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'Could I go now?' yet, that question still come out from his mouth. Jean understood the anxiousness in Azief heart.

'No' Jean said

'I need time to stabilize it. If you enter it right now, the time dilation would not be complete. If you enter now, you would arrive three months later in Seresian world. Give me time. I would make sure that when you enter that portal, it would only be three days in that world'

Azief nodded. Jean needed time to stabilize the Time Difference between the two worlds.

How much time do I have?' Azief have. Azief is already thinking about what he should do. But he needs a timeframe. Jena was silent for a second. He then said

'A week' Azief thought for a moment and then he said

'I have one week then'

'Settle things before you go' Jean said

Azief was about to take another step and leave this place when suddenly he stops and said

'Why was Loki blamed?'

Then he added

'Why did Hirate framed him? He must know that I would come to him. And why did you help him cover it up? I also did not hear Hikigaya refuting it'

Then sighing Azief said

'I know he is injured. But if he wanted to announce to the world that it was I that was the cause of this Multiversal Convergence, it would be easy for him'

Jean did not answer Azief question immediately. Instead, he paused there for a second. then sighing he answers Azief question

'This is not Hirate idea. He knew that you would come for him, if he did this. But he did it anyway. One of the reason is because this is not his idea. The other reason is.... for the world'

Azief analyzed Jean words and then he reached to a conclusion

'Loki...planned this?' Jean nodded

'Why?'

'Who knows? Maybe, he has his own plans. Or maybe, because you are his brother and he doesn't want you to take the blame. Or maybe he is like Hirate, caring about the world if you went to war with all the Great Powers in the world. You must have known that if the world were to ever find out that it was you that trigger the Multiversal Convergence, the people would turn against you. The Great powers then

would have no choice other than to try to fight you. When that happens, you would surely not just sit there and take it.'

Jean look at Azief and simply said

'The answer would then be war. And the world could not afford to get in a war with you right now. Not when the whole world believes that you are a hero.'

Azief frowned. But he could understand Jean thoughts. But he could not understand Loki. Sighing, Azief close his eyes for a second. He had heard to many bad news in one day. But then he asks.

'What do you mean when you say that Hirate did it for the world?' Jean laughed bitterly and said

'Hirate said, the world would not survive a war with you.

'So, he makes Loki the scapegoat' Azief sneered. Jean shakes his head and simply said

'It is not fair to blame Hirate on this matter. Loki was willing to be the scapegoat. He volunteered for it' Azief did not know what to say about this.

He of course knows more about Loki than anyone else. And he knows that Loki come from a different version of Timeline.

A future timeline.

So, each time Loki does something Azief must look at it from many different perspectives. And it is because of that he could remain calm.

If he did not know of Loki identity as a time-slipped person, he might have been angry and feeling Loki is doing something stupid to sacrifice himself for him.

And that is exactly what Loki is doing.

But Loki must have a reason why he would bear the title as the perpetrator of the largest and most catastrophic disaster in the history of the world

But Azief still did not feel what Loki had done is something that he could approve of. It is not something that Loki should bear.

So, Azief could only sigh. Since he did not know what he should do to dispel this news. Even if he said it was him that does it, people would only think of him as trying to protect Loki.

Especially when Hirate had already announced the matter and Loki did not refute it not to mention that no other powerhouses stood up to say that the matter is wrong. Jean must have been persuaded by Hirate to think of the greater good and he shut his mouth. Even if Jean told the truth right now, no one would believe him as they would think that he had bene threatened by Azief

Loki had planned this beautifully. Even if he confesses to the matter, people would think of him as simply trying to protect Loki who everyone knows Azief treated like his own little brother.

And even if people believes him, Loki could still come out and confess to it by himself. There is no end to it.

Azief close his eyes as he already had crafted a plan. He accepted what Loki did for him. But accepting it did not mean he was giving up.

He had his own methods. Azief then look in front of him.

Hmm' he contemplated. There are many things to do and little time to do it

Nothing beats a challenge, he thought to himself

There are many people he should meet before he goes to the Seresian world

He had for a second think to separate his avatar from his body and quickly settle all that needs to be settled

But, he decided against it.

'I need to break through Essence Creation' he thought to himself.

Azief himself was not that far away from breaking through to the next realm of power. It is only because he had purposefully restrained himself from entering that realm.

There are a few things he must do before he breaks thought to that realm

He must make sure that nothing would hinder him Perfecting his Path to enter Essence Creation.

If he could break through to Essence Creation before the one-week period, then there is a higher possibility of him easily rescuing Katarina.

And he must also pay the price toward the Oracle, he had let her waited for him long enough. Azief then look back at Jean and he simply said

'A week later I would come to the hill' Then with a hesitant word he said

'Look after Sofia.' Jean nodded and then he turns into a green purplish motes of light that drifted along the wind

Azief look on as he sighed

Azief felt very awkward to speak with Sofia right now. because he fears that she would ask him to stay.

Azief is quite sure that the Demon King is setting him up for a trap when he enters the Seresian world

But this is Katarina. She is not any other woman. She is Katarina. And she is special. And even when he knew that it is a trap, he would still go.

And he fears that Sofia would ask him to stay. Because if she did, then Sofia would be disappointed with his answer.

He owed Katarina too much.

And he did not know how to repay her. The more he owes her, the more he felt guilty. The more he felt guilty, the harder it is to erase her from his heart

He sighed again and then he saw a griffin up there in the air as it swoops down from the sky and landed a few feet away from him

Boris' Azief thought to himself.

Boris stride towards him and he said

'Did you know?' Boris is not sure whether Azief had find out what happen to his sister or not. Boris look at Azief and there is this anger in him that he could not quite describe.

He always felt that his sister falling in love with such a dangerous person like Death Monarch would never be something that would be good for her.

And his premonition is proven today. Because of her connection with Death Monarch, she was kidnapped by some Demon king of some Other Worlds.

If not for the fact that Death Monarch is a being that surpassed him in power and abilities, he would sock a punch on him

He had always wanted his sister to fall in love with an ordinary man. An ordinary man would not hurt his sister

They would not even dare to. But Death Monarch is different.

Azief nodded and said

I know

What you are going to do? Boris knows the stance of the other world leader even without him talking to them. Those world leaders would surely not in favor of having Death Monarch leaving Earth after such a disaster.

They need a protector and someone that could repel such threat.

As such, they would try to sway Death Monarch to stay

But, Boris knew that in this world, only one person is strong enough to bring his sister back. That is why even though he was angry with Death Monarch, he still comes here and even in his anger, his tone is pleading. He fears that the feeling that Death Monarch has for his sister would not be enough for him to disregard the mortal danger that might occurred if he goes to the Seresian world

Azief understood Boris worries.

He simply said

'I am coming for her and I'm getting her back' And there is an unmistakable confidence in his voice and determination is apparent from his gaze.

Azief look toward that area where the hill is and he simply said

'He will pay for this'

Chapter 922: Beast monarch

The sound of sky quakes in the sky, the rain on the side of the world, the storms that rises and fizzles out, the thunder and lightning that fills the sky and the tremors that shakes the Earth

All over the world, all kinds of phenomena had happened because of the aftermath of the world expansion.

And somewhere, on some island, there is a man wearing a black tight robe looking at something with his glowing blue eyes.

His hair floats like there is the forces of nature holding it up. His body seems to surrounded by misty glowing orbs, like a will o wisp.

The Laws of the world obeyed his will.

This man looks upon a hill.

The hill was tens of thousands of miles away from him. But his eyes could see it almost like he was there, on site. His eyes seem to be analyzing the place, analyzing the Hill

And this hill had become a congregation place, revolving around one man there who was sitting in the air, emanating Time energy from his body.

The people surrounding that man is all people that the observer recognize.

There is the Golden Speedster Will, Divine Archer Sofia, The Three Great Generals of Pandemonium, and many others, helping that person on the hill maintained his power of Time.

The one looking at the hill frowned.

'Can he truly last a week?' He thought to himself.

The one that is on that hill is Jean the Time Monarch. And the one looking at the hill is none other than Death Monarch

He looks at that hill for a few seconds, and he closes his eyes.

