

## Shadow 931

### [Chapter 931: The illusionist archmage and the world government](#)

The space around the balcony calmed down and the wind also calms down.

Hirate frowned almost instantly the moment Death Monarch disappeared from his sight. He sighed and then rub his forehead

'The problems keep on coming' he thought to himself.

The battle had just ended and Death Monarch had already started to move. The only thing he was not expecting was that he would be the first move of Death Monarch

And he had never expected that Death Monarch wanted to share the burden with Loki. At least right now he is clear about Death Monarch stance

He has his ways and Loki has his ways. And it does not seem that the relationship between those two had deteriorated.

It is more like they have different ways of solving the same problem. A clash of ideas, at most. From what he sees Loki is still close with Death Monarch

And Death Monarch insistence in protecting Loki would dispel the rumors that Loki and Death Monarch had a falling out

He clicked his tongue later as he thought about what the news would do to the state of the world

The world had not even had the time to breath yet. Twenty-four hours seems to be too long, he thought to himself

'This would be another long day' Hirate mutters to himself.

This action of Death Monarch to protect Loki even under universal condemnation would surely startle and alarm the other great powers

And his meeting with Death Monarch would also made the Great Powers of the world to have suspicion on him.

Hirate knew he needs to communicate his meeting with Death Monarch well to the other Great Powers. Of course he would keep secret about the other request that Death Monarch had make.

It would not be hard to make up an excuse.

The reason he had to communicate his meeting with Death Monarch well to the other Great Powers is because he did not want people to think he is colluding with Pandemonium.

The Three Great Powers has always stand together. But, they never went into a true alliance with each other.

If they did, if they really share the same vision, then how could the other great powers ever had the chance to rise up?

After all, the World Government always had wanted to keep the status quo of the Three Great Powers.

Even in the early beginnings of the formation of the other four great powers, Hirate had met with Death Monarch and discuss with him to dismantle the other rising powers and keep the status quo of the three great powers.

Now, Death Monarch first move after he recuperated from his injury is to meet with him. It would be strange if rumors would not rise up because of this.

And he did not want the other great powers to think so.

He of course had his own consideration.

The moment any of the Three Great Powers made a true alliance with each other, all pretense of civility between all the great powers would be tore off.

At that time, another period of instability would rise again. It would not be exaggerating to say that a World War could erupt between the great powers

Hirate had enough of instability for today.

He sighed.

Death Monarch might be able to do whatever he wanted without thinking of the consequences. But Hirate is not Death Monarch and he is not as free as him.

He had his restraints. He snorted as he thinks of Death Monarch

‘He made the mess and I have to clean it up’ Sighing, he shakes his head.

But, at least Death Monarch had agreed not to change the arrangement he had with Loki. This is the best ending for everyone, Hirate thought to himself.

It is the best he could do considering the circumstances.

‘It seems many people would be visited by Death Monarch today’ Then taking a deep breath to calm himself he looks across the balcony.

The translucent barrier was broken and one could see that half of it is turning into motes of light that integrated itself with the world energy.

He clicks his tongue.

‘Now, I have to reinforce back the formation’ he paused for a second before adding ‘And I need to create more formation’

His eyebrows creased.

The strength that Death Monarch presented to him shows how fragile any Disk Formation leveler compared to a Divine Comprehension leveler.

Not to mention, Death Monarch is a being that could even fight and destroy an Essence Creation leveler.

One could argue that the Demon King was suppressed by the will of the world and the Orvanians that also attacked the Demon King from space, but what is important to the world was the result.

Death Monarch had defeated an Essence Creation leveler, regardless of the advantages he had.

That shows Death Monarch is probably even stronger than the other Divine Comprehension leveler like Hikigaya and Jean

That is not good at all for the other Great Powers

‘Death Monarch just shows me how easy it was for a Divine Comprehension leveler to destroy the formation of the World Government. If this is the case, these protection formations would only be able to stop Disk Formation leveler and not Divine Comprehension leveler. More research needs to be done’

At this kind of time he envies the Lotus order for having Arrayist Sage Lee Sangmin.

Hirate is quite sure that even Death Monarch would find it difficult to break through Lotus Order.

Because the formation of the Lotus Palace is created by intangible thing.

As for the Island of Peace formation it is created by tangible things which is the energy of the world that come from the ley lines that connected the heart of the formation with the energy mines all over the island.

‘And then there is Hikigaya’ Death Monarch might have a lot to do today.

But, Hirate also have a lot of things to do today. And he too has many problems. Some requires a subtler touch than the way Death Monarch handles things

One of the problems that needs a subtle touch is the matter between the World Government and the Illusionist Archmage Hikigaya

Illusionist Archmage Hikigaya and the Empire of Japan.

The Imperial family of Japan probably would rely on Hikigaya and ask for his help. And Hikigaya help right now, at this current time, could change a lot of things in the world

‘I have no leverage against him’ Hirate thought to himself. Hikigaya had keep most of his family out of the public eye.

His father and mother had died but there is still his sister, Hikigaya Komachi and his two girlfriend.

Not many people know this but Hikigaya is quite the playboy even with his face. His face is not ugly but he is not quite handsome either.

But of course, as he grows stronger, there is this aura of majesty he emanated that would cover everyone that look upon his eyes.

In other words, this majesty had change him from a slightly normal looking man to a handsome man.

And Hikigaya is close with Oreki. That is a point of importance.

These two people had firm grasp on Japan.

Hirate had mostly not care about the Imperial family and his title of Shogun. By now it is just an empty title as his primary title is now the President of the World Government.

Japan is only one of the countries under the banner of the World Government.

But while he had never exercised his right as Shogun after becoming the President of the World Government, the title still remains his. Hikigaya had never challenged it.

Because in the past, he could not.

Hikigaya was not a nationalist. That is such an outdated concept especially when humanity had already united against Weronians.

That war was the most terrible war that Hirate had ever witnessed.

One would be hard pressed to find any positive effect because of that war.

But if there is one good effect was that it breaks the barrier of nationalism, barrier of race, of white and blacks, of Asian and Caucasian, and each human views themselves as only one race.

They were humans.

And these aliens that came from the vast starry sky and descend down to Earth, destroying their homes and kill their family is an outsider.

Humanity was united. As such it would not be surprising that after the war, Lotus Order who control Asia continent have all kinds of people that live inside it.

It is not Chinese dominated cities but a city of diverse people that would not have been seen before.

The same could be said on many countries in Europe where all kinds of people and all colors could be seen.

But while Hikigaya was not a nationalist, he was of the opinion that Japan should be more powerful

The reason is simple.

Power makes rights.

Hikigaya and Oreki had always been the opinion that Hirate should passed a resolution releasing Japan as an independent nation outside the purview of the World Government.

Many people did not understand the many regulations that World Government have to make sure the World Government run smoothly.

In actuality, Hikigaya and Oreki wanted to create a base for themselves.

Like Death Monarch had created Pandemonium, they wanted to designate Japan as their territory. If he passes that law, then World Government might have more problems after that.

Because allowing Japan to be that is opening a can of worms. The World Government wanted to centralize power for the government

United they stand. It is a great slogan. But, in this kind of environment, certain personal liberty had to be taken.

This is centralization of power of the most massive since the history of the world. Once Japan manage to do that, what about the others?

Would they not be tempted?

He sighed as a powerful mental fluctuation emanated out from him.

He closes his eyes as he sent a telepathic message to the soldiers, the formation master in the island to create back the formation.

Then he opens his eyes back.

He looks in the distance and he laughed a bit. In that state of existence before, he could see almost anything in the world.

But now, he could only see the open vast sea and his Divine Sense could not pass even this Island as the density of the world had increased and the energy that is now filling the world is also obstructing his Divine Sense.

'Divine Comprehension leveler, huh. Now, this is another headache' And then he thought about Raymond and he sighed

'Raymond.....Maybe.... I should let him go. If I keep remaining stubborn, he would never be great' And thinking of this, he no longer has any mood to look over the city from the balcony.

It is now time to dirty his hand a bit. In the end, if he wants something done right, he should do it himself.

His robe sweeps the ground as he walks out from the balcony. The wind blows gently over the Island like nothing ever happened.

There is a confident smile on Hirate face as the floating island once again is covered with thick white smog, floating above the ocean water majestically

#### [Chapter 932: The world reaction \(1\)](#)

The world was still reeling from the battle between Death Monarch and the Demon King. The storms are just trying to calm itself down.

The energy of the world slowly increases and while some of them are still chaotic, it is slowly smoothening out.

The expansion of the world is still happening though at a slightly slower pace. Outside Earth, the Moon, the Sun and the other planets was also affected by the Multiversal Convergence and is also stabilizing itself

The Great Powers all trying to stabilize their regions the moment the battle ended

There is always a chance that another Demon King could come out.

The hidden force of the Great Powers which consisted of Disk Formation levelers came out and began researching the damage around their capital while some of their Disk Formation levelers were sent out to escort their citizens that would be released from the Mirror Dimension.

A brand new world has appeared.

The first step that these Great Powers had done is to check their territory.

They wanted to know how much the continent that they are in had expanded and the limits of their territory and what dangers it now contained.

Everything was over.

But they were still vigilant. The Demon King was dead but then another news shocks the great powers.

