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Sitting on a stool only a few feet away from that bed is Antonius

He looks toward Erika when Erika enter the hut and there is a smile on his face. She smiles back and then she looks at that person on the bed.

‘He is still unconscious’ she thought to himself.

There is a thought that came into her mind when looking at Antonius and particularly that unconscious person on the bed

‘Death Monarch really couldn’t sense him’ she thought to herself.

Because of this person Death Monarch did not realize Antonius is near him. That is very amazing in itself.

Even Laws had no effect on this person.

Truly, she picked her chess piece right, she thought to herself

of course, if Azief come face to face he could see Antonius and this unconscious person. Knowing Azief, he probably would kill this unconscious person

But if Erika was not confident why would she let them be here? It is because she was confident that Azief would not be able to sense this person, that she made this bet

And now that the bet had paid off, she now has a plan of how best to use this person.

It seems this kind of anomaly would always have its place in the Omniverse. Fate and Destiny would always try to fight back.

An antithesis. Everything has its counter. That is how the balance is created

If Azief was face to face, he could easily see this person.

But if he uses his Divine Sense, he would not be able to sense this person and the area around this person

This is just the way it is. This person is shielded from the Heavens. Regardless of what methods, as long as that method is magical in nature, it would not be able to see or sense this person

Normal surveillance technology on the other hand, would work like a charm against this person

She shakes her head. If not for the fact that Death Monarch exist, this person might even be the protagonist of an era despite some of this person flaws.

Of course, this person would never be able to convince people. Because this person is a crazy person.

But even crazy person has some use. And she intends to use him

This person had to many enemies right now. And Erika surely would not let such opportunity to pass her by

Sending a coal before winter came is of course better than sending it after. She held out her hand, and he accepted.

Crazy.... but not stupid. Of course, after Loki was framed by Hirate, the number one wanted man is now Loki

But even so, Loki situation is different from this person situation.

Unlike Loki, this person did not have the backing of Death Monarch and the help of future knowledge.

And even Loki is seeking this person. But as long as this person is on her side, Loki could forget trying to snatch this chess piece of hers

She sighed.

Antonius look at Erika and then he said

'I truly never thought that he could really hide me from the eyes of Death Monarch. Even the Heavens could not see him. What a peculiar ability. He is the most normal yet because he is normal, he become the most abnormal thing in this world.' this he, refers to the unconscious person on the bed

Erika smiles and reply as she said

'I told you not to underestimate his heaven given ability. Even when he is at this state, he could help us. If not for his desire to fight against Death Monarch, I would not be forced to give him that concoction.'

Mad man.

That is the assessment of Erika when meeting this person. Unlike other people, Erika did not know why this person was so obsessed with Death Monarch

The reason is simple.

She could not predict his future. Whatever that made him, him, had made him unseen even in the eyes of destiny and fate.

Even she could not see his future and as such, there is a lot of things about him that Erika did not know.

Smiling, she thought to herself. They would have a long time to get to know each other. This person is a bit rebellious. But, Erika is very good at taming rebellious people.

She only wonders if her trick would work against this person

She come closer to the bed as Antonius got up for his seat. He is a bit relaxed now that Death Monarch had leave this island.

There was nothing wrong to be discovered by Death Monarch.

But, if he was discovered with the person in the bed, one would wonder what Death Monarch would think, and what Death Monarch would do

He went to the table on the corner of the hut and took a sip of the tea on one of the cup on the table.

Unlike that one other tea which is filled with the concoction to made that person fall asleep, his tea is very sweet.

Now that Erika is here, he only need to prepare for the next move. It is clear in Antonius heart that Erika had a plan

And this plan is vast and very complicated. But, this is not his problem and this is not his objective.

He just wanted to protect Erika.

And so, he would follow her. Even if the road she is walking to is toward Hell, as long as he could be beside her and protect her, he would not mind walking toward hell together

He laughed at himself. Antonius knew that Erika would not stay here any longer.

Her wait is over.

So, it is time for them to come out to the world again. Once again, they will have to enter the vortex of chaos which is the outside world.

He sighed. Erika on the other hand is coming closer to the bed.

Erika look at the other side of the bed. On the other side of the bed is a stave with unique carving.

The stave itself emanates some kind of power.

Erika had research this staff before and she come to the conclusion, that the inventor of this staff is very genius.

Even Erika could not understand how the inventor of this staff manage to channel this person power.

Maybe, if its Order of Thinkers, they would be able to reverse engineered this staff and see what it is made off.