There is a fire in his heart right now as he clenches his fist before releasing it back like he forcefully calms his heart down

His thought is now full of ideas as the determination that he has would be converted to effort to save her

'I will get you back' he thought to himself as he clenches his fist.

There is anger in his heart. And that anger is not directed toward the Demon King. And it was not directed at Jean. It was directed at himself.

Katarina, one of the women in his life that he never wants to hurt is now harmed because of him

There is a feeling of guilt but there is mostly anger. He takes a deep breath as he calms down his heart.

He then opens back his eyes and his eyes is now calm.

'There is a lot of thing I need to do and not enough time' he thought to himself. Azief then look at his side and he frowned.

Not far away from him is a man who is muscly and is looking at Azief with a complicated expression

This person is Boris, the sister of Katarina.

He is wearing his thick bear robe and his body still have wounds that he had sustained from fighting the demonic horde of the Seresian invaders.

But he disregards all of that, ride his griffin and exhausted his energy to supply his griffin with power so that he could meet with Death Monarch and ask for his help.

Because this matter relates to his sister. He could ignore everything for his sister. Even his apparent dislike for Azief could be ignored for a moment

Boris observe Azief the moment he arrived here.

He saw Azief had avert his gaze.

Azief might be looking forward but Boris know for people of Death Monarch level, the things he could see and the things that other leveler could see is different.

His gaze might be able to envelope the whole world so much so that nothing could escape his sight.

That is terrifying in itself.

But Boris stand his ground. Because this man, this person feared by all the Great Powers of the world is the one responsible for the Demon King to kidnap his sister.

If anything happens to Katarina, Boris did not know how to live in a world without his sister. He heard Death Monarch declaration. But that is worthless until the result is shown to him.

The wind blows as there is another storm forming in the distance.

This time it is a storm of water, a tornado in the ocean that rises up because of the breath of some gigantic sea creatures that tries to rise up from the bottom of the ocean.

The tornado of water is coming toward the area.

Boris felt a little bit intimidated.

Azief realizes it as he gazes upon that water tornado and immediately it fizzles out as the area around the water turns red.

With one gaze, he had exploded the entire being of that sea creatures. Boris sighed.

he could not be afraid of Death Monarch right now. Instead of being afraid he is actually angry with Azief.

Sighing he said to Azief

'I still don't like you. But she.....she loves you. I hope that means something to you' Azief did not reply but he knew what Boris is trying to say.

He is telling him not to betray the feeling of his sister. Azief nodded and then he said to Boris

'You don't have to try to manipulate me to try saving your sister. I would still go regardless of anything'

Boris then nodded. Behind him, is his griffin playing with the grass with its large sharp claws waiting for Boris to ride it again.

'What should I do?' He asks as he look at Azief. Azief was also thinking of the same thing. Since he had a week to plan, he should make use of this week to the fullest.

'How about the Republic?' Azief ask Boris and Boris simply said.

'I care more about my sister' Azief raise his eyebrows and said

'That is not a good trait for a leader'

'I seek for power to protect my sister. That had never changed' Boris reply. Azief look at Boris like he was looking at a new person.

He is quite different from what Azief thought he would be. It is just testament that people could continue surprise you

Azief mind is full of thoughts right now. he needs to make many moves now. Since he has a week, things should be made clear as fast as possible.

Then he said

'You should stabilize the Republic first. Relocate the people that would come out from the Mirror Dimension of the Arrayist Sage. Make sure the Crime Alliance did not do anything and look out for those gray organizations. Try to determine where they are right now'

Azief clearly had his ideas about the organization that would target him during these period of times.

They would not pose a threat to him, but time is precious. And Azief won't have time to deal with many of this gray organization especially the Crime Alliance.

He continues saying

'The world has expanded and this is far from over. The energy that pour into Earth is not yet fully digested by the World Orb. There would be many more changes in a couple of days. More mystical places might suddenly appear in some empty space on Earth and even spatial crack lading to some empty dimension or pocket dimension is not out of the question.'

Pausing for a second, he then continued saying

'And this many lands that have appeared would expand even more. As such, I believe there is a lot more places for these gray organization to grow hiding in the many lands and new continents that sprouted out. There are even some places that could hide from my Divine sense because of its mystical properties. For these areas, manual surveillance needed to be done. Make sure the Great Power dominance over the other is not threatened. Calm the seas and make sure the skies are not covered with flying beast. That is what you can and should do now'

'Will it help my sister?' He snorted and Azief simply said

'It would help me. And helping me is helping your sister right now.'

Azief could guess that there would be people who would try to distract him this week so that when he does go to the Seresian world, he would be unprepared.

After all, his enemies wanted him to die.

And after the spectacle of his power these people that is hiding in the dark and waiting for an opportune moment probably wanted him to die even more.

After all, they too wanted to shine in this era.

And as long as Azief is still the strongest person in the world, their time to shine would not come.

Of course the solution for such a problem is simply for him to not go and save Katarina.

But, like most people thought, that is not something that Azief would do. Regardless of the cost, this is the right thing to do.

Even if it isn't, Azief would still do it. Because it is Katarina. Even if she goes into Hell, Azief would go and try to save her.

He closes his eyes for a moment and he saw Katarina smile in his mind and that smile make him feel pain. If Katarina were to suffer for him, he would feel even more guilt.

Then how could he stand in front of her without any feelings? He sighed inwardly. Boris then walk away and he flew to his griffin who was waiting for him. He then simply said

'I will make you my mortal enemy if you fail to save my sister' Azief reply

'If I fail to save her, that failure is enough to destroy me' he said and Boris frowned.

Who knows what his feeling is when he heard what Azief said and what is contained in that gaze. He could only sigh

Chapter 923: Floating island in the distance

'Death Monarch.... maybe this is why you make my sister so tortured' he thought to himself

In his mind, he never could understand why Azief chose Sofia and not his sister. He did not like the guy. But he did not like feeling that his sister is not good enough for other people.

Katarina is his sister.

The sister he had protected from the hands of his father.

He is Katarina brother but sometimes he acted like her father. He gave her the love their father had never given her.

He protected her like a father

There is nothing he would not do for his sister

If there is one thing Boris wanted for her sister is for her to always be happy and never get hurt.

It is fine for him to remember all the darkness that they had to endure during their childhood. He wanted to raise her in the sun, so that she could stand under the sun happily.

She is someone who Boris poured all his love to. Because he knows that she did not have that growing up.

And Katarina love her brother and that love was the reason why she always listens to her brother.

It is not the same like she was following the order of her father which was motivated by fear.

But, because of this man, she had twice risk her life. And that is something that make Boris feel Azief is a very dangerous man.

Not because his sister loves him.

But because his sister did not mind dying for him. She should not have to die for anyone. She should live and she should live happily.

That is the only wish he had for his sister. It is just that life had never give anything he ever wanted. Katarina is the stronger one in terms of her powers and abilities.

Even Boris with his horde of monster could not compare to the red sword of his sister. He did not mind being weaker than his sister.

What he did mind however was the fact that he could not protect Katarina as well as he could.

He could no longer protect his sister as now it is his sister that protects him from his enemies. That is not something that she should do.

The burden that should have been his to bear, was taken by his sister.

When he asks her to put down the burden, she would always say that it is her repaying the matter of the past.

There is no longer scars and bruises of the past on his body because of the transformation after rising to Disk Formation.

But, his sister still remembers the dark room, the sound of the slaps and the beatings that he had taken for her.

And she had taken for herself to help him because she felt that she owed him somehow. He should have told her, that she owed him nothing.

That is what a brother do for their sister.

There is never a right answer. He could not stop her from doing things. But he wishes he could have. He wishes he could stop her from meeting Azief.

He sighed as he walks to his griffin, showing his intention to leave the area.

He come close to it and then patting the griffin, he sends a message to the griffin to fly and in just a mere second, Boris left the area, flying in the sky among the clouds, navigating the storms that would sweep the clouds up and shakes the ground below.

Azief is still there on the area.

'I should pay a visit to him' he muttered under his breath

His eyes narrowed as he looks toward a floating island in the distance, the distance between him and that floating island is tens of thousands of miles away

And not to mention there is mountains that would block one sight, the hazy mist on the large vast open seas, the titanic stretch of land that separated him and that island, but in Azief eyes it was like the floating island is in front of him.