The Ice Queen Katarina was kidnapped. The High Chancellor of the Republic, the only sister of Boris had been kidnapped by the Demon King.

This news shocks the Great Powers.

Because, Katarina is not some normal woman.

This is one of the leaders of the Three Great Powers and she also has a complicated relationship with Death Monarch.

All the Great Power leaders when they heard the news, their first thought was not whether Katarina would be safe or not.

It was whether Death Monarch would follow her to the demonic world.

And that is not something any of these leaders want.

If Death Monarch leaves, as he is the only one capable to fight against such a Demon King, the leaders of these great powers were worried that if he left, then if another intruder with the same level of power as the Demon King intruded upon Earth once again, how could they survive?

Now, at least, the Great Powers were very relieved that Death Monarch is on Earth.

And they also realized how weak they are in the scheme of things.

Katarina kidnapping worries the great powers because of what her effect would be to Death Monarch.

And then they heard the news that Boris is flying toward Death Monarch and every one could guess what Boris would ask Death Monarch.

These leaders of course could not cover the area of the world with their Divine Sense right now. Then how did they get their news?

It is Jean that relayed it to them using his Time Avatar that is beside all the leaders of the Great Powers.

Like Jean had hired up, he also kept the other Great Powers leaders kept abreast with the development that is happening in the world.

Sometimes, Jean would disappear for a few seconds before appearing back beside these leaders and come back with new information.

Time Avatars is after all were pulled out from Jean own timeline so they had to return to their original timeline once in a while.

The news of Katarina kidnapping, the subsequent decision that is taken by Boris who did not return to the Senate building and instead went to Death Monarch sends the Republic order into chaos.

The Senators had already convened a meeting and hope that all of the other Senators to come via holographic projection to discuss the matter.

It is not like before where these senators could easily fly to Moscow and arrive in a few minutes.

Right now, their speed is not as fast as before and there are even more airborne creatures on the air and many other monsters and beast all over the world

Some of them are weak, some of them could pose quite a challenge and some of them could even kill them unless they are around Divine Comprehension leveler or a pinnacle realm Disk Formation leveler

The distance is also not like before.

Even a village that is just a few kilometers away before the expansion had now stretched to thousands of kilometers away from their original position, so one could only imagine the distance between continents that would have changed

Right now, there is not yet any warlord that shows any opportunistic tendency to profit amidst the chaos in the European continent.

But when this current situation stabilized, that would naturally not be so. There were many events that happens after the kidnapping of Katarina that would send head spinning.

Jean keep relaying the news and each news is shocking.

Boris flew on top of his griffin to meet Death Monarch and talk to him.

Death Monarch had decided he would take Katarina back home, deterring any of the other leaders to communicate their intention to Death Monarch to stay

Jean had become Divine Compression leveler and contributed the most to saving the people of the world other than Death Monarch who fought the Demon King.

Hikigaya breakthrough to Divine Comprehension level on the moon and created an illusion powerful enough to stop an Essence Creation leveler on its track while also seeing the secrets that the World Powers tried to hide on the moon.

But, the big news is the Katarina kidnapping and Death Monarch decision.

As such, with all of these events, there is no doubt in everyone mind, that the Republic would be full on chaos after it stabilized the position of the Senators.

But, the news doesn't seem to end.

As Lee Sangmin and Warp opens the Mirror Dimension and bringing out the people that he had teleported inside it, another news breaks out.

Pandemonium, Death Monarch vouch the safety of Loki, the perpetrator of the Multiversal Convergence event.

Once again, it shocks the world. And this time, everyone could hear the telepathic message. To the layman, they were only shocked to heard the news.

They could not understand why Death Monarch would still try to protect Loki the Trickster.

These people do not understand the bond between Death Monarch and the Trickster and they seem to not recognize that there is something else that was chilling about that message

Or to be more accurate about Hirate ability to transmit the message to all over the world at real time with not obstruction or blurry messages.

But to those great leaders of the forces of the Great Power, they understood the implication of Hirate ability to suddenly broadcast his telepathic message to the whole world.

The distance between one continent to the other is not like before. Each continent is separated by tens of thousands of miles away.

But Hirate could still do it? With his level as Disk Formation leveler? That was impossible. So, everyone could deduce that Death Monarch was there.

Death Monarch was there meeting with the leader of the World Government. That is something that is very worrying to the other Great Powers

They did not know what kind of method that Death Monarch did to help Hirate

But whatever that method was, it enables Hirate to project his thoughts to the entire world, expressing the stance of Death Monarch

And the stance of Death Monarch is the stance of Pandemonium. And Pandemonium stance on things is very important to the world

Out of all the Great Powers, Pandemonium was the least affected.

They still remain the number one power and with Death Monarch display of prowess that was witnessed by all the people of the world, that position would still remain to Pandemonium as long as Death Monarch is still alive.

Their cities stand strong and the formation that they have defended many of their other cities.

By almost half an hour, most of the destroyed streets all over the Central Palace were repaired by nanobots that was developed by the Pandemonium Research Center

Not to mention with the many elites they have, they managed to save a lot of people in Pandemonium.

They did not have much to grind with Loki.

They could accept Death Monarch decision.

Not that they have a choice even if they are angry. Death Monarch would always be the ruler of Pandemonium and each of his words is the highest law of Pandemonium.

But, others suffer.

And the reason why they suffer is because of Loki the Trickster.

As such, to those who survived the demonic horde but lose their loved one, when they heard the news that said The Trickster was the one responsible for today tragedy, these people vowed that they would take their revenge to Loki.

Of course, those who sat on the thrones of powers knows that it is not as simple as that.

The Multiversal Convergence might have happened because of Loki, but he is not the only one to blame.

Whoever had mess with Time and Space, especially when someone messes with the Multiverse, they all have a part in this.

The World Gate that belongs to the World Government is also responsible as it weakens the stability between worlds.

The Republic also have its own method of accessing the Multiverse and one could only imagine the experimentation that they did that would surely leave a scar upon the fabric of reality.

Not to mention the other Great Powers that might also experimented with trying to open a barrier or door to other dimension and other parallel worlds.

Each time a travel between worlds happen, the fabric of reality weakens.

Hence, it is not fair to blame Loki alone. Loki was just the unfortunate match that light the fire.

The truth was anyone could be the match that lit the fire. They just have to be unfortunate enough to travel or mess with time and space at the correct moment.

The leaders of the Great Powers of course did not know that Azief was the real culprit.

#### [Chapter 933: The world reaction \(2\)](#)

Azief and Will act of breaking through time and space, folding it to such extreme length and stresses it enough had causes the Multiversal Convergence to happen.

The act of travelling through time to see the future is not an easy burden for Time.

It had to compile Probability and created the most possible future according to the Present time

That overburden the fabric of reality. It defies a lot of the Laws of the world and the laws of nature itself.

Only a higher dimensional being could see Time as it truly is.

Before the Fall, before humanity had the ability to absorb the energy of the world, to control and manipulate the Laws that dances around them, Time for humans only move forward.

But that is only the perspective of humans who think Time only moves forward.

Time is there. But we could not change it.

As such, we feel like we are moving forward through time.

For a higher dimensional being, this being could see Time through a different lens. Time might not be as connected as one would think.

Instead, it might be more like a book. With each moment, a page in a book. Whether it is lost, scratched, ripped apart, the book story ending would not change.

Regardless, the act of viewing the future and manipulating time and space continuum to that level causes the damage to the fabric of reality and the barriers between parallel worlds to go in chaos thus creating the Multiversal Convergence event.

The fact was anyone could have triggered the Multiversal Convergence event.

This is the thought of those leader of the Great Power.

But there is a reason why Hirate did not stress this part and why the other leaders also not explain this to the populace.

First, they have no time right now.

Some of them blamed Hirate on this.

Why would Hirate announce that Loki is the one responsible for Multiversal Convergence at such a chaotic time.

It is enough to announce it to the other leaders of the Great Power.

If Hirate did that, they could contain this from being too out of hands with people that survived the battle already wanted to exact their revenge against Loki.

Loki might be a cunning person and have many enemies but he also has allies in many of the great powers.

Not everyone y is happy that Loki is being blamed for this especially when they know, it is not entirely his fault. Everyone had a share on this fault.

What they do not know was that Hirate choses the perfect time to once Loki crime. Loki and Hirate planned this together. As such, there is not many flaws to the plan.

The reason why Hirate had to announce it as fast as possible is because he did not want Death Monarch to confess his crime.

As such, they must have jumped the shark first. The second reason is because right now, everyone is grieving.

They are angry.

And they want a target.

No matter how many facts that they would give to the people, telling them it is not entirely Loki fault that such a thing happened and it was only that his timing was unfortunate, nobody would listen.

After all, the people they love is dead. Their parents, their children....so how would they listen calmly and objectively.

When love is brought into question, there is no rationality. This is something that everyone understands.

So, most of the leaders of the Great Power is letting their people to be angry. When they are calmer, when they have finished grieving, then they would present the fact.

Not every great power is corrupt and wanted to benefits from their citizens suffering.

At least, not in this case.

Most of the people inside the Senate of the Republic, most of the Quorum Council members of the World Government, most of the eccentrics in the League of Freedom, the officials of the Lotus Order, the scientist and thinkers of the Order of Thinkers, the warlords in the African Alliance and the others high echelon members of powerful organization in the world all experience the Weronian War.