But Erika is quite sure that this staff is created by some elements of the universe that enables it to be wield by this person

With this weapons, as long as someone is in the range of this person ability, they would be hard pressed to win against this person.

The person lying on the bed is none other than Void, the figurehead of the Crime Alliance. Void is known to have the ability to neutralize all abilities near him

He possessed normal human body.

But, what made him able to survive the world amidst monsters and gods flying in the sky, was the fact whoever is in front of him would be stripped out of their abilities

Even monsters were not excluded from this.

But it did not mean he was invincible.

After all, even though people would revert to their original powerful before the Fall when facing him, a boxer is still a boxer and a strong man is still a strong man.

If he did not have a plan and did not have preparations beforehand, he would still lose.

And unlike any other people, Void did not have the system to help him easily learn skill in the blink of an eye.

As such, he immersed himself in learning all kinds of martial arts and strengthening his body so that when his ability is active, he could defeat the people inside his domain

He even had mechanical suit to help him and this mechanical suit was disguised as grey robe.

This is how he survive most natural calamity.

Without the metal suit, even his Void power would not be able to save him from natural disaster like tsunamis and earthquakes.

But there is some natural disaster that would be hard for leveler to survive is easily survived by him.

For example, tsunamis and earthquakes, while it is a powerful and terrifying disaster, for levelers, they could easily survive it. Some of them could even meet head on with the tsunamis.

They might be pushed by the powerful waves but they would not die.

But, as for Void, as long as there is a tsunami, he would quickly go away as long as he gets the warning.

And if he decided to stay then he would have to activate the suit defensive abilities.

Levelers scoff at this kind of natural disaster but it is a matter of life and death for Void. But, there is some natural disaster in which the leveler is afraid of and that is tribulation thunder

Sometimes people broke through to the next level and thunder would come down to purify their body. As the Heavenly Will grows stronger, it began to have some order to it.

This kind of thunder could exhaust the life force of the leveler and it is very painful. If you have weak life force, then you might even be turned to cinder or ashes when confronted with such destructive force

This thunder that is feared by leveler, is nothing in front of Void.

In front of him, this thunder would just dissipate into nothingness. Because it is magical.

‘Still, he had to rely on the suit to survive. Extreme brought extremes’ Erika thought to herself as she looks intently at Void.

Since it was not built by magic or energy of the world, the suit was not neutralized by his ability

Void would not come to Erika if he was not desperate enough.

He was at the end of his rope...and because of that he grabs her hand

This is a hard person to control.

A chess piece that would have a very unpredictable move. To some people, a chess piece that has its own will is not a good chess piece.

But to Erika, this is a chess piece most proficient in inciting chaos. And that is what she wanted. More chaos to the planned order

She smiles when she thinks of this.

However, there is a question? If Void neutralized all of people abilities and halted Laws and changes the Concept, how could Erika got the information on him and offer such a timely help towards him, that he had no other recourse than to accept?

While Erika could not divine Void fate, he could divine the fates of people connected to Void.

Void is still not powerful enough to shroud people with his ability. If he does ever get to such point, even Erika would not know how to deal with him

At that time however, Void would have other things that he would be worried about

Erika was the one that saved him

Void had outlived his usefulness in the Crime Alliance and most of the crime leaders sometimes could not stand Void crazy behavior.

Unlike those criminals, it was never a benefit or a loss matter for Void. His behavior has always been erratic and he had no friends in the Crime Alliance

Benefit and loss is very important to those crime families. They do crime to get benefit. If even that they could not have, why would they go into crime in the first place?

Void disrupt that order. And he had to pay a price.

And there is the fact that the crime families wanted to wrest back control from Void. To the outside world, Void is still the leader of the Crime Alliance

But to those who in the know, the seat of the leader of the Crime Alliance is empty now. For no, they are still united and did not make any waves. The reason is because Death Monarch is still here

But later, the empty seat of the leader of the Crime Alliance would surely create another bloodbath among the crime families inside the Crime Alliance

The relationship between Void and the Crime Alliance was a mutually beneficial alliance. Once it is no longer beneficial, monsters would do what monsters do.

No one in the Crime Alliance could understand Void behavior. But while he could be called crazy, he is not stupid.

The crime leaders had thought that Death Monarch would not return and some of them wanted to kill him

Without his ever-changing suit, he would be overwhelmed

Even though Void himself had trained himself with all kinds of martial arts, he still would not be able to fight against hundreds of people alone.

Even though, all of those people abilities were stripped, it is still not enough for them to be weak enough for Void to defeat all of them

And they also know Void other arsenals and they too had prepared before they attacked Void

Void power of neutralizing every single power around him might make his attacker turns into ordinary humans but it is not that ordinary humans could not fight.