His sight covers the whole island and he could see everything he was there, walking inside the island, looking at each grass on the ground, feeling the air of that island and smell the scent of the ocean.

He smirked as he could see his target.

There is a lot of people he needs to visit today.

Because tomorrow, he would like to start trying to breakthrough to Essence Creation.

Only if he is in Essence Creation he could confidently went inside the portal and went to the Seresian world and try to save Katarina.

He is anxious.

But he is not stupid. He did not want to do a suicide mission that would end in Katarina dying meaninglessly.

He would not care if he has to die. But Katarina should not. But the most ideal ending, was that for both of them to live.

And breaking through is his only way right now to make sure that ideal ending could be achieved.

But even though he needs to meet a lot of people today, he did not split his body into avatars and meet all of them at the same time

It is not because he couldn't do that.

The reason is simply because he wanted to break through to Essence Creation later and he lets his Law Avatars inside his body gather the laws of the world until it is truly at its peak.

Each time he uses his Law Avatar it consumes a lot of energy.

There is no need to waste it with things that is not beneficial. And there is still the fact that he still needs to be vigilant.

The Demon King might have left but who knows what kinds of other evil things that is now residing on Earth. Azief after all could sense there is many more humans than before

There is now around twenty billion humans in the world. That alone had surpassed the population of humans before the Fall ever happened.

Before the Fall, the population of humans on Earth was around seven billion people.

After the Fall, it fell down to around six billion or five billions. Then the Weronian Invasion which further drove down the human population to four to three billion humans on Earth

Then why would suddenly the population of humans suddenly explode to twenty billion people which almost a fivefold increase of human population.

Because these other humans are humans from Other Worlds that was either stuck here when the barrier between worlds was closed, or those who accidentally enter here and did not want to return to their world

Azief saw there is even an entire kingdom that was suddenly transported into Earth Prime. This is another problem that the Great Powers had to handle.

Humans from the Other Worlds is not the only race that stay here on Earth. There is even more beast or all kinds that also were I the same situations like the humans of the Other Worlds.

There are all kinds of new beast that Azief had sense with his Divine Sense. Some of them are sea creatures that was gigantic in size, slithering on the bottom of the vast dark deep sea.

There are also titanic land creatures like an elephant the size of a thirty floor building. If this was before, all of these new creatures that had enter Earth would create massive damage to Earth.

But with the expansion of the planet, the world is now very vast and twenty billion people is a small amount of people that there is land for everybody.

Supermassive continents could be found almost everywhere. Earth become a Super Earth. The beast is also dangerous. Who could guarantee that these beasts would not suddenly went into attack mode?

Earth had become a fantasy-like world like those Xianxia novel he had read in the past. There is monsters, titanic beast, and magic

And this is the other reason why Azief would not wastefully uses his law Avatar to meet with people right now.

The danger is still present.

Who knows if this group of humans from the Other Worlds have some weapon that could change the balance of power in this world?

If there is such a thing that could threaten Earth safety, then Azief should be in full strength to make sure that it could not be used to create damage.

And the beast is also a matter of concern since they too could possess great power of destruction. Azief had many considerations when using his power.

While his power is at the top, he would always remember never to underestimate his enemies. He shakes his head as he thought to himself

'One problem at a time' he reminded himself to pace himself and not to get too impatient.

Not to be too overwhelmed.

The news that Katarina is kidnapped messes with his mind.

Emotions sometimes rules him. And that is never good for decision making. He had matured from his past experience.

But, Azief knows he is not yet mature enough to just be cold and heartless. It is because he had a heart that he felt all of this emotion.

If he is purely only seeking benefits, then that is not him. At times, the decision he would make would not benefit him at all.

Such action would make people call him an idiot.

But, that is who he is. Sometimes, he did not do the smart thing. He did the wrong thing for the right reason.

The smartest thing to do right now was to abandon Katarina.

That is beneficial for him.

He did not have to risk his safety and could easily waited and increase his level without the added pressure of trying to save Katarina in a week

But, Azief is not heartless.

So, he would make that stupid decision for her. It is like that time when he and Sofia trying to cross the Pahang River.

He had thought that he could be heartless. He thought that he would see her Sofia as nothing but an asset that could help him survive.

But when the time comes, Azief throws all that thoughts out of the back of his mind and even sacrifice his arm to help save Sofia.

Sometimes, the things he thought off and the things he speaks off runs contrary to what he is feeling in his heart.

It is different from saying and thinking of it and actually doing it.

He then once again looks toward that island in the distance

His eyes are trained at that island. He once again locks down his target. That person is standing on a balcony overlooking his soldiers.

He has many people to meet and he wanted to start with that person.

'Hmm. It is time for us to talk'

Chapter 924: Powerlessness

Azief entire body then glows golden as a powerful emanation of power erupted from him and then entire area where he was at depressed to the ground but Azief was still standing on the same height as before as his body seems to be floating.

The pressure around him multiplied and the ground and the particles of atoms around him was flattened.

'I need him to explain to me' he thought to himself as his eyes narrowed and his mind will the Laws of the World to beckon to his orders.

He closes his eyes and his body seems to be blurry and transparent, like he had become some ethereal being that merge with the world.

Szxhiiit!

A sound of something being grinded against something could be heard and then like a film is being cut, Azief simply disappeared from the area, as the space around where he was at split for a momentary second before it merges back.

The area then regains its calmness. And Azief disappears from the area as his figure seems to ignore space and time.

He is traveling to that island he saw in his eyes.

And that island is none other than the famous Island of Peace the headquarters of the World Government.

And there is only one person there that Azief wanted to meet and only one person there that should explain to him.

Azief travel through time and space making his journey to the Island of Peace instantaneous. He saw the lines and the matrix formation as he come close to the Island in his Law Form

He smirks as he rams his body to the matrixes of array formations.

The Island of Peace had just raise their barriers and their defensive formation.

But before they could add more matrix formation to the protection formation suddenly the formation masters that was hard at work suddenly coughed up blood before staggering and kneeling on the ground.

'Argh!' The sound of screams and shock could be heard all over the edges of the island where most of these formation master was working.

Golden blood coughed up from their mouth, as their face pale and their entire body is trembling as the consequences of a backlash

They felt like their veins is exploding inside their body

'There is an intruder! Sound the alarms!' Some of the formation master held out a device and press the button on that device as the alarm system was activated.

Hirate was standing on the balcony of the Quorum building looking at the horizon that is opening up as the storms of energy has calmed down a bit in the seas around the island

He could see the vast ocean in front of him and the height of the heavens above.

The white clouds, the breezy wind of the sea and opening horizon gives him the feeling of serenity and peace

Everything look peaceful but then he saw the ripples in the fabrics of reality, feeling the waves of energy that preceded a powerful explosion of energy.

He felt the pressure that suddenly is enveloping the Island of Peace. His eyes widened because of the shock.

The pressure envelops the island in almost an instant.

It was like it was not there one second and suddenly like a crash that happens without rhyme or reason, the entire island seems to be pressured by some powerful heaven shaking pressure.

'What is happening? Who is so bold to attack Island of Peace right now?' he thought to himself.

His shock is not yet ending.

The moment he felt that pressure, he also saw that the translucent barrier formation that his people had just set up suddenly cracks and then waves around like something was thrown into a lake and it ripples violently.

And then it broke. Hirate was startled at this point.

Who was so powerful that all of the formation of the island was so effortlessly destroyed? He was about to send his psionic force in full power to sense the intruder.

This is another thing that causes his heart to beat erratically right now.

because even though the barrier was destroyed, he could not sense the intruder.

There is no sign of a weapon bombarding the barriers and there is no sign someone had just blasted their way into the Island of Peace.

In that split second, he thought it was an illusion attack and that all he is seeing and feeling right now is an illusion attack.

But, it is impossible for someone to create this kind of flawless illusion especially when it is against him, who could resist a great deal of illusion attack.

Of course, there is an exception. The exception to that was if Hikigaya was the one creating this illusion attack.

That is not something that Hirate could defend against. It is not simply a matter of mastery. It is a matter of difference kind of lifeform.

But in that split second, he denied this conjecture. It is simply because Hikigaya right now is injured after the backlash he had received in fighting the Demon King.