Of course, they would still fight for their personal interest like any politicians before the Fall. But what separated them from the politician before the Fall was that they fought in wars.

They lost their comrade in wars and lost their loved ones in a war. The war they fought was a war of a lifetime.

There is not song of heroes, only screams and pain. They saw what war does to their people. And what it did to them

The brutality surpassed World War II.

They saw Weronians eat humans like they were food. Humanity become a livestock. Death fills the world as the Weronian tries to modify Earth into their planet.

An absolute corrupt politician could not live long in the political arena in this new world. That is because there were many officials that also become hardline defender of Earth.

They could embezzle money, they could plot and scheme against their political opponent, kill and assassinate other Great Power politicians and important people and engages in secret war below the surface.

But, there is a line that must not be crossed

Even the most corrupt politician in any of the Great Powers had a bottom line after the Weronian War.

And that was in the event of a world destroying event or an attack from a civilization outside the Milky Way, any effort to degrade the strength of humans would be considered a treason toward Earth and humanity at large.

If this person is discovered in morning, this person would die before the afternoon and none would defend such a person.

Even the most corrupt politician in the great power could not endure such a person that they would rather renounce all of their ill-gotten gains than trying to defend such a person.

War changed people. Sometimes it brings the worse of men. But, sometimes it also brings the good.

Because of that, they understood anger.

The leaders of the great powers are all waiting for their people to return home. Of course, there is always a possibility that not all of their people would want to return.

There are all new continents popping up, uninhabited and all kinds of lands full of fortuitous opportunity is now free for people to discover.

The energy of the world had multiplied to a hundredfold and there are some regions that possess more energy than other regions.

These kinds of regions would surely be fought for. As such, humanity would become even more scattered.

Whether this is bad development or a good development, no one really knows.

And with such a vast world, Crime Alliance among others could not get a chance to breathe. The world before was large. But to the Crime Alliance and other factions of the crime underworld, they felt the world is very small.

The Seven Great Powers blame all their dirty deeds on them.

Of course, Crime Alliance is a criminal organization.

There is no doubt that they do crime and evil things.

It is in their name.

But the Seven Great Powers pose themselves as shining sun of virtue when in fact they also engage with many of the dubious things that the Crime Alliance had done.

But, if their plots and scheme was exposed, then they would make the Crime Alliance as their scapegoat.

Not to mention, the Crime Alliance is Pandemonium greatest enemy.

Any Pandemonium officials who ever met any Crime Alliance members would try to capture them.

If its low level members, they would be imprisoned. If they were high ranking members then they would be executed.

Now, this faction could run away and develop in secret.

Because now the world is even bigger than before and no random Disk Formation leveler could scan the whole world to seek them as easily as before.

But, Death Monarch is still there.

But judging by the news that had come out saying that Katarina was kidnapped by the Demon king, many members of the Crime Alliance believe that Death Monarch would be busy with trying to rescue the Ice Queen rather than using his time to plot against them at this current moment.

The sword slash that Death Monarch had executed in Socotra, had severely weaken the Crime Alliance.

As such, they need to develop peacefully before they could be as powerful as they were when Death Monarch was not present

And the Crime Alliance is not the only organization that would use these new world to their advantage.

Some people who have great ambition but was forced to live under the umbrella of the Seven Great Powers also seek new lands to call their own.

The leaders of the Great Powers are already thinking about the many lands that would secede themselves from under their influence.

Since the distance between continent is not so easily traversed now, it gives more autonomy to the other countries and kingdoms that was far away from the central authority of the great powers.

The Republic for example controls almost all of Europe other than Poland and a few others kingdoms and countries.

But with the distance between each country widened because of the expansion, then there is always a possibility that most of the Senators that control these countries and kingdom would secede themselves and created their own kingdom.

The reason is simple. The Republic could no longer supervise them as easy as before.

Not only the distance has widened, the surveillance systems that each of the great powers had created also needed to be upgraded.

Because right now, their surveillance system could not pass through the density of the world energy which is not only thicker and denser, it is also more mystical.

#### [Chapter 934: The world reaction \(3\)](#)

Since most of the surveillance system used after the fall incorporated magic and science altogether, the changes in the world energy also render most of the surveillance system that the Great powers had created to lose its mass scale surveillance area.

It is like the Divine Sense of the Disk Formation leveler. Before the expansion, their Divine Sense could envelop the world.

And the distance between countries and kingdom could easily be traversed by a Disk Formation leveler. All of the Great powers had Disk Formation leveler to control their vast land and kingdom that is under their influence.

Of course, most of the population move near the capital of the great power like most of European would migrate to Moscow and it surrounding areas to gain the benefit of the protection formation around the Senate.

But now after the expansion, at most Disk Formation leveler could envelop only around the country they are in.

And that also depends on whether the country is small or large. Some continents are as big as all of the continent of Earth combined.

And the seven continents of Earth had surpassed that size. So, a Disk Formation level could not even use their Divine Sense to envelop the continent they are in.

But, even while the leaders of the Great Powers were worried about this matter, they were more worried about the World Government.

The Republic might be in chaos right now with the sudden kidnapping of their High Chancellor Katarina but there is still Jean holding the fort and he is probably the best guardian of the Republic right now

The conflict that would arise is probably more about Jean and Boris conflict in the Senate of the Republic.

Probably the Senators would also not try to secede when there is a Divine Comprehension leveler holding the fort.

Because they still need the protection of such an expert.

And with how easy it was for Jean to appear anywhere in the world whenever and wherever he wishes, the Republic might lose the High Chancellor, but the Republic power itself had not change in their persuasion power over the world

One could even say that among the Three Great Powers, The Republic had jumped to second place displacing the World Government who were always considered to be the second below Death Monarch

But.... the same thing could not be said about the World Government.

The World Government had also now had a Divine Comprehension leveler but for some reason it did not strengthen the unity among the Kings and Emperors under the World Government

The thing is the Divine Comprehension leveler that the World Government get is not someone that any of the Great power was expecting

Everyone expected that if there is one person that could rival Death Monarch and someone who would reach the Divine Comprehension level after Death Monarch it would be Raymond.

Who would have thought it would be the Illusionist Archmage Hikigaya?

It is clear that Hikigaya act of secluding himself after the battle against Heaven where he helps Death Monarch was beneficial.

Of course, the world leaders had also got the report of how such an event could happen.

Hikigaya make use of the chaos and the abundance of energy that had come in during the early phase of the Multiversal Convergence to push himself to Divine Comprehension leveler by creating an illusion on the moon and the sun of Earth

Then Death Monarch even personally appeared and help him to break through that last one hurdle and Hikigaya managed to become a Divine Comprehension leveler.

The thing is the relationship of Hikigaya and Hirate was not like the relationship between Jean and the Senate.

Jean might have conflict with Boris and Katarina on the floor of the Senate. But in the end, their conflict is about the operation of the Republic, its policies and its aim and mission.

Whoever win, did not mean that the Senate would be weaker. It is the difference between ideals.

Boris and Jean could argue in front of the floor of Senate and curse each other in full view of the Senators of the Republic.

But after the Senate is closed, they could still meet each other and drink wine while cracking jokes.

Their difference is not something that would crack open the Senate into instability. This is the difference between Hikigaya and Hirate conflict in the World Government

Hikigaya wanted the protection of World Government while having autonomy. Hikigaya had always mention to secede Japan from the World Government.

The reason is simple. It restrains Japan.

Hikigaya did not want to conquer lands as that was not the initial intention of his. After all, what lands does he is interested in when there is an entire Universe to explore outside Earth.

But, Japan was forced to supply any of the resources toward the World Government during its formation.

Japan benefited from this as it is one of the founding countries of the World Government.

But, as more country enter into the World Government, Hirate had to make compromises and retract most of the advantages given to Japan.

One could say that Hirate had become more impartial as the scale of World Government become bigger.

But, Hikigaya and Oreki felt this not only detrimental to Japan development, it also reduces the benefits it had. And they still had to contribute their resources regardless because of their position as one of the founding countries

Japan is the least guarded nation among the World Government. What it means by this was that World Government rarely sends it Disk Formation levels to guard the island nation

The justification for this is because most of the other nations that enter into World Government did not have their Disk Formation levelers and requires one to maintain the stability and peace in that region.

As for Japan, they have Hikigaya and Oreki and their own private forces hence there is no need for too many protections from the World Government

The imperial family of Japan is nothing more than a figurehead for which Hirate derived his power from during the beginning of his rise.

The Imperial family was not killed off but they also lose their uses since Hirate had entrenched himself deeply as the Presidents of the World Government

It is at this moment that the Imperial Family of Japan contacted the overlord of Kansai which is Hikigaya.

Nobody knows what they were talking about.

But many believe that is the moment where Hikigaya supported and colluded with the imperial family to lessen the grip and power that Hirate had on the Empire

And with the overlord of Kanto Oreki supporting Hikigaya, they slowly created a separate faction side the World Government and their aim was simple

They wanted an autonomy and also the protection from the World Government to repay for the founding of the World Government.

They would not meddle with the business of the World Government and the World Government would not meddle with their business

At the same time, the World Government needs to protect them with the full force of the World Government ability as Japan was one of the founding countries of the World Government alongside the United States

Of course, now that Hikigaya is a Divine Comprehension leveler, many people are watching his next move.

