinking of how to explain this in the perspective of people from Earth

Loki had been to Earth a few thousand years ago for the battle for the fragments of the All Source.

He smiles a bit.

'That was a wild time' Loki thought to himself. He still remembers he had stolen ambrosia from Olympus, trying to woo Athena and Artemis, fought with Apollo who was jealous.

Apollo had quite the sister complex. And he also had met with Hades. His daughter, Hel was quite enamored with that Lord of the Underworld, but Persephone was quite the jealous wife.

Of course, Loki had always remembered Hera. He always felt pitiful of her to have Zeus as her husband

But alas, it was not meant to be. Loki might be mischievous, but he also had a heart that could love.

He is a playboy, sure, but most of that reputation was when he was young. He rarely fell in love. And the feeling he had for Hera....it was complicated

It was a different era, and it was an era of warfare. Sometimes, he wished that he had never follow his sworn brother Odin to vie for the All Source fragment. If he did not, he would never have met with Hera, he thought to himself.

It is not all bad. He also remembers how he had competed with Erlang on their arts of transformation.

It was wild back then.

Everyone was competing against each other for a part of the All Source. And Asgard also got one.

It elevated the Asgardian civilization as one of the most powerful intergalactic civilization in the Omniverse.

So, he knew about Earth. But at that time, humans were still primitive. This concept that he must explain to his disciple is a little bit complicated.

Though, Loki knows that humans had already touch this realm of knowledge...though humanity only touch upon its theories and never had the ability to prove it before.

Loki could not use the terms that he used in the eight realm to explain it to Peter because then he could not make his meaning to come across

Loki sighed for a second

'Wait a moment' Loki said to Peter.

He seeks his memories and he reviews the knowledge of Earth before the Fall happens. It is not hard really for him to do this.

Because there is a study in "that house" that contains all the knowledge in the Omniverse, from time beginning.

It took him a second and then he finally has a way of explaining the matter of Ragnarok to his disciple He smiles and he stop walking.

He looks forward and he could see that the trail is still long. He still has time he thought to himself.

He fears that what he is doing right now would be frowned upon by the Supreme One. He had tried to be impartial.

But after all, he has feelings.

How could it be easy for him to be impartial.

Peter might not be able to see it but Loki could see that there is a barrier of light in the distance.

When he reaches that barrier of light, that is when his time would end.

The dream is still stable.

Inside this dream, no one could even sense that he had contacted Peter. He is not worried about the Supreme One knowing what he is doing.

He is worried about those ancient beings like Azul, Wargod, and the Destroyer knowing what he is doing

He sighed and then he stopped walking for a second. And as he stopped walking, Peter also stopped walking

He waited for his teacher to speak

And then Loki look at his disciple and said with a smile.

'Do you know of the Fermi paradox? Do you know the theory of the Great Filter?'

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For a moment Peter was speechless.

Then Peter tries to think about it and then he nodded but his expression was that he is not quite sure.

If Loki ask this to his other avatar, they might not know. But Peter, at least the Number Seven had learn many knowledge on many libraries all across the Omniverse. He even had read all the books in the Librarian Study Room

The Librarian had all the books ever written on Earth. Of course, right now that Librarian is not yet even born.

But Loki knows what is Fermi Paradox is. It took him for a few second but the knowledge comes naturally to him

When people look at the sky, they would sometimes be awed by the starry skies and the vast open space up there.

Or they would felt struck by the epic beauty or blow away by the insane scale of the Universe that seems limitless.

They felt their own smallness when they saw the sky. It felt like they were ants and the space is the sky inside a well

Everyone felt something when the look at the sky.

But the person who created the Fermi Paradox, physicists Enrico Fermi probably ask the sky

"Where is everybody?'

And everybody means other beings that might exist in the vast galaxy.

The starry sky seems vast but most people that did not have the ability to fly outside the Milky Way, they would only be able to see the stars of the Milky Way galaxy

The starry sky is vaster than any human could think off. It is so vast that trying to visualize it is a hard task

On the very best nights, when the clouds did not cover the sky, when no dust is able to cloud the sky, normal humans can see up to about two thousand stars in the sky

This is roughly one hundred-millionth of the stars in the Milky Way galaxy and almost all of them are less than a thousand light year away from Earth, or one percent of the diameter of the Milky Way.

Humans are limited in their understanding of the vastness of the galaxy. Peter was thinking deeply and Loki who was looking at his disciple did not disturb his disciple.

he knew that his disciple is trying to find the information in his mind.

It is not surprising for Loki to see his disciple having so hard a time trying to dig out one memory. This is because how deep Peter hide his memories inside his consciousness.

Inside Peter mind right now, he is slowly refreshing back his knowledge about Fermi Paradox.