And even though Hikigaya had his conflict with the World Government he would not attack the base of World Government without reason.

In that split second, Hirate mind is entertaining many possibilities.

A split second is all he needed to think all of this but at the same time, he knew he had to recognize these intruders as fast as he can and create countermeasures

He didn't believe that this is a one person effort.

He tries to project his Psionic energy outward but then he felt a restriction, no, to be more accurate a force that disperse his psionic force from coming outwards

'What?' Hirate was shocked before he heard the sound of something swishing and he suddenly felt his entire senses telling him that there is danger behind him.

Goosebumps could be felt all over his body

Hirate immediately activated his Psionic energy and blast it off from his entire being attacking the area where his danger senses are tingling.

This time, his Psionic energy was not dispersed because this time the volume of his Psionic force is double than before

The force exploded from his body and then it just disappeared.

The sound of the swishing of a sleeve could be heard as the force of his psionic energy suddenly disappeared like it had never existed.

Hirate second step is simply to run away as he is ready to fly away as fast as he could.

But the moment he tried to move he suddenly find to his abject horror, that he couldn't even move and even his Psionic Energy could not move across one-meter radius from him.

It was like he is sealed in amber and unable to move.

'Why the rush?' the word echoes inside Hirate ears and he felt his entire body experiencing goosebumps and there is fear in his heart.

His heartbeat grew faster

This is because he recognizes the voice and he gulped for a second and then he tries to calm himself down.

He did not expect for that person to come as quick as he did.

But since from the beginning he was prepared for this moment. But now that he truly had to experience it, he nearly lost his heart.

The feeling of danger that envelop him a few seconds before brought him an extreme sense of life and death that he could not help but lost his initiative and acted in panic.

Hirate then simply said

'This is such a cruel joke, Death Monarch. I was simply startled by you. This joke is in bad taste' Hirate said and the voice once again echoes inside Hirate ears

'Then, what is the joke that you made with Loki? Is that in good taste? Because I am not laughing' The voice was cold and Hirate felt his heart beating like a war drum being pounded a hundred beat per second.

Hirate still could not move.

This feeling of unable to do anything while another person could do anything that they wanted....it is not a good feeling at all.

Hirate had witnessed the power of Death Monarch and he already overestimated Death Monarch a lot.

But until he is face to face with a Divine comprehension leveler, he truly did not understand the absolute superior ability of a Divine Comprehension leveler until now.

he could not even defend himself and he could not even make one move without feeling a full suppression on his entire ability.

His Psionic Force is also unstable like it is in the verge of breaking.

The wind blows around Hirate and the wind was like a key as Hirate felt the suppression on his entire being loosened up and he knows that Death Monarch has released him from the pressure.

Hirate slowly look behind him and there he is. Standing behind him is Death Monarch. He looks as intimidating as ever

With his black clothes and his expressionless cold face, a powerful force that is emanating out of him, it is really hard not to be intimidated by Death Monarch

Hirate is not a coward. And he is never a scaredy cat. But Death Monarch gives him the heebies jeebies.

After all, Hirate had deal with worst people in the world. he had dealt with Yakuzas, politicians and many others before the Fall

But, none of them give the feeling that Death Monarch gave him.

When he is in front of Death Monarch, it is not that he felt he was looked down upon. It is not the same feeling when some cruel killer who looks you like simply meat or some Yakuza leader who underestimate you.

It is not the disgust that he felt when he meets some particularly deranged people.

When he is in front of Death Monarch, it is like he is in front of something that he could not even look. It like trying to look at the sun.

It is not because Death Monarch is virtuous. It felt like they are two completely different kind of lifeforms.

This feeling only grows stronger now as Death Monarch stand there looking at him

'The reason I hate him is probably because of this feeling' Hirate thought to himself. The feeling he felt right now is powerlessness.

Chapter 925: That person is here

The feeling of powerlessness.

That is the feeling he felt each time he met with Death Monarch. And he hated feeling that way

Hirate had once met with Death Monarch in the past.

In the Garden of Pandemonium, he had met with this elusive ruler of Pandemonium. At that time, the feeling was not as strong as this.

His face looks even more handsome than the last time they met but there is this certain coldness in his eyes that would chill anyone heart.

His eyes are also not hazel but instead it was glowing bright blue.

The gaze is piercing like it could see through everything.

He wears a black outfit but this black outfit seems to be unstable like it is being disintegrated by some kind of force.

Hirate could sense it because he was quite sensitive in the flows of energy.

He stands around almost seven feet but when Hirate look at him it was like Death Monarch is the only one in the world with his figure dwarfing everything.

This is just a momentary feeling as he then saw Death Monarch once again in his original size. Hirate was silent for a few second before saying

'Why did you come here?' he asks

'Explain' that is the word that comes from Azief mouth. He waited there as he crossed his arms and look at Hirate.

Hirate frowned. There is only one thing that Death Monarch would demand explanation for and that must be because of the matter of Loki.

Hirate close his eyes and sigh

At the same time that Azief revealed himself to Hirate, on the edges of the island of peace, the formation master is still coughing blood and there was alarm that was ring out as the barrier exploded into motes of light.

The alarms warning echoes all over the island.

The soldiers and the military section of the Island is not yet fully staffed.

Most of the elite forces of World Government had followed Raymond and is now flying back to the Island of Peace so the defense of the Island relies heavily on the protection formation

And now suddenly, at their weakest moment, some intruder had managed to break through and God knows where this intruder is right now

Maybe this intruder is planning a mass scale attack or maybe this intruder wanted to create chaos and panic.

Everyone was panicking right now.

If Raymond was here, the situation might not devolve into panic this fast.

But everyone is still recovering from the war against the demonic horde and some of them worried that another Demon King had appeared and attack the Island of Peace.

Nobody understood why suddenly the protection formation and all the other measures put in place to safeguard Island of Peace from external invasion or attack suddenly break all of a sudden.

And nothing is more terrifying than something one could not understand.

Hirate on the balcony could hear the sirens even from the Quorum building top floor and he smiles bitterly.

This must be because Death Monarch had chosen to broke through the formation the way he did.

Azief also heard the sirens and there is a slight smirk on his face

Azief when he teleported inside the Island of Peace, he rammed through the Island of Peace defensive measures like it is nothing but wind.

If it was before, he would take time and even then it would exhaust him if the Island of Peace dish out all of their protection formation to bar him entry.

But now?

Now, he could simply ram though it like some kind of bulldozer and break it as easy as that. And that is what happened.

Hirate look at Azief with a complicated expression and said

'You don't have to do that' Azief look at Hirate with disdain and simply said

'Then how could I give you a warning?' Azief word is very telling.

He is simply telling Hirate that no matter how many protection formation or matrixes of arrays that he could set up, there is nothing that could stop him, Death Monarch to enter and simply take Hirate life if he ever wanted it.

This is an undisguised warning.

Azief could actually enter without breaking the formation.

After all, he could control laws. The array formation and protection formation is created based on energies.

But, it still follows the laws of the world. For example, some matrixes formation could induce the enemy to enter into an illusion.

Underpinning that formation is the energy of the world that was programmed to create a certain set of actions.

The energy then would be transformed to best suit the formation master designs.

But, how could energies of the world contend with the base of their existence which is the very laws of the worlds?

Divine Comprehension leveler controls laws.

As such, formation and arrays is nothing in front of their eyes as they could simply change the laws.

Of course, there are some exception like the arrays formation that was created by Arrayist Sage Lee Sangmin which capitalizes in the mortals feeling, wishes and desires

Azief could simply change the laws for a while and then enter peacefully. But he did not do that. Instead he simply rams his body, destroy all the formation on Island of Peace.

Why?

Because he wants to send a message to Hirate. And nothing is more impactful than doing it in such way. People would remember it more.

Hirate sighed and then he started explaining to Azief

'Loki offer me that solution. And I consider the pros and cons. And I accept' Hirate then shakes his head and said

'If you were weaker, if you were easier of an enemy, I would not hesitate to reveal the truth to the world' Azief hearing this could not help but think that if its really like that, Hirate would not hesitate to ignore Loki request.

One thing that Hirate is not right now is that he is not lying.