Right now, the World Government needs a Divine Comprehension leveler if they do not want to lose their title as one of the Three Great Powers alongside Pandemonium and the Republic

But.... Hikigaya does not need the World Government anymore. Now, he has leverage

It would be interesting to see what will happen between the World Government and Hikigaya.

And then there is the nemesis of World Government, the League of Freedom. As for the League of Freedom, there is also something there.

The other Great Powers had got the report that shows World Government and the League of Freedom that always seems like oil and water, never could be mixed, actually once cooperate together and even created such a weapon on the Moon.

This creates alarm in the other leaders of the Great Powers.

Could it be that the World Government and the League of Freedom is actually creating a farce to the rest of the world, pretending to be enemies when they are actually allies.

It also shows that League of Freedom is not as harmless as one would have thought. When talking about the League of Freedom, one would always think of Storm Tide, the four tortoise that had an island on its back.

That is the trump card of the League of Freedom. Storm Tide could sail the seas without being attacked by normal predators of the sea.

It had also all kinds of formation arrays that is carved on the shell of the tortoise and modern weapons that attacked on the many building on top of the four tortoise shell.

That has always been the thought of other people when one thinks of the trump card of the League of Freedom.

But with the reveal of the weapon on the Moon, one wonders whether League of Freedom have more weapons that they not have shown to the world.

The weapon that they have in the Moon was more of a defensive weapon.

With the help that Lee Sangmin would give as the Price for borrowing Warp, League of Freedom would be able to complete their defensive weapon, giving them now the ability to teleport their people easily if such an event like today event happens again.

That is a defensive weapon and could also be thought of as an offensive weapon if one uses it correctly.

The question is, is the League of Freedom have more trump cards that they have not shown?

This kind of question plagued the mind of the other world leaders and as such, they could not help but look toward the League of Freedom with even more wariness.

One could even say, they benefited the most from this Multiversal Convergence event as they now could complete their weapon.

The others Great Powers also look at Lotus Order.

Lotus Order had also shows that Lee Sangmin worth is more than just his expertise in creating the Lotus Order Protection Formation and Arrays.

He is also able to integrate science and the application of magic by patching up the flaws with his arrays formation.

Warp, the League of Freedom second hand man of Narleod also shows his ability.

Who would have thought when The Arrayist Sage and Warp the Space Monarch work together, they could teleport everyone in the world that is below Seed Formation?

This kind of ability to teleport other people is without a doubt something that chills the heart of the other Great Power leaders.

At that time, most people don't care as they were faced with the attack of a horde of demons. Many rejoice at that time to be sucked into that Mirror Dimension

If not, they would surely be the collateral damage when two titanic beings like the Demon king and Death Monarch clashed with each other

But now, that the world is slowly calming down, when one thinks about it, this means if one had to fought Lotus Order or League of Freedom and those two unite with each other, normal soldiers that is consisted of any leveler below Seed Formation would be useless.

They could teleport the other Great Power army to wherever they wanted.

They could route an army, teleport them to some ravine of death or some forbidden areas of the world and the Great Powers army would easily be destroyed without Lee Sangmin and Warp having to do anything

The moment these thoughts enter the minds of these leaders, all of them would surely research how to block such teleportation ability to affect their people without consent

And then there is the Order of Thinkers who hides very deeply and shows their Twelve Pillars to the world

It even absorbs the power of the World Orb, possessing power to contend with the demonic horde.

It appears that these scientist is also not as weak as the other Great Powers had thought. They just knew how to pretend better than the others.

There is also the fact that they did not stop human experimentation as Death Monarch had discovered.

This would have to be addressed.

If not for the Multiversal Convergence event, who knows when that weapon of theirs would be revealed to the world?

As for the African Alliance, their weapons are something that everyone in the world had already knows so it did not make as much as a splash as the others.

It seems every Great Power seems to have their own trump card. News after news came since the fight ended and everyone is dizzy with the development that keep on going.

The day seems long today as they all waited with bated breath

What news would come after?

At the same time all of this news were revealed, and as the leaders of the Great Powers is trying to think of ways to navigate the new there, someone appears on a large island.

#### [Chapter 935: Ordinary tale](#)

The large island is surrounded by sea water on its four corners. There are birds flying around the island and large fishes jumping out the water every few seconds.

The white sandy beaches and the breezy wind of the sea welcomes any visitors.

Then the space around the land of the island distorted.

The space around this figure contracted, distorted and then it fizzles out before the area was calm again.

A person had appeared on the island as he wipes some of the Time Dust on his sleeve.

‘There is something in this island that even disturb my Time Laws’ the man muttered to himself

He is wearing blue robe, and his eyes has a pointer that moves slowly before his eyes become normal again.

This person is none other than Jean the Time Monarch. He frowned a bit after arriving here.

He could see the person he wanted to seek. But he was surprised that he did not immediately arrived at the exact location of that person.

Instead he was forced a few hundred feet from that person. His Time Law was even disturbed.

‘Interesting’ he muttered to himself.

He took another step and the Time and Space around him changed as Jean finally arrived in front of that person.

There is only four feet distance between him and that person

That person is a woman.

Jean narrowed his eyes as he looks at this woman. This is not the first time he saw this woman. But each time he is in front of this woman, he always felt unease.

That feeling is even more stronger now.

After all, it has been years since they meet with each other. This woman had long been silent with some even thinking that she was already dead.

It wasn’t until the Multiversal Convergence happens and he became a Divine Comprehension leveler that he could sense her.

And after following the trails of Time, he concludes that this woman ids the catalyst for what happens today.

But he is not blaming her. He just wanted to understand. And also he just wants to see an old friend

As such, there is a complicated expression on his face.

Jean knows half the story of why Death Monarch wanted to see the future. He knew that Death Monarch and Will went to future.

But why they wanted to see the future is something that Jean still did not know. Knowing Death Monarch there must be a very compelling reason for him to go to see his own future

Jean knows that Death Monarch must have known the risk he had taken by trying to pierce through Time and Space.

After following the trails of time, he believes he had known the full story of the matter. To be more accurate, he believes he know how the story started.

‘This woman is the cause’ that is his thoughts.

He come closer but then he stops as he could finally trace where the trace of time he had felt before come from

The woman that he had seek is still closing her eyes. Jean could see that the woman realizes that he is there not far away from her

But he still did not open her eyes. There is a trace of Time around her. To Jean eyes, it is very obvious. It swirls all around her body, coiling against her like a chain.

It is like Time is pulling her. At times, it tries to push the woman. The burden of every Seers, he thought to himself.

the Time Traces around the woman is weird.

It is not chaotic and it is not calm. It is just weird. It looks like it unifies the contradiction between the chaos and order yet at the same time it is not.

Jean had never seen anything like.

'There must be a reason' he thought to himself.

Jean only took a few moments before he understood why he felt that the time around that woman is weird.

The Time around that woman seems to be connected and yet at the same time disconnected and it is not in order.

Like a puzzle pieces that needs to be solved or a page taken out of a book and one had to put it back according to the page number.

This woman sits below a tree.

And Jean could sense the source of the reason why the Time flows around that woman is very different had something to do with this tree

This tree is large and it is tall. The diameters of the base of the tree exceed the width of many city streets and its height reaches the clouds.

Jean look up and he could see some gigantic flying creature made a nest on top of the large branches of this tree.

It is unlike any trees he had seen. It reminded Jean of the trees in Socotra, where most of the trees looks like it appears in some sci-fi movies

This tree had many weird characteristics. The tree itself emanated the Laws of Time.

Around the trees, there is an effect of Time that have different effects on different sector of the area around the tree.

On the north area of the tree, time seems to accelerate. The grass on the north area of the tree grows, wilted, die and round and round it goes

On the south side, time slowed.

Everything around that southern area of the tree slowed down.

Whether it be a droplet of water dripping down from the edges of the leaves or the movement of a worm or a bird, everything was slowed down around that area

On the western area of the tree, time stand still.

Wind could not move even one dust from that area and even the wind went still. As for the eastern area of the tree, time went into disorder. At times, it slow down.

Other times it accelerated.

At times it went still. These four phenomenon around the tree made Jean look at it with wonder.

He wonders if he carves a clock from this tree, what would be the effect would be for him. The Room of Clocks have many function.

One of the effect is that it amplifies his Time powers. He did not know that such a tree exists in this world

This kind of tree could channel his Time energy. One could only wonder what kind of effect it would show if he uses it to create one of his clock.

'Remarkable' he exclaims.

'I really should travel the world more' he thought to himself.

But he also wonders how this woman could be free from the effect of the tree and even uses the tree to strengthen herself.

The woman still did not open her eyes. Jean take a step closer. The woman ears twitched. Still closing her eyes, she smiles.

'Jean, meeting an old friend?' the woman said. Jean only smiles bitterly and simply said

'Could you see me?'

There is a smile on the woman face and she simply said

'Just because I close my eyes, do not mean that I could not see. One could say, that I see even better now'

Jean frowns

'Omens. Signs. Vague words and mysticism. That is your shtick, Erika' The woman is none other than the Great Oracle Erika

She laughed and nodded.

'You are not wrong' she said. Jean frowned.