Fermi Paradox is not about the size of the Universe, or how many stars we could see in the starry skies of the night

Instead it is related to a question that have tantalizes most humans which is "Is there other intelligent life out there?"

As many stars as there are in the Milky Way galaxy, there is roughly an equal number of galaxies in the observable universe.

So, for every star in the colossal Milky Way, there is a whole galaxy out there

Altogether, that comes to the typically quoted range of between ten and ten total stars, which means incredibly for every grain of sand on every beach on Earth, there are ten thousand stars out there

After many calculations, roughly it could suggest that there is a potentially-habitable Earth like planet orbiting at least one percent of the total stars in the Universe, which translate to a total of one hundred billion Earth like planets

In other words, one could think of it like there is one hundred Earth-like planets for every grain of sand in the world

That is a lot of worlds

Of course, Peter knows that aliens do exist and some of them are quiet similar to humans and some of them are completely different.

There are many stars and there are many lifeforms

Whatever the case was, alien exist.

At least, that answer the question of where is everybody. But Fermi Paradox is not only about where is everybody up in the sky.

It relates heavily to another question. Because there are actually three theories about the Fermi Paradox.

Let assume that after billions of years in existence, one percent of Earth-like planets develop life, which if it's true, every grain of sand would represent one planet with life on it

And let assume that on one percent of those planet, the life advances to an intelligent level like it did on Earth

Of course, Peter knows that there is also those who developed even more advanced than Earth

But for the sake of arguments, Peter is using Earth as an example and using the ideas before the discovery of other alien civilization.

if such amount of intelligent life were to exist, that would there were ten quadrillion, or ten million billion intelligent civilizations in the observable Universe

But then, before the Fall where is everybody? Why had they not visited Earth? Why did no one had detected any of them

But, of course after the event of the Fall of the Meteors which brought about a new era in humanity evolutionary process, this question was answered

Everybody was far away.

And the reason that they did not colonize Earth is simply because the Milky Way galaxy is cordoned off from powerful alien civilization until the day that the All Source was send to Earth prime

But, even though that solve where everybody is, this did not mean anything good at all for humanity future.

And the fact that Loki suddenly said about Great Filter, it slowly gives Peter a bit of enlightenment regarding the whole matter

There is something that is called the Great Filter. To understand the Great Filter one must understand one thing first

There is something that is called the Kardashev Scale. This Kardashev scale theory was proposed by Nikolai Kardashev in 1964.

this Kardashev scale is propped to help humanity group intelligent civilization.

Of course it has been argued that humanity cannot understand advanced civilization hence this scale is not an exact scale that could truly predict the behavior of advanced civilization.

Hence, the Kardashev scale may not be relevant or useful for classifying extra-terrestrial civilization.

And Peter had seen such civilization that did not conform to this scale. But there also some others that could be grouped according to the scale.

To put it simply there are three broad categories in Kardashev scale. A Type I civilization has the ability to use all the energy on their planet.

Earth before the Fall, in around Type 0.7. But it could be argued that if one follows this scale, Earth right now is on a Type I civilization.

There are many technological advances that is happening after the fall.

People like Azief and the great heroes of the world might not know this since they focused on other things but the Order of Thinkers had created many technological advances that had bring humanity out from the days of the era past.

It is believed that a transition from Type 0 to Type 1 might carry a risk of great destruction or a change to the social order since they entail surpassing the hard limit of the resources available in the existing civilization territory

The annihilation of billions of people is quite a change to the social order and the subsequent changes of the world laws is also another change

Loki could group Earth right now as a Type I civilization, a civilization that has the ability to use all the energy on Earth

As for a Type II civilization, it is a civilization that could harness all the energy of their host star. Some of the planets in the Eight realms of Asgard falls into this category having something like a Dyson sphere

On Earth such civilization it is something that is theoretical and the current human civilization did not yet plan to create such a thing

But some of the planets inside the Eight realms do have what humans would call the Dyson Sphere.

A megastructure that completely encompasses a star and captures a large percentage of the energy output so that it could be used by the host planet.

It encircles a star and enables the civilization to harvest more energy for their use. Some of them uses a technology that is akin to an Alderson disk, also an artificial astronomical megastructure.

As for Earth, they are slowly reaching to this Type II civilization. There is the digitization of currency right now by the World Order using something called a Bitcoin.

This is to combat the highly chaotic system of using the gold that most people would get after killing monster.

Azief for example had long not cares about his gold. He mostly unloaded the gold he has inside his own personal vault inside Pandemonium Center Palace.

Bitcoin was an idea. Peter knew where Hirate got the idea. He went to one of the many worlds in the Multiverse and he got the idea from there

There was also other digital currency in that world other than Bitcoin. One of them is named after an element

And there is one other that is named after the famous Ada Lovelace.