Hirate continue saying

'The world could not fight you. If you were the enemy, if I revealed the truth, that you were the one responsible for the greatest catastrophe that the world had ever experienced since the Weronian Invasion, people would rise up. And rising up they would attack you. And knowing you, the only result of that is a great war between the world and Pandemonium'

Sighing, he then added

'But, we know what would happen right? The world could not win against you. At least right now, there is no one that could fight you and win. Raymond could not. Jean could not. Hikigaya could not'

There is a helpless smile on his face

'The only thing revealing the truth would do is just creating more casualties. People will die. But you will not. Contrary to your perception of me, I do want Earth to survive. And the world could not survive a

battle with you. It would only weaken humanity already weakened status. If next time another otherworldly invaders rolls in, and we have no one to fight it, then there is no hope for humanity' He exhales and he look at Death Monarch closing his eyes and shaking his head and said with a helpless tone

'Someone had to take the blame.'

And he stopped talking.

Azief understood Hirate position. But it is always like this with Hirate. He would understand him. But he dislikes it all the same

Azief closes his eyes for a second and then ask

'Then why choose Loki? You could choose anybody else.' Hirate had many reason. But then one sentence come out from his mouth. It is the most accurate reason why he chose Loki

'Because he can take it.' Hirate reply.

Sighing he then added 'You and I know the truth. So, at least we could hold back any assassination attempt or any revenge plot from people who lost their family in the Multiversal Convergence from trying to harm Loki. And Loki himself is a master in stealth. Even I would find it hard to track him if he really wanted to hide. The helm of Hades protects him from all kinds of detection. And he is a schemer. I would have no doubt that he would live pretty well.'

Azief listen to Hirate and he said

'You and I know. And we both could do that. But how about the others? How about the world? They would try to kill Loki for the perceived harm that they thought come from Loki'

Hirate chuckles a bit and Azief eyebrows raise a bit and he ask

'Is something funny?' Hirate look at Azief weirdly. All around them the sound of the alarm is still, blaring and there is panic all over the Island.

Azief frowned. Hirate doesn't seem to care about the sound of the siren. Instead he said

'You two brothers.... are truly loyal to each other. It made me envy the Trickster' Azief did not say anything as he waves his hand and all the siren sound was sealed.

This once again made everyone in the Island feeling even more fearful.

All of a sudden every alarm system that they have malfunctioned at the same time. No one yet realizes that Death Monarch is in the Island

Hirate seeing Azief action click his tongue and shakes his head.

'I guess it is up to me to calm this panic' he thought to himself.

Hirate put two finger on his temple and a wave of psionic energy flows out from his head

He sends a telepathic message to everyone that was guarding the barriers and the one who is activating the other defensive measures to stop whatever they are trying to do

Don't enact any destructive protocol or bring out secret weapons of the Island to the surface. Don't do anything

Death Monarch is here.

Chapter 926: Angry and mad people (1)

The moment the message was sent; the soldiers no longer tries to activate any other defensive measures.

The formation master also understood. The soldiers lower down their weapons, the formation master stop their fingers who were writing formation matrixes on the air

Nobody did anything. They fear "that person" would see it as a provocation.

And the next moment, the entire Island become silent. Everyone got the telepathic message from the President

But, there is still fear in their heart

Because the telepathic message that Hirate had send did not ease the fear they have. The message told them that Death Monarch is here

Why would he be here? For what reason?

All of the people in this Island had witnessed the great battle between Death Monarch and the Demon King

They know how powerful Death Monarch was and how easy it was for him to destroy the Island. It is like having an interplanetary weapon loose in the world.

And that interplanetary weapon is now in this Island. So, how could anyone be at ease?

Is Death Monarch coming here to cheer them on?

Of course, that is not possible considering the history between Death Monarch and the World Government

But the opposite of that intention would be something terrifying, so everyone hoped that Death Monarch is not here to make trouble.

Because if Death Monarch is coming here to make trouble, they would not survive. World Government could not suffer a battle right now.

No one wanted to be collateral damage of Death Monarch attack especially if Death Monarch beef is not with them

Everyone felt afraid.

All of them went silence, as their thought is full of speculations.

Most of them believed that Death Monarch had come to the Island because of Hirate action of revealing Loki to be the mastermind.

Death Monarch had always treated Loki like his younger brother.

One could imagine that the strongest person in the world might not be happy that the World Government pin the blame on Loki the Trickster.

Then, they began trying to seek where is Death Monarch right now. As they calm down and spread out their Divine Sense they finally found where Death Monarch was

'The Quorum building' one of the soldiers said.

These soldiers are the early batch soldier that returned back to the Island using the Island of Peace Token that was created by the scientist of the World Government.

It is created by someone called Mundo

This is why there is already soldiers in the island of Peace even when the elite soldiers of Raymond are still not here.

Of course, some of the elite soldiers of Raymond also have this token.

But they did not use it as they already send the report to Hirate that they would escort the citizens of the World Government to the area under their influence first and making sure that it is safe before returning back to the Island.

These soldiers are the soldiers who were below Seed Forming and who was among the soldiers that was sucked into the Mirror Dimension of Lee Sangmin.

When they were released from the Mirror Dimension, they were instantly instructed to return to the Island using the Token

They were here to make sure everything is set up before the return of the other residents of the Island of Peace.

Who would have thought that again danger struck?

Everyone look toward that area. Those who were closer could see that the President is standing not far away from Death Monarch

Those who were far could not see the figure clearly.

Some of them try to look toward that area and still trying to see Death Monarch appearance even from afar

And the only way to do that is to use their Divine Sense.

Some of this soldiers immediately uses their Divine Sense as it spreads toward the Quorum Building

There is a reason for this. This is because the President of the World Government is now without any guards.

No one could have expected that someone could suddenly appeared beside the President and no one notices anything.

Hirate is usually surrounded by bodyguards twenty-four seven

Today, was an exception.

Even then, even if the President did not have any bodyguards usually no one is that anxious considering that President Hirate is also a Disk Formation leveler.

Not many people could withstand his Psionic Force and even if he could not defeat his enemies, there is all kinds of lifesaving items on him that could be used.

But, they could not be calm when the person that is talking to the President right now, is Death Monarch

This is not a person that President Hirate could fight or escape. No amount of items that Hirate had could ever be good enough to escape from Death Monarch palm

All it takes for Death Monarch to kill was a simple slap from his titanic Law Avatars and Hirate and this Island might be turned into dust

And everyone knows this.

And because of that there is this sense of danger in the hearts of this soldiers when they saw the President of the World Government was so close to Death Monarch

And Death Monarch intention is not yet verified. It did not appear that Death Monarch come to Island of Peace with happy feeling. If he did, he would not have destroyed the formation

Who knows?

If Death Monarch kill Hirate this would become an even bigger deal. A war with Pandemonium could not be avoided. And right now, everyone is sick of fighting a war

At least not right now.

Whoosh! A few dozen soldiers send out their Divine Sense to the balcony.

But the moment their Divine Sense about to sense Death Monarch, all of these soldiers suddenly screams in pain

'ARGHH!' This screams were echoed by the other as all of them clutch their head, their forehead is full of bulging veins and their face expression contorted to that of an expression of pain.

'Uhuk' Some of them coughed blood from their mouth and some of them had their chest caved in like some invisible force smash unto their chest.

And all of their eyes was bleeding, their blood dripping to the ground.

All of these soldiers forget that this is not some ordinary people that they are trying to see and eavesdrops.

All of the soldiers that send their Divine Sense to check the situation all suffer the same fate.

If they were Disk Formation leveler, the effect might not be exaggerated.

But some of them are even in Energy Disperse Stage and even those who in the Seed Forming stage was not spared of this fate.

The other soldiers who were also about to send their Divine Sense after looking at the consequences to their other comrade, quickly retract their Divine Sense before it reached the balcony.

'They should have retracted it faster' Some of the soldiers who almost send his Divine Sense to the balcony said. This one particular soldier is one of the first that tried to send his Divine Sense to that balcony.

But he was one of the lucky ones.

He is a soldier but he also dabbles in energy studies.

At that time when his Divine Sense was about to reach around five-meter radius of the balcony, he could feel that there is a terrifying force in front of him.

This feeling is an instinct. It felt wrong and quickly he retracts his Divine Sense and was spared of the pain that his other comrade is experiencing right now.