Right now, Jean was everywhere, relaying the current news to many factions so that they could do what is best for Earth right now.

As of now, it is very important to centralize the power, to unite against a common enemy.

Jean even met with Narleod and advises him and tell him the news. He abhors the man. But, that is not important right now.

What is important right now being the stability of the world

Jean must separate his consciousness to make sure that he did not mess up. His main body is at the Hill, maintaining that Time Flow around the portal to the Seresian world.

This Time Avatar that he had sent to meet Erika is simply because he wanted to know more. He also wanted to know the intention of the Oracle and what she is planning to do.

This woman did not possess an army, did not possess lands, is not one of the high echelon members of the Great Powers but her influence extends all over.

Seers Acolytes worships her, and there is Paladin Order that is formed entirely to serve her.

The devotion of these people towards her is remarkable and fanatical.

If they know she had resurfaced, many would come to her, offering her all kinds of things. Jena, even until today never understood the reason for her sudden disappearance from the stage of the world

Boris had even sent investigators to seek her before.

She had good reputation among the community that she lived with, and great and powerful men would ask for her advice as they would ask her to divine their fates

This is a time of chaos.

With the new and sudden change of the world, Erika coming out and roaming the world is just another uncertainty factor in the world

She had disappeared all of a sudden and no one knows whether she would go to the Republic or the World Government or create her own independent force.

She had once allied with the World Government. But then she allied with the Republic. Then she disappeared for years with no one knows where she is.

Now, he knows. And it would not be long before the whole world knows.

Jean had come not only as an old friend; he had also come as the Left Chancellor of the Republic. He wanted to know her stance, and her plans among other things.

In other words, he has question and he wanted answers from the Oracle.

What an ordinary tale in the life of the Oracle!

#### [Chapter 936: The world now has hope](#)

He looks at her, trying to see more. His eyes twinkle and there is a swirling energy of Time around him as he tries to look at the Time energies that is swirling around Erika.

The pointer in his pupils move clockwise but nothing happened. Then it moves counter clockwise and nothing happened.

He closes his eyes for a second before opening it back. The pointer is fading but one could see sweat on his forehead.

He slowly wipes it with a handkerchief

Other people who did not have the ability to control Laws would not be able to see the scene that he is seeing

It is like normal eyes could not see the bacteria on the ground and requires specialized tools to see it.

That is the best way to describe how Divine Comprehension levelers see the world. It was like they could turn on and off the specialized tools in their eyes.

He clicked his tongue.

'She hides deeply' he thought to himself.

He thought that now he had reached Divine Comprehension leveler he could now pierce through the weird way Seers and Oracle communicated with Time and see what they see

It is clear while they both cultivated Time Arts, it is not exactly the same.

It is a different kind of specialization of Time.

Unless, he could sever the path that he had walked, it would not be easy for him to make sense of the way Seer and Oracles connected with Time.

Jean sighed and then he asks

'What did you tell him?' Jean was direct. Erika was surprised. She had thought Jean would open with small talks first.

But she smiles when hearing the question. Even though, the tone was accusatory, Erika like this kind of questioning more.

Jean waited for Erika answer

Like Death Monarch, he too did not have much time.

Considering, he has the ability to control Time Law, it is very ironic that he would ever be in a situation where he did not have time

But that is the reality. Time also has a limit. It could be bend and it could be broken, cut and destroyed.

As such, until Jean had reached the realm where he could truly master the art of using Time and controlling it to the acme level, he still has to be wary of using Time Law excessively

Erika still did not open her eyes.

She actually fears that Jean could see what she sees. For people who masters Time, they have a very symbiotic relationship with Seers and Oracles

This relationship could be symbiotic, parasitic and even harmful to each other.

There is visions swimming in her mind right now, voices in her head, memories and vision intertwined with each other making it hard to distinguish which one is the reality and which one is only her vision.

A Seer or an Oracle always need to strengthen her mental strength.

Erika, if she did not have the memories of her future self probably would not be able to withstand all these new visions.

The future changes with each choice.

And that is what happens today.

The Demon King kidnapping Katarina did not happen in the original timeline.

Because at that time, Azief was not yet that close with Katarina and their relationship is not like it is now in this timeline.

The timeline of the Seresian attack also is brought forward.

When the past changes, the probability of the future is also changing.

Erika had always pays attention to one particular future timeline and that was the future timeline of the God of Death.

When she heard the news of what happened to Katarina, she sat above the tree, absorb it energy and open the Veil to see the future.

The future probability is counting right now.

There is not yet definite future.

As for the reason she did not opens her eyes it is because she fears if she opens her eyes, Jean could use some of his Time Law to derive some understanding from her vision.

The eye is the window to the soul. That is not entirely bollocks in the current world. Magic exist.

And illogical things would be logical.

That is not necessarily good.

Erika is also trying to see the future that has changed after Azief had returned from the future. From what she could see thing did not change....at least not that much

But Erika could see now that there is a mist covering her vision.

Something is changing. The probability is still counting. The future she sees is now.... weakening.

It is about to be replaced with an updated changes of the future matters.

Whatever it is, Erika still could not see through the fog. She needs to strengthen herself further, maybe take that step toward Divine Comprehension.

She would need time for that.

She also has to prepare her Knight chess piece for the future.

Void is now in her hands. She needs to wisely put him in the chessboard without Loki and Yewa Hafar noticing.

She felt anxious and at the same time happy because of the changes of the future.

After all, while her plans and Loki plans at times coincide, it did not necessarily mean that their way of achieving their objective is the same.

She would prod here and there, nudge where she thinks it should be nudge, and make sure that the future would be advantageous to the objective she is trying to create

Loki and Yewa Hafar fears that the story would veer off the path that they knew.

Yewa Hafar wanted everything to remain the same or as close as it could to the original timeline. Because in the original timeline, his Master had won.

Loki on the other hand did not necessarily wanted the future to remain the same but at the same time, there are certain future events that should not change because to change one certain event could break the plans that “they” have for the Final Battle

This “they” is of course referring to Time God, Mind Monarch, Divine Archer and Loki the Trickster plans that they concocted after the Final Battle

Erika on the other hand did not suffer the same weakness that these people suffer. Her eyes could see the possibility of a future. Rarely this changes.

Small events could change.

But the big picture is hard to change. It is because great destiny is rarely the effect of one decision.

It is the accumulation of choices that solidified the prophesized future. By the time you noticed, you could no longer changes it.

When one looks at the past and views the future and realizes where it all go wrong, at that time, you would realize that there is no other way to end the story than the way it is then

Effects of a compounding choice that stacked on top each other to create the perfect ending. The perfect ending did not mean a happy ending.

A perfect ending is merely the result of all those choices in the past leading to that End.

A perfect ending is when you look at all the thing that append and then awoken to the understanding, that there are no other way things could end other than the way it ended with all the choices that one had made in the past

One thing that Erika does know is that Azief would still be that person.

But....in the end, what she sees now is still only one of the possibility of the future.

After all, she did not come this far to give up just because the vision did not appear the way she wanted it to.

There is still time.

And hope is still there.

So, that is enough for her to keep on going.

Even when hope is lost, as long as the hope in her heart is not extinguish, there is always a chance.

This is one battle that she could not give up no matter what.

Even if there is no hope, she had to keep going. But, today event had made her able to see a budding of hope.

She felt fear of hope. Because she knows it very well what would happen when one hope is destroyed.

But at the same time she yearns for it. Hope sometimes could be the reason to keep going but it also could be a torment.

She sighed as she tries to calm her heart and the voices she is hearing.

She takes a deep breath, breathing in the cold fresh air

She is still waiting for Azief to come. After all, he still has to pay the Price. Erika knew that Jean would not go away without an answer.

So, she gave him an answer.

'I told him the truth' she said. Jean frowned. He sighed and then follow up with

'Couldn't you just lie?' Erika smiles

'You know that is not possible for me' Jean paused for a second and then said

'If you told me in advance, I could help you bear the Price of lying'

'It is not something that I should lie about. And the Price I bear, is not something you could help with and bear with'

Jean did not know what to say to that. After all, he also did not know what Seers and Oracles pay when they lie about the thing they see.

There is something about Oracles and Seers that when they divine someone future and fates, the moment they accepted the request of seeing through the Veil, an oath was formed between them and Time.

This oath appeared unable to be broken. And there is a Price to pay when one breaks this oath.

Like there is a Will that enforce these oaths. And this Will is everywhere and no one could escape it.

Jean also knows a little bit about these kinds of Will. He after all had his own adventure. Not to mention, he had also spoken with Orvanians before when they were on Earth

The Ethernas that turns into a source of energy for all the Multiverses, Dimensions and Universes that exist in the Omniverse.

He shakes his head out of this thought and then say to Erika

'Because of you, today the world suffers' Erika shook her head and instead reply

'Because of me, the world now has hope' she said and there is a smile on her face.

#### [Chapter 937: Necessary](#)

'Because of you, today the world suffers' Erika shook her head and instead reply

'Because of me, the world now has hope' she said and there is a smile on her face.

Jean could not understand why she said that. But, he did not dismiss what Erika said.

She must have seen something that made her thought like that. He tries to think of it and then he asks without expecting anything

'Is...Did...Death Monarch action today have changed something in the future? What did you see in the future? Is it good? Is it bad?'