Azief and Hirate both look at the source of the sound of the scream. Hirate frowned and Azief shakes his head. Hirate then look back at Azief and said

'You didn't have to do that to them. A simple warning would have sufficed'

Azief said

'It was not intentional. And it is bad manner to eavesdrop on me. Even my closest officials in Pandemonium did not dare to eavesdrop on my conversation even if they were three feet apart from me. Who gave your people the gall to eavesdrop on me?'

Hirate did not have any way to refute.

He understood that his soldiers only worried about him.

Thinking about it, he had to teach his soldiers not to try to eavesdrop on powerful people conversation if they don't want a short life.

Azief was not lying.

It was not intentional on Azief part. It is the automatic protection force field that he created with his Divine Sense to make any other person unable to use their Divine Sense on him.

He was not targeting Hirate people.

instead, he was worried about his other enemies.

And he has many enemies.

There is the Crime Alliance. The other great Powers. The hidden organization that hides God knows where and many others, some of which he might not even know.

Standing tall in the world, it attracts harsh winds.

Azief was not always on Earth to witness the progress of humanity invention.

But Azief could guess that with the many things he had seen in the Order of Thinkers base, many organizations might have a way of eavesdropping on other people conversation in an unorthodox way.

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The orthodox way is of course using Divine Sense. Unorthodox way is using the hybrid technology that is mixed with science and magic.

It is fortunate that Azief is stronger enough to be able to disregards all of that.

After all, any great power would surely have the desire to control the people under them. And for such reason, surveillance is required.

It is that way before. And it is still the way now.

And once a surveillance system is set up, it would not be long before the surveillance system would be used against enemies and rivals.

Even before the formation of the Seven great powers, many organizations send spies against each other and try to uncover the secrets of the others

And Azief is quite sure, in the minds of many people and leaders and crime lords, any words that come out of his mouth, anything he does is without a doubt something that these people would try to hear and see with their surveillance system.

That is why he set up that barrier.

So that no one knows what he is talking about with Hirate.

He, of course had the mind to open the barrier and let these leaders know what he had done and what Loki had not done.

There is always a possibility one of the great powers spies would be able to listen in to his conversation with Hirate if he did not put up any Divine Sense shield around him

But Hirate is also prepared for that. He too had created a Psionic Field around him that would make anyone unable to extract any information from their conversation.

And, Azief also did not know whether revealing the truth was really the right choice. He also understood why Loki made his decision.

He also had understood why Hirate back him up, why Jean remains silent and why Hikigaya pretend to see nothing.

Because the benefit outweighs the cost. And the truth has no benefits whatsoever and might even incurred losses.

Then the choice is easy for Hirate. As for Jean, it is the choice he could back. As for Hikigaya, he probably thought that this is the best way for things to end

So, Hirate lies to the world. Jean become mute. And Hikigaya close his eyes.

And Azief?

He still did not know what he should do. Azief took a glance at the soldiers in the distance who is trying to recover from their backlash and once again he shakes his head

'Idiots' he muttered

How could he have expected that the soldiers of Hirate would be so stupid to send their Divine Sense against someone that is stronger than them?

Not to mention, if there is someone stronger than them and they use their Divine Sense, they should have felt that uneasy feeling and quickly retract their Divine Sense.

Of course, Azief still detected the Divine Sense that retracted their Dive in Sense but at least, those who retract it would not suffer a backlash.

Instead, these soldiers push through that feeling and bounce back and suffer backlash.

The stronger Azief Divine Sense Shield, and the weaker the person who send their Divine Sense, the harsher the backlash would be

It is one of the lesson he learned from Alsurt. The lesson was if he is stranded on some planets, or some dimensions and he did not know anything about the world, he could use his Divine Sense to scan the world.

But if he felt this instinct of fear and a force of power that bring uneasiness to one heart, trust that instinct and quickly retract the Divine Sense

The wielder of that power might be able to sense him, but at least he would have enough time to hide or run.

Because such feeling could only mean that person is stronger than him.

On Earth, he did not have to worry about spreading his Divine Sense to envelop the entire planet because he is quite sure he is leading the pack

But what gives these soldiers courage to do such a thing?

There is now silence in the Island.

'At least, now it is silent' Azief said.

The sirens no longer blares on the background and the people also no longer running around trying to activate some kind of mechanism or trying to rush to the Quorum building.

Hirate had also sent a telepathic message to his soldiers to be calm as he and Death Monarch is having a conversation. It allays some of their fears.

Azief did not immediately said anything to Hirate as silence began to come.

The moment he came here, he immediately appeared around Hirate. He had no chance to look at the Island of Peace.

Looking at it, it felt it is a very picturesque island with flora and fauna everywhere mixed with modern looking buildings.

It gives the island a feeling of an island of fairies. It calms him down for a moment.

'The plan' he thought to himself. After thinking about it, Azief also agree. No matter what he did after this, people would always blame Loki for the Multiversal Convergence.

But there is still hope in his heart

Azief then sighed and he said

'If you announce to the world that the culprit is me....' Hirate shakes his head.

'That is not something I would do. I would not be the cause of Earth demise'

Azief frowned and said

'You thought too badly of me' Hirate only smiles and he said

'Tell me you will not kill the people that would try to kill you. Tell me you will not move when some of those people would target people you love. Can you promise me that?'

Hirate said as he looks straight at Azief eyes. There was silence between them and there is a smile on Hirate face as he said

'You can't promise me that, right? I know you. If such thing happens, you will kill the people that try to kill you and when they targeted your family, your lover, your people, you will move and many more would die. There would be death and destruction all around. All I would see is more bones and ashes. That is not something I wish to see'

Azief did not know how to respond to that as Hirate continues his word

'You have a hammer. A big hammer at that. And since every problem that you have could be handled by using that hammer, I am pretty sure you would use it to stamp every nails that you see. Your only tool is your hammer, so every problem look like a nail.' Hirate was talking metaphorically but Azief get the gist of what he is saying and he frowned.

Then Azief said

'If the truth is revealed, and it was me that is revealed as the culprit, the world might not react as you think it will. Since they already know they could not defeat me, they would give up' Hirate once again shakes his head and said

'You underestimate people madness. You underestimate their love and since you underestimate their love you would also underestimate their hatred. The casualties report would be coming in for the next few hours. I expect that it would be lower than the casualties during the Weronian Invasion. But, regardless, tens of thousands of people had died. They lost their loved ones, their parents, their children'

Azief close his eyes and sighed as Hirate continues his word

'Imagine their anger. And imagine that anger directed at you. Angry people do stupid things. Angry people do mad things. When the truth is revealed, you think they would be afraid even if it's you? Even if they knew they would be unable to kill you, they would come for you. They would not care even if that destroy them. Because they lose everything. Love is a powerful thing, as you might already know. Even if it could destroy them, they would still do it. In the name of Love, they would say' There is a bitter smile on Hirate face.

'They would do everything in their power to bring you down. Because...they are angry and they are mad. Mad people do mad things' Azief frowned.

He could understand madness. He could understand anger. It is not like he could not understand it. But he is trying to convince himself.

He is trying to convince himself that this is the right thing to do.

Maybe sometimes, the right thing to do is not the right thing at all. At certain circumstances, the right thing to do might be the wrong thing to do.

Azief understood this. He was once an Emperor.

And while most of the memories he has during that time is slowly being eroded as time passes, he remembers that there were many times that he had to make a choice he did not want to make.

Because the world is not always black and white. Sometimes it is grey. No, most of the time it is always grey

The right thing and the right thing to do is not exactly the same sometimes. Azief sighed.

Chapter 928: The right thing to do (1)

Azief sighed and then he said

'But, Loki painted a target on his back. I could not just let him be like that. Because now, that anger and madness would be directed at him' Hirate scoffed and then he shouted

'He did it for you!' Shaking his head 'This is the sacrifice he makes for you.' Azief shook his head and said

'I don't need him to make that sacrifice'

'But, he did it anyway. Even if you did not ask for it. Because he knew what would happen if you were to take the blame. Maybe, he doesn't want your hands to be stained with more blood. Maybe, he really does care about humanity. Or, maybe he just wanted to protect you in some weird way. I don't know why he did it and the reason he does it. And honestly, I don't really care what his reason was. What I do know was that his decision would not harm the world and benefit the world. So I accepted it' Hirate reply.