Erika smiles faltered as her voice suddenly changed. It was like two people are talking at the same time as she asks

'Is that a question for the future? Did you want me to divine it for you?' Hearing this Jean suddenly become alert.

Because he also saw something else the moment Erika changes her tone. His face pale for a second.

'No' he replied quickly. Erika nodded and then her face become normal again.

'That is good' she said, her voice reverts back to normal.

'That was close' Jean thought to himself.

If he was careless at that time, he was certain that he would form some kind of contract with the Oracle.

He could see that at that moment where Erika ask him that question, the Time Law around Erika suddenly moves and it was moving toward him, trying to envelop him.

There is a Price to pay when one listens to the prophecy of the Oracle. An oath is sealed the moment one heard their fates and destiny

And that is not something that Jean wanted for himself.

Hence, the question he must ask must not touched that bottom line

'I thought I would get answers from you' Jean said

'I am not surprised. Everyone thought the same thing. They come to me asking question about their future. Some I fulfilled. Some I reject. Not everyone could pay the Price that I would ask of them'

'You feel no guilt?' Jean asked.

This question relates to his question about her telling something to Death Monarch that causes him to go to the future and created this mess

Erika reply was

'It was necessary'

Jean gritted his teeth and clench his fist as he said

'Tens of thousands of people die and it was necessary? Is the death of all of those people necessary?' Erika said with a nonchalant tone

'You do not see the things I see. As such, you could not understand' Jean shut up as Erika said those words

'I could never understand you Seers and Oracles. You sacrifice the present for the future'

Erika sighed and said

'I don't want to be like that. But, there is too much at stake' Sighing again she added

'Don't be so quick to judge us, Time Manipulator. Later, when you could also tap onto your Time powers and see Time as it is, maybe you too would make the same kind of decision that I did' she then paused and added with a creepy smile

'Maybe, you would be even worse' Jean only listen but he did not deny Erika words.

After all, there is nothing that is certain in this world. Erika did not say anything more than necessary. She only gives him a foreshadow of what his future would be like.

After all, one of the vision swimming in her mind is the death of Paulette and Jean reaction to it. There was silence between them for a few moments before Erika ask

'Is that the only reason you came?' Jean close his eyes for a second before he said

'Death Monarch would be coming here later, right?

Erika nodded

'I want you to give him a message' He waves his hand and the message enters Erika mind. The moment that message embedded itself into Erika mind, Erika frowned.

'This is not quite a good message. Why not say to him directly? It would not be hard for you to do that.'

Jean sighed and then he said

'Maybe he would listen if it comes from you. Or maybe by the time he comes here and pay the Price that he had to pay, he would be more inclined to listen. Or maybe it is already to late. But I still had to remind him. The second part of the message is merely my wish. I don't want anything bad to happen to it. With his influence, it would be easy for him. I doubt he wanted something bad to happen to something that Katarina wanted to protect' Erika remains silent.

Jean sighed and then added

'I don't have much time now. After this, I would have to retract all my Time Avatars to focus on maintaining the portals to the Seresian world. As such, I would not be able to do anything and communicate my intention to others'

Erika nodded.

From the beginning until end, Erika did not open her eyes in the slightest. Jean of course notice this, so he asks

‘Are you that afraid of me trying to see what you see?’

‘I fear that you would have a different conclusion than me. And who knows? If you see it, you might not think of it as an advantage. instead, you might think it is a curse. And I wouldn’t wish this even on my enemies. So why should I wish it on you?’

Jean did not know whether to believe Erika words or not.

Oracles could not lie. But that is only when they are talking about their prophecy. Other times, they could lie like any other person.

‘What if I promise you I would not try to see it?’

‘Temptation is always strong. Especially for a person like you who learns the arts of Time. It would be even more tempting to you. Even if logic dictates it would be harmful to you, desires always won over logic’

Jean sighed and nodded. Then he looks at the tree.

Erika did not open her eyes but for some reason she could sense that Jean was looking at the tree.

She smiles. It is not hard for Erika to conclude that Jean also had been able to sense how special the tree is to people who trains in the Time Arts

‘This tree is helpful for you’ Erika suddenly said.

‘Take some of its wood’ she said. Jean did not immediately try to take the wood. Instead, he was hesitating.

‘Is there a Price to pay? He asks.

Laughing she replies

‘No. I have sat under this tree for years. But just because I sat under it, did not mean the tree was mine. Since it could help you, at least you did not come here in vain’

Jean nodded and he was about to wave his sleeve and took one of the large branch of the tree when suddenly he stops his movement.

Then he looks back at Erika, his eyes narrowed at that woman and he ask

‘Did you predicted this?’ Erika nodded

‘personality sometimes determines one own fate’

This is the best she could tell Jean to ease his heart.

‘Omens. Signs. Vague words and mysticism’ he said once again and Erika only smiles.

Jean understood what Erika meant and so his heart become calm.

He waves his hand and one of the branch flew inside his sleeve. The inside of his sleeve appears to be like some kind of a bottomless hole that it could fit anything inside it.

Jean had created his own robe and this robe is embedded with the understanding of Laws of time and Space.

In other words, the sleeve acted like some kind of storage bag that is created using Space Laws.

So, it would not be surprising for Jean to be able to store even the entire tree if he wanted to

But Jean already had a premonition that if he tries to take the entire tree, it is not exactly a fortuitous thing for him

Too much luck sometimes invites calamity.

Jean then took a long look at Erika and he said

‘Will you return to the center stage again? And will you return to the Republic? Or will you side with Hirate this time. I know you always have a soft spot for the underdog’ He asks. Erika thought for a moment and then she said

‘I would not hide anymore’ she did not truly answer Jean question but Jean believe that her word mean she would once again appear in the center stage of the world.

She also did not specify whether she would return to the Republic or the World Government. Maybe, she would even choose the other Great Powers.

Erika is always hard to read.

Still, a familiar face is always welcomed.

Thinking of this, there is a kind and gentle smile on his face and said

‘Godspeed to you. I don’t have many friends now after years had passed. I guess I would not be too lonely roaming the world after this’

Erika also smiles. Jean then took a step backward and he seems to merge with the space around him before he disappeared.

Erika then opened her eyes.

Inside her eyes, there is all kinds of vision. She smacks the tree and one of the fruits from one of its branches falls down beside her.

She took the fruit which is fiery red in color and have the same shape as a pear and take a bite out of it.

The vision in her eyes slowly slow down and the headache is not as severe as before. The fruit is always useful in calming down some of her episode related to the effect of Time

She then slowly controls the visions before it slowly faded from her mind.

‘I could not keep going like this’ She touches her right eye and she said

‘I wonder how painful it is to gouge my eye’ She clicked her tongue and simply said

'A small sacrifice for the future' then she closes back her eye and waited. Until Azief is here, she would not move away. The formation that she had deactivated before, activated again.

Just like before, she waited. In her eyes, that vision replayed itself

It is her presenting her eye to Azief. She smiles at the thought.

'Connected forever through time' she mutters as the formation rises up and the wind blows around the area bringing the wind of change.

#### [Chapter 938: Earthshaker and death monarch \(1\)](#)

Jean had visited The Oracle. Loki is hiding somewhere and searching for the Broker. Erika is preparing herself for her fate.

Yewa Hafar is somewhere in the Moon after being banished by Number Seven.

It would still take him some time before he gets back to Earth and continue his schemes and plot. Pandemonium is escorting their people back home

The Centre Palace officials quickly send help to all the cities around the Capital and trying to find out the current size of the continent and the world.

Sasha and her subordinates is nowhere to be found; the Three Demoness had also disappeared after the battle.

All the Great Power is trying to consolidate their power now. Even after the announcement by Hirate that Pandemonium would protect Loki, this did not stop the momentum of recovery.

They might send protest letter to Pandemonium later.

But now is not the time.

What is important right now is to quickly recover from the damages, find out and assess the change that happens to the world, and any other problems that might arise so they could be prepared for it.

To get mad at Pandemonium right now is stupid.

This is not the first time that Earth had to recover after an otherworldly invasion.

As such, it is very efficient. Nanobots, robotic machines flies out from the factory helping reconstruct building and put out fires and clean up the streets.

Most of the armed robots had already been deployed during the early phases of the Multiversal Convergence.

If not for the fact that humanity had many of such mechanical robots, the casualties of humans would clearly even be more than it is now.

The world is all full of activities right now. And as they are doing all of this, Azief is already somewhere else.

He is now meeting another person.

He appears in the sky, and the moment he appears there a great pressure covered the thirty-meter radius.

He had restricted the pressure to only cover thirty-meter radius.

He did not want this person to run away. And he also did not want others to eavesdrops or see what he is doing. The pressure also seals the area from any prying eyes

This thirty-meter radius is controlled by him as his power pressure everything inside that radius.

He was in front of someone.

That person frowned the moment he saw Azief. 'This is unexpected' that person mutters to himself.

That person is wearing a golden armor, and on his hand he held a mace that could talk

With a golden hair that reach his neck, a wavy style hair, with tall height and hard rock abs and muscle, the person floating in the air is Raymond the Earthshaker.

He had to suddenly stop creating a powerful blast that crack the air around him.

When he tries to smash the area using his mace, even his acme felt dizzy when it clashes against the air and space around them

He was shocked because he was suddenly being ambushed like this.

A powerful force had enveloped them, sealing them in this area. Raymond once again felt helpless. Today, is the day, he felt how it felt like to have not enough power to do many things he wanted to do

He was on his way to the Island. He is not surrounded by his soldiers. Most of his soldiers is now escorting the people of the World Government who come out from the Mirror Dimension.

And he did not need protection. Raymond did not expect to see Azief suddenly appearing in front of him.

Azief appeared in front of him almost instantly. So, Raymond stopped and he look at Azief. It was quite awkward.

Azief only look at Raymond with that piercing eyes that seems to be able to strip any disguises.

And Raymond stare at his rival in love.

The world had always compare him to Azief.

But Raymond was never the jealous one. He is not that kind of guy. He did not mind being compared. All in all, Raymond was never a competitive person.

He had never care whether he was second or first.

And maybe that is the problem. Raymond, contrary to popular belief, did not hate Azief as much as the world wanted him too.

He and Azief have different path and since they have different path, rarely they meet each other. Since the road they walk did not overlapped each other.

But, if there is one thing that he envies Azief it was that Sofia loves him. Sofia is not an earthshaking beauty.

At least, before she become a Disk Formation leveler, she was not as pretty as some other woman.

But, to Raymond she was an exotic woman. Like Azief found Katarina to be exotic, Raymond find Sofia to be exotic.

But that is not the reason he falls in love with Sofia. There is a certain charm that Sofia has and once he was captured by that charm, it is really hard to release himself from it.

If he could explain it, it would not be this hard. Maybe the fact that he couldn't explain it, makes it love

If there is one thing worth envying Azief for, it is the fact that the woman he loves, loves him.

'Death Monarch' Raymond said as he greets him. Azief frown.

He sighed. There are some words that he wanted to speak but he hesitates to word it out

Raymond was not the person he wanted to meet originally. But, thinking of what will happen if he were to lose, he need to prepare some plans.

Azief almost scoffed at himself. He was never the planner and the schemer. But as he grows stronger, and as the problems he had to face grows larger, there are times that he is slowly become a schemer and a planner.

If Loki were to know Azief thought, he would not be surprised. After all, in his timeline, Azief did not become a concierge of crime if he relies only on his strength.

Azief in Loki timeline is very unpredictable, cunning and even more of a schemer than himself. When one reaches Sovereign level, there are many things that is hard to do personally.

And one had to have an all-encompassing plan when one sits on the Divine Throne. After all, once someone sits on the Divine Throne, there are some restriction.

Of course, when Azief had the chance, he abdicated and give his throne to Raymond, making him free from the Divine Throne. Sitting on the Divine Throne gives almost an unlimited power upon the Laws of the World and everything is under one control

But, there is certain things that they have to give up. Maybe, this time it would be a bit different

Scheming and plotting then become a necessary tool. And Azief in Loki timeline wield it very masterfully.

Azief then said

'Did you hear Hirate announcement?' Raymond nodded and then Azief ask once again

'Do you agree with it?'

'Loki is innocent' Raymond said it with conviction.

Raymond would know. Because he was there on that battlefield.

Because he got the report.

And because he too has eyes and ears in the Quorum building. So, how could he not know that the true culprit of this even is not Loki?

But, then why would Hirate said it was Loki? Why did Loki did not refute? Why do the others become blind and mute? Because they cover up someone.

But who would the great powers would be covering up for?

Hirate had no significant other so he would not do it for love.

Then if it not loves, it is fear.

And who could make someone like Hirate, the President of one of the Three Great Powers to fear someone so much that he would cover up the truth?

There is only one person.

And that would be Death Monarch Azief.

If Death Monarch Azief is the one that was responsible for this event, Raymond could understand why Hirate covers him up, why Loki is silent and why those who could see pretend to be blind.

He sighed and said

'You did it' Azief click his fingers and a barrier sprang up around him enveloping Raymond inside it and he simply said

'Yes. It was me' Raymond was not surprised. There was silence between the two men and Raymond said  
You let Loki takes the blame.

'He wanted to take it. He did not consult me on doing such a thing. Hirate covers it up, Jean shut his mouth and Hikigaya pretend to not see anything. Tell me, what should I do then?'

Azief then smiles helplessly as he said

'Loki take the first initiative to let Hirate air out his crime. So, whatever I say after that would only be seen as trying to protect Loki. They would still believe that it is him that perpetrated the event. The only thing I could do, is to share the blame a bit. If everyone wanted to mess with him, they mess with me'  
Azief said

Raymond did not know what to say.

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He understood why Hirate covers up the story.

But he did not like it. When he thinks about it, this past couple of years, Hirate did a lot of things that did not conform to his heart.

Thinking of this, his heart felt heavy. He also remembers what Jean said to him before and that made him felt even worse.

Raymond did not follow the same path as Azief. His path is always about justice. He had been many times being patient with Hirate.

That is because he believes it is for the greater good. There were many things that Hirate did that did not fit his ideals and heart but he restrained himself.

But now as he discovers, the greater good does not care about justice. And the realization of that, made him feel tired.

There was silence between them. The wind blows, the clouds move and the sea water below flows.

Time passes.

Azief looks at Raymond and simply said

'Why stray from your path?' he suddenly said and Raymond was shocked. Azief then said

'You think too much. You consider too much'

'Not everybody could do whatever they wanted' Azief nodded. Then he said

'That is true. But that did not apply to you. If you don't like it, then say it. It is not like you are some kind of a weak mortal. You put the restraints on yourself. Why blame other people?'

'Adversity should temper one's personality. Not break it. You are not broken. But you are malleable. And that would be fine, if you are any other person. But.... Raymond. I think you prefer to be straight, unyielding and unbroken.' Azief could see the problem with Raymond in one glance.

Hirate's path is different. And Raymond's path is different.

But Raymond has been holding himself back.

that prevented him from getting stronger.

Everyone's path to getting stronger and breaking through the level is more or less the same.

But, once someone found their Grand Path, then they either have to walk that path till the end or find a new path if the old path is not suitable.

Raymond is a man with a heart of justice. He abhors injustice, a beacon of righteousness. But, he had to endure Hirate's ways that Azief could presume to be unsavory

Raymond heard Azief's words and he nodded.

'I'll keep that in mind' Raymond has his own thoughts about this matter.

After all, today, he had learned what could happen if he still did not take things seriously. He was powerless today to stop many things.

His heart was screaming in anger and it is full with dissatisfaction right now. He thought to himself if only he was stronger.

It would not be that bad. There would be less people that die. And this thought fills his head even as he was flying to the island.

Azief did not want to waste much time here. After all, he is meeting Raymond is for Sofia. The place where he was gazing before is none other than the Hill.

That is where she is right now. And she is helping Jean, supplying him with his energy. It seems Sofia knows what he would do.

She knew that he would come for Katarina. This matter always weighs on his heart. He did not know how to feel about this.

'I would not be long here' he said. Raymond nodded.

'Are you going to go?' Azief nodded.

'Then what about Sofia?' he asks

'She could take care of herself' Azief said and there is a glare on his eyes. Raymond frowned.

'You should settle it in the past. Why did the Demon King kidnapped Katarina and not Sofia? Because you have feelings for her.'

What I feel is none of your business' Azief said. Raymond close his eyes and nodded. Then he said

'Sooner or later, you will hurt Sofia like this' Azief expression did not change but he is angry., But he manages to calm his heart and said

'Don't meddle in our relationship'

'I want what you want, Death Monarch. I want her to be happy' Azief scoffed.

'You mean; you want her to be happy with you.'

'If that is the only way she could be happy, then let it be' Raymond said. Azief reply

'She has decided. And that person is me' Raymond sighed, close his eyes for a second, trying to calm his stormy emotions and then he said

'What is it that you came here for?' It is now time for the real reason of why Azief met him. It would not be because Azief just wanted to meet him and rebuke him or remind him who Sofia belongs to.

There must be another reason. Even Raymond could see this. Azief then said

'I need your support in the Quorum Council. To veto any decisions regarding hunting Loki. I doubt that Hirate alone could bear the pressure of the Council Lords. With you, it would be easier for Hirate and it would be easier for Loki. Could you do this for me?' Raymond nodded

He understood what Death Monarch is getting at. He nodded

'Loki is innocent. I would help him with all I can. Today, he sacrifices himself for the stability of the world. That man.....is a hero. It would be an honor to help him. And the World Government is not entirely blameless on this, no matter how it pretends itself to be'

'I know all about the risk of the World Gate. I should have.....' Raymond clicked his tongue as he looks at the sky with a regretful expression

'Hirate was too greedy...but I know where he is coming from. He wanted to strengthen humanity as fast as possible. The promise of technology from the other side, a new kind of magic from the other worlds is too huge of a temptation for him to take it slowly'

'There was always a risk. Everyone that was deep in the research of the World Gate knows about it. But they ignore it. Because the benefit outweighed the cost. I should have stopped him. I should have told them to take even more precautions. To research more, to minimize the damage to the fabric of reality even more. But everyone was impatient. Haish' he sighed.

Azief just listen to Raymond rants. Suddenly the mace speaks

'Hey, boy. It is not your fault. I told you to sock Hirate face. Those donkeys in the Research Centers only knows how to open the World Gate. Didn't I tell you that sooner or later, that would come to bite them in the ass?'