Azief frowned again. He did not come here to argue with Hirate. He come here to announce something.

After all, he did not have time right now.

'I did not come here to argue the reason for his deeds'

'Did you come to punish me then? For agreeing to your little brother request?' Azief was silent for a few seconds. And then he shakes his head

'I did not punish someone who done no wrong to me' Sighing he said

'In the end, this all happens because of Loki. I understood why he had done what he did. I am touched. But, that burden is not his to bear'

Listening to this, Hirate face fell. He had tried to persuade Death Monarch with all he could. But then the next sentence shock him

'You were right, Hirate' Azief exhale and look at the horizon. He could see the vast sea and he could see the many continents in the distance

There is just this feeling of freedom when he saw the vast expanse of the world.

He thought about how after this it would not be bad for him to explore this new world that had changed.

A new age of exploration. He thought to himself and that thought made him happy for a moment.

'Katarina would have love to see it' he thought. The world was beautiful, but if there is no one to share it with, this beauty is not as good.

Azief then said

'If the world does fight a war against me, I might do what you said I would do. And I am actually scared that if it comes to such a situation, I would kill innocents'

He paused for a moment before he continues

'People might think of me as a mass murderer but that is only my image and not something that is true about me. I don't go around blasting people into dust. But I would not deny that when I fought otherworldly creatures on Earth, there would be some collateral death that I did not intended for. I never styled myself as some kind of hero or saviors. People put me on that pedestal. But, I would never want to kill innocent people intentionally' Smiling helplessly, he then said

'If people threatened me with the people I love, threatened me with the lives of my family, you were right, that I would go to war for them even if it's against the world. Because, I now have the qualifications to fight against the world' Hirate close his eyes and nodded.

'I don't know what to feel about what Loki had done for me. But I know I could not just let him take all the bad reputation'

Hearing this Hirate opens his eyes and he became perplexed. What is Death Monarch is trying to do by saying this?

'Tell the world' Azief said

'Tell the world that whoever try to hunt Loki, that person in an enemy of Pandemonium and would become my personal enemy'

This is the way to break the situation that Loki had created

Loki want to take the blame? Fine. I let you take the blame. Whatever Azief would do would never be able to absolve Loki blame. But he could share it.

Let people curse him too.

True, the right thing is not always the right thing to do. But, what the hell does it have to do with him?

Azief had done many things. But, there is not many things he had done that would make him regret. He knows there is no escaping regret.

There is always something to regret. But, the one thing he could do is to make sure that the regrets he has is not too much

Azief knows by making this announcement, people would also hate Pandemonium and him.

Because to them, to the world, it would appear like Pandemonium is trying to protect a criminal to the world because he and Loki is close.

But when does Azief ever care what the world thinks about him?

And that hate is deserved. What he did, he knows. He did not feel comfortable to let Loki get curses that was meant for him. He could not reveal the truth. But, he could at least do this.

Hirate frowned and he laughed. It is a very sad laugh

'All of this.... for what? Loki effort would be wasted' Azief scoffed and said

'Did he consult me when he crafted this plan with you? Did any of you ask me what I think? This is the first time in my life so many people try to protect me from telling the truth. I know what I did. I also know that not all of it could be blamed on me. The barriers between world was already weakened before I pierce through it. I bet, I was not the only one who was breaching left and right through the Multiverse. I bet you did too. I bet the Republic also did it. But, I would not give excuses. The action of mine piercing through the Time Continuum accelerated the destruction and the balance of the fabric of reality.'

Azief did not mind speaking about his effort of going through time. This is because it could not be hidden.

Hirate if he investigated the true reason later, he would surely found out the traces of Time that was left behind and would reach the conclusion that someone travels through time and space. Not to mention, there is still jean that Hirate could get information from.

So he did not mind telling Hirate this.

'I was prepared to take the blame. What Loki did was outside of my expectation. He wanted to protect me. And I wanted to protect him. Since that is the case,' and Azief smiles a bit and then he said 'Let us bear it together'

'Loki would not like it'

'And I don't like his way. But, he did it anyway. If he could do it, I also could do it' Azief reply. Hirate then nodded and then he laughs.

'Fine! But you brothers should know, you both owe me one' he said. Azief smile and he nodded

'Send the message fast. I don't want some idiot began sending assassins to kill Loki. Like me, this younger brother of mine also had a lot of enemies. And most of them are even more nefarious than my enemies. They need to be reminded who they are trying to kill. The world need to believe that I did not abandon Loki. Then they would consider more before doing something stupid.' Azief said

Then he come closer to Hirate and Hirate was startled for a second.

'Hmm?' he raised his evebrows and Azief said

'I think you would need help broadcasting the message. I know you are not powerful enough to send the message toe everyone in the world. But I could help you with that'

Hirate understood that Death Monarch is offering his help. There is a smile on Hirate face as he said to Azief

'You are impatient' Hirate said and Azief reply

'I don't have much time' Saying this, he put his hand on top of Hirate shoulders and a powerful energy flows from Azief body into Hirate body

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It shocks every fiber of being of Hirate Psionic energy

This kind of power reinforce his Psionic Energy and multiplied it by a hundredfold. Hirate mind was opened like never before and his Psionic Force exploded out of him

He could not even resist as these energy flows to every part of his body

For the first time, he understood the amount of power that a Divine Comprehension leveler possess.

Azief is not only a Divine Comprehension leveler, he was also a Divine Comprehension leveler who was at the peak and is only one sliver away from entering Essence Creation

As such, the power that he injected into Hirate body is not only vigorous and lively, it is also domineering and overbearing.

The Laws follows the heart of the cultivators.

The same Laws cultivated by different people would have different attributes and abilities and degree of mastery

The power that is now coursing in his body made Hirate felt like he is invincible. His eyes shines and he could see Laws that dances around him

Some of them was shaped like a string, some shaped like a spherical orb that floats in the air and some of them appears like helixes that morph and changes at almost the interval of half a second.

Hirate spread out his Psionic Force and this Psionic Force envelops the world almost instantly.

Like it had absorbed the specialties of Death Monarch, this Psionic Force that spread out suddenly could not be detected by anyone other than people who were the same level as Death Monarch

Azief could also see what Hirate see and hear what he hears.

This is the Price.

Azief is now so adept at controlling energy he could even transfer some of his energy to other people and stimulate them to go over their limit and strengthen other people abilities.

This could probably only be done by him even though he cultivated different Laws than Hirate.

The reason could be attributed to his Perfection Path that essentially encompasses everything. Perfection means Perfection.

There are no flaws.

At the same time, Hirate felt like he was sucked into another state of mind. And before he knew it, he was at someplace else

'No' he thought to himself. It is not like he was being teleported somewhere

'My mind is here. My body is still on that balcony' he thought to himself.

The first thing he did was shield his mind. Hirate did not forget that Azief could also see what he sees, hear what he hears and this means Azief could also peek on his thought

Hirate likes to peek at other people thoughts. But he doesn't like it when other people do it to him.

And he absolutely doesn't like it if the person peeking into his mind is Death Monarch. He had a lot of dark thought. And he like to keep that a secret

Right now, his mind is on a different plane of existence.

The moment he was sucked into this plane of consciousness, he quickly crafted a Mind Shield all over his thoughts.

He did not know if it could work against Death Monarch but that is better than not doing anything.

In this plane of existence, there is only darkness but he could see himself like he is viewing it from a third person view.

He is floating upon this area of complete darkness.

There is nothing and he feels nothing. There is no wind or light. He thought of this

'This is dreary' A voice sounded, echoed and reverberates inside Hirate mind and in his ears. It was like this sound is the only sound that could be heard and any other sound is false.

Then millions of stars appear almost in an instant. It was not there one minute and after the sound ended, it was there.

Miraculous, if Hirate had to say something about it. Then he felt something on his shoulder.

He finally notices it and it was then Hirate could see that there is someone beside him, holding his shoulder.

Black attire and a powerful aura coming out of him. This person is of course Death Monarch. But in this plane of existence, Hirate could not describe his face.

He knew how Death Monarch look like. But he could not see his face. And what he means by it, he could see it, but he could not remember it.