Then it shouted

'Now, run' The space around the area crack for a second before it instantly merges back. Azief was shocked for a second

Raymond look at his mace with a dumbfounded expression and he almost laugh.

And then he mace angry voice comes out

'Idiot boy. I give you the chance to run but you did not take it.

Raymond look at his mace and said

'Azief would not hurt me'

'He is treating you like an errand boy. Have you no pride, you motherfucker?'

'It is not something hard for me to do' Raymond said to the mace

The mace trembles and said

'Hopeless. You are too nice. One day, you would surely be taken advantage off'

Azief was still shocked at that power that erupted out of the mace in that instant

Unless, one is at Divine Comprehension peak level, it is hard to break the sealing that he had form over the area.

But that mace was able to, for that short period of time, to create a hole for Raymond to fly off.

'And you? Stop bullying the kid' the mace speaks to Azief.

Azief glares at the mace and the mace suddenly went silent again.

Azief was always curious of that mace. From the rumors he heard about the mace, it always speaks and it had quite the potty mouth. Yet when it is in front of him, that mace never speak.

Only now, he could inanely hear the mace speaks.

Azief had an odd feeling about that mace. It is something like the feeling of familiarity. He did not know why he felt this way. It is just a premonition in his heart

There is silence again as Azief said to Raymond

'I am the cause of this matter. There is no need for you to blame yourself in this matter and weep like some kind of an emotional hero' he said and Raymond laughs.

Azief is still the same with his expression face.

Raymond is someone that Azief just couldn't bring his heart to like. This has something to do with Raymond liking Sofia.

He might appear nonchalant about it, but who could truly be nonchalant about it when the woman you love have someone else pining for her

He just pretends to not care. Sofia treated Raymond like a friend.

That alone is a red flag.

But Azief could not and do not want to appear like a controlling boyfriend, forbidding her to have other guy friends.

And it would be easy for Sofia to think of him as a controlling boyfriend if he ever forbids her doing certain thing. This is because the disparity of power between him and her.

Sofia is powerful. But is she as powerful as him?

If he starts forcing her to do thing she don't want to do, if he starts crossing that line.... Azief do not want to become the worse version of himself.

He knew what Sofia had suffered with her ex-boyfriend. And he never wanted her to suffer that again. He knows the story of her when she was a child, about her father.

When they sleep with each other, she would tell him stories about the past. Sometimes, it was something he ask about. Other times, she just wants to share it with him.

So, he understands her. He understands why Sofia wanted to be friends with Raymond. And he trusted her.

But ain't no way in hell, he would trust Raymond in regards to Sofia.

It is like letting fish working with a grizzly bear. That is why every time he hears that Sofia is working together with Raymond, he would feel uncomfortable.

But Azief does trust Raymond justice. He trusted Raymond honor.

#### [Chapter 940: Earthshaker heart \(1\)](#)

If its before the Fall, trying to know someone true personality is hard. But after the Fall, after reaching such level, you could feel a certain feeling on some people.

When one is in the same level, it is hard to know one's temperament and personality as one would be enshrouded with one's ability.

For example, Hikigaya and Jean would find it hard to predict Azief's movement and his action, as their premonition and their feeling toward him could never be trusted fully because of the fact that Azief himself is stronger than them both.

But if Azief was weaker than them, their premonition, their perception of him could easily be created by trusting their instinct.

Instinct for beings like them is very important. It is not some illogical feeling that is borne out of one's heart.

Instinct for high level beings like them is a hint from the forces of the world.

Fate, destiny, time, space, the emotions and desires, these intangible things that one could not see and touch would guide higher level beings in searching for opportunity or evade calamities.

Then Azief said.

'The other thing I want you to do is to look after Sofia'

Raymond looked at Azief like he couldn't believe what he just heard.

Azief did not care as he continues

'I fear I would have many more enemies that would target her. She is strong. But she is not yet strong enough if she had to face hundreds of disk Formation levelers alone'

Raymond understood where Azief's worries come from

'You worried that the world would see her as your weakness?' Azief smiles bitterly as he paused for a moment

Sighing he replied

'She is my weakness'

And Raymond sighed. He could understand.

Because, today, people could see what is truly important to Death Monarch. And the most efficient to deal with him

Not everyone would dare do it. But a cornered beast would always concoct the craziest plan.

There is never any guarantee that none of the enemies that Death Monarch has are sane

Today, while the whole world saw how powerful Death Monarch really is, they also saw that Death Monarch Azief does have weaknesses.

And this weakness could be manipulated when Death Monarch is not here on Earth. As long as they planned it well enough, there would always be a chance for them to win.

It is clear to anyone else and the leaders of the Great power that Azief would not hesitate to walk into a trap if the bait is good enough.

Nobody wanted to target Death Monarch loved ones before. Well, it is not that didn't try. Will. Sofia had once been captive of the World Government before.

And Death Monarch at any occasion where his loved ones were used as bait, he always pays back double fold.

He had split open the Island of Peace before, mess it up in the second time, nearly killed Sasha when she kidnapped Sina and wage war against the World Government because of Will.

Each of his action and his cruel methods that he employed against his enemies were to warn the others.

"this is what will happen to you if you use family against him"

And after enough beating, even the World Government does not dare to cross that line. It is good enough that Death Monarch did not massacre them all when he could

They understood now.

As long as they did not cross that line, Death Monarch could still be reasonable. But once they cross it, Death Monarch even if he wanted to be reasonable, he would not.

Kill the chicken to warn the monkey. That is his method when dealing with people who try to target his people

And it worked like a charm

Since then, even though there is many enemies of Pandemonium and Death Monarch, they rarely targeted Azief inner circle.

There is also the fact that the ones Azief consider his inner circle and people who is close to him were all heroes and heroines of the generation

But, after today, who knows. The world is now large enough and have many islands and fortune lands that could hide from even the Divine Sense of Divine Comprehension leveler.

Azief might be able to envelop his Divine Sense to cover the whole world, but even he must admit that as the energy seep deeps into the world, there would emerge many more anomaly that could not be explained and there are some lands that even Azief himself could not scan and went out the sight of his gaze

Sofia might be powerful.

But in the end, she is still not the strongest.

Her bow is powerful. But if people find a way to seal her bow and attack her in that moment, there is no doubt that Sofia could still be taken away.

World Powers like the Great Powers would not use such crude method.

After all, even though some of these Great powers is not as influential or as powerful as Pandemonium, they are still after all a behemoth in the world, possessing great influence over the lives of the people of the world.

They would not be so stupid to cross that line after the lesson that World Government had learned.

But the same could not be said for people who did not care about anything.

What if there is some people who did not mind to die? What if there is people who did not care about the consequences?

People who wanted to hurt Death Monarch regardless of the cost. Many people would despair when confronted with almost an invincible being like Death Monarch

On Earth, this fact is recognized by everyone.

The strongest person in the world is also someone that all people in the world had regarded as invincible.

As such when trying to kill such a being, there is no other conclusion than death and failure.

But, even an invincible being like Azief could be hurt.

To someone who holds a deep grudge against Death Monarch, someone who did not care that whether he or she would die would probably think since they could not hurt Death Monarch directly, they could do it indirectly.

And such, that limits the target.

Sina is Death Monarch closest friends. But, the probability of her being targeted would not be as high as people who would target Sofia.

Because while hurting Sina and killing her would hurt Death Monarch, when compared to Sofia who is his lover, one could easily see the difference the hurt that could be inflicted to Death Monarch if they instead killed Sofia

Loki on the other hand is formidable by himself and he himself is so cunning that the Trickster title was added to his name.

But Sofia the Divine Archer while she is a great combatant, is not someone that is impossible to defeat

Katarina is a Disk Formation leveler, she is protected by the protection formation of the Senate, her brother is the Beast Master and have a horde of monsters that he could control and she had an army.

And she is also referred to as the strongest woman in the world. Targeting her is as hard as targeting Death Monarch himself.

Sofia might be a lone archer but her bow is very powerful and she is very adept in using her bow. She could fight an army alone with her bow which boasted large area of attack effect.

And she is also protected by Death Monarch.

Today, Katarina were only captured because the Demon King ability far surpassed her and she was far away from any of the condition that usually protects her.

But, Azief recognize one problem. His enemies would always try to target his loved ones in the past

The only reason they did not do it now was because they were cowed into fear by his strength and his reputation.

And his people had also improved that Azief could put down some of his worries.

Now, however the situation had changed.

When he does go to the Seresian world, he is not sure whether he could survive it.

And even if he could survive it, if there is something wrong that happens there and he was stuck there for years, who knows what would happen to his other loved ones?

He could not handle the uncertainty. He could not help but setting up certain countermeasures before he goes.

Now, he is even more detailed in planning than Loki.

He has Plan C and Plan D to make sure that if one plan falls apart, there is another backup plan that would make sure the safety of these people even if he took a little bit of time getting back home.

Sina would help Sofia that is something that Azief did not have to worry about. That is already inside his calculation

His other three Generals and Sasha would also render aid.

But if he left, there is always a chance something wrong could happen. Before, these people could always rely on him if something goes wrong.

On Earth, even if the sky falls down, he could hold them up for them.