His face was Laws. There is this integration between Him and the plane of existence. As such, his heart, his Laws born his face.

In his mind, he could not remember. In his heart he could not keep. This is the mystical nature of beings who is slowly walking to the peak of existence.

If he one day become even stronger, maybe to even see the face of Death Monarch requires abilities and courage.

It is like looking at the face of the Divine.

Hirate would be lying if he said he is not shocked. His Psionic Force is becoming chaotic.

The more he tries to look at Death Monarch face, the more he tries to remember, the more his head become painful.

It is like there is a headache inside his head, his entire head felt like it is being split apart.

'Be calm and stop trying to see my true appearance' the voice enters his ears and the voice seems to come from everywhere and nowhere all at the same time.

His heart calm down almost instantly, his Psionic Force slowly stabilizes and he takes a deep breath

'Focus' the voice once again echoes in his mind, his ears and his heart. And his mind magnificently suddenly able to focus even better

And the moment he focuses, it was like he was back in his Cerebral Enhancement Device room. He could feel everyone in the world and could feel their brain activity.

Everyone could not hide himself from him. Other than those that have some methods of hiding themselves from his telepathic powers, the others were all revealed to him.

He could even identify certain thought patterns

At this time Hirate wonders, if this is the world in Death Monarch eyes.

When he looks, does he see the entire world in his eyes?

When he gazes at a certain direction was he just looking at the thing in front of him or was he looking at someone who were tens of thousands of miles away?

'Focus' the word echoes again and Hirate reminded himself why he was given a boost by Death Monarch.

'I am the messenger' he thought to himself as he sighed

He then sends his telepathic message out. At almost an instant, the message was relayed all across Earth.

Many people were stunned when they got the message. Death Monarch would protect Loki even after all that Loki had done.

Some people frowned. While some other people felt angry.

It is thought that Death Monarch would not interfere in this matter.

No matter how close Loki is with Death Monarch, they did not think that Death Monarch would be this protective and bias to Loki that even after probably incurring the wrath of everyone in the world, he is still adamant in protecting Loki

Some of the people getting the message could not accept this. But they forget. Death Monarch had always cares intensively the people under him.

The message was sent. Whatever the reaction of them toward that message is not Hirate concern.

'It is done' Hirate said.

And the moment he said that the plane of existence dissolved almost instantly and Hirate was once again in that balcony and Azief remove his hand from his shoulder

Hirate instantly felt the loss of Psionic Force power. It felt like he had fallen down from being on top of the peak of the world to the bottom of the peak.

'Divine Comprehension leveler, huh?' he thought to himself.

He had never move from his position and the time taken for him to send that message was only two seconds.

But Hirate felt like he was there inside that plane of existence for a few hours.

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Azief did not say anything as he seems to take his time. He looks in front of him, looking at the sea and the clouds in the sky.

He did not know if he could return back after his trip to Seresian world. There is always a possibility that he would die there.

Most of the journey he had taken, had always have an element of doom.

Loki might believe that he would always be safe until the End, but Azief, as the one who is the one living his life, there is always a chance he could die in any of his journey.

But he had still gone to the jaws of death and each time he come out, once again surviving from some life and death tribulation, he would always become stronger because of it

So, he smiles as he looks at the sea and the sky and enjoys his time. He did not have much time, but that did not mean he could not enjoy the little time he have

'Enjoy the little things' he mutters. That was his motto when the Fall first happen. He seems to forget that as years had passed.

The enjoying part. And he smirks at himself.

'There is never a certainty. Only possibilities' he reminded himself.

Of course, he had seen the future where he become some kind of a Destroyer that kills and destroy everything.

If it is anybody else, they would at least have the thought that they would not die until that moment in the future came.

But that is the thing about time.

Azief knows some of the intricacies of trying to fuck with time.

And one of the intricacies was that once you saw it, it changes. This is the reason why not many people wanted to see their own future.

This is also one of the reason why Speedster don't speed their way on into Time to see their future.

Because the act of seeing it, changes it. Before you see it, it did not change. After you see it, it changes.

Because now you know. And every action that you do afterward, would surely be guided by what you see even unconsciously.

And then there is another possibility which is by seeing a certain future, you sealed that future into reality

In other words, it could also mean that by seeing the future, you have locked that future in place. There is always this risk with playing with Time

It is a lot like the Heisenberg uncertainty principle, observer effect mixed with a little Schrodinger cat theorem.

Azief could not be sure that if he goes to the Seresian world, he would not die.

If he blindly believes that visions of the future, that probability of the future where he would live until that time in the future, he might be reckless and by doing so changes his own fate and instead of being the Destroyer in that vision, he might be dead before that time

At least he had confirmed one of Loki claims about him. He would become the Destroyer of Worlds.

Then he looks at Hirate and said

'I would be going to the Seresian world in a week. Help Loki. Look after him. Protect him. Shield him'

'Since you wanted to cover it up, then cover it up flawlessly. And since you said you would try to protect Loki, then protect him. If something happens to him because of this, I know I could not forgive myself. But before I would blame myself, I would blame you first.' Before Hirate could say anything, Azief cut him off and said

'Sometimes I could be reasonable. Sometimes I would not be. This is that rare moment where I am being reasonable. If you want to convince me with reason, then show a bigger fist'

'That is all I have to say. It would be wise for you to remember it' Hirate sighed and then he nodded

'I understand. Don't worry about Loki. I would protect him from the shadows if he is truly in a pinch. But as you know, Loki is not an easy man to find. I don't think he would do this if he did not have his plan'

Hirate waited Azief response and Azief just nodded

'Knowing him, he has hundreds of ways. Still...' and he lets his words hang. Hirate nodded

'Got it'

Azief considered that about Loki.

Of course he knew how Loki operates. He probably has prepared everything that even if he takes the blame, he would not be impacted that negatively.

People might curse him and call him many names and there might be people that would be hunting him but knowing Loki, as long as these people could not harm him, what does he cares even if the whole world condemns him.

The only thing that is wrong about all this was that Loki did not even deserve all of these curses and hatred.

This is the only thing he could do now. Loki must have his reason. But that kid, never wanted to hear his reason.

Loki to him would always be a kid

He could now only participate in the lie because the alternative would not be pretty

He might say to Hirate to convince him with a bigger fist, but truth be told, Azief was already convinced by Hirate about the matter of the truth

He protested against Loki way by intentionally making Pandemonium his backer because this is the right thing.

And Loki must have his own reason. It is quite hard trying to divine the thought of a person who knows the future.

Loki action could never be understood by people who don't understand his true origin.

But Azief understood it. And that is why he tolerates Loki action. And why he does not blow the lid on this lie.

Because Loki is clearly doing this to achieve something.

As for his support to Loki, while he could take some of the criticism away, Azief could not tell the whole truth to the world.

Because he knows what Hirate and Loki was trying to do. Azief was not adamant on revealing the truth. But he was not intending to hide the truth either.

That was never his style.

He did it and he did not mind owning up to it. But after hearing Hirate reason, this truth if revealed.....does it have any benefits at all? Does it help people? Does it make everything alright?

Someday.....someday, this truth would come out. Azief don't know when. But it will. But, at least that truth should not come out right now.

Right now would probably the worst time for this particular truth to come out. He once again looks at Hirate and he sighed

Hirate look at him with a weird expression. Death Monarch seems to be staring his face too intently.

'Is there something on my face?'

Azief smiles and said

'You are not as detestable as I thought you were' Azief said.

The words were not pretty, but Hirate could understand that Death Monarch was praising him and he laughed as he said

'And you were not as unreasonable as I thought' Azief did not smile but if one looks closely there is a slight smirk on his face before he schools back his expression to his neutral expression

Then he said

'I guess people change'

Hirate nodded

'I guess they do'

Azief takes a deep breath as he turns his body. As he turns back Azief said

'Do not disappoint my trust' Then taking a step, the entire space and time around the area of the balcony suddenly distorted.

It then spirals like the laws of Time and Space were being manipulated before breaking as Azief disappeared from sight

The pressure that Hirate had been feeling since the moment Death Monarch was on the balcony dissipated like it was an illusion

The moment Death Monarch disappears, the space and time around the area of the balcony that was affected quickly went back to normal