Erika had foreseen this by divining the fates of people close to the Crime Alliance leaders and send Antonius to save him.

As for her plans.... she still has a lot of time and she did not have to be hasty.

But, she had a head start now.

Void is not simply valuable just because he has the power to neutralize all Concept and Laws. It is also because he is the one that got "that" thing from the Temple in Hampi state.

It is the thing that Loki and Yewa Hafar was searching for. Loki had many plans and many of them are done concurrently. One of them is of course the thing that Void had gotten

Void clearly do not understand the power and ability of the thing he took. But, he probably had an inkling.

Of how valuable that thing really is

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Before, Void was the leader of the Crime Alliance.

While he was just a figurehead, he still was given the respect and protection of the Crime Alliance leader during that time

And also he got information.

A lot of them.

Most of the great powers had all kinds of information on the tips of their fingers.

Crime Alliance also knows this and other than the Order of Thinkers, Crime Alliance probably even have more information than the great powers because of how the way the Crime Alliance infiltrated many dark forces of the world

If one has to compare o the information of the dark side of the world between the great powers and the Crime Alliance, it would be without no doubt that the Crime Alliance would possess more information about the dark forces in the world

And Void must have known that there are forces out there that tries to seek him. Loki must have send a few thieves trying to steal the orb from him

And the Three Demoness would undoubtedly would also be deployed.

As such, Void probably knows the thing that he had gotten is very precious.

After all, the things that could catch the attention of Loki the Trickster must not be something ordinary. He just didn't know how precious it is. If he only knew....and at this Erika sighed.

Unfortunately, Void seems to have hidden that thing somewhere.

Erika act of drugging him is not simply to prevent him from doing something stupid that would reveal his whereabouts.

It was also because she wanted to see if Void had brought that thing with him.

She had look over in his robe and look at any of the hidden pocket in his robe, but other than some explosive, hidden weapons, there is no trace of that thing.

If Void is any normal person, it would be easy for Erika to deduce the location of that thing. She would just have to hold him, and try to see his timeline.

But, such thing would not work against Void. So, she could only forget her desire of having that thing. It is better than Loki and Yewa Hafar having it.

The thing that Void has is what would trigger the war of the Sovereign. That is how important it is.

One item that bring about a great tragedy. The breaking of the alliance of the Sovereigns. A Civil War of celestial supreme beings that torn apart the sky and crack the earth.

The death of the Ice Goddess. The annihilation of the Thunder God and the God of Illusion. All of that started with that one little thing.

According to the timeline, it should not be found just yet. But, because of Loki action, something had changed.

This time, Void had gotten it. And now Loki and Yewa Hafar, these two, even though they already laid out their plans for other measures, is also seeking for this thing

To gain control of the thing that would trigger the War of the Sovereign. A lot of thigs could be adjusted if they have this thing

Of course, Loki and Yewa Hafar wanted to have this thing in their possession.

Loki must have his own plans. Who knows to what level he would want to change this matter?

If this thing is in his hand ahead of time, then maybe the impact of the war could be mitigated.

Yewa Hafar would probably don't want the thing to end up in Loki hands since Yewa Hafar might believe that Loki had the intention to break the matter since the beginning.

And he would surely not let that happen.

Yewa Hafar wanted it to be the same. Because of all the changes, this desire of Yewa Hafar has also changed.

Now, he wants to make sure, it is as close as possible to that other timeline, where the victory of His Lord is guaranteed.

But Erika knows better.

When the time come for the War of the Sovereign, Loki might already have returned to the Origin and the Loki in the War of the Sovereign might not have full control of the matter

The same could not be said for Erika. Her plans are not quite the same as Loki and Yewa Hafar.

Because she knows a certain secret that those other two did not know. A secret that would make Loki shocked to his core. And if Yewa Hafar knows it, he had to think twice before using a certain chess piece.

Who is the chess piece and who is the player? This question.... Erika knows the answer to it. And the answer would not be the same as the answer that Loki and Yewa Hafar would come to

They missed one part of the puzzle. Usually missing one part of the puzzle did not change the overall picture.

But, when the puzzle is Time, then missing one piece, changes the whole picture. This puzzle piece is something that Erika holds.

She looks at the torn purple robe of Void and she look at Void face.

‘Still, so young...but so demented’ she muttered under her breath. She sat down on the stool beside the bed

Even though the lower part of Void face is still covered by a thin translucent black cloth, Erika was not interested in seeing Void face.

Because she had seen in before. But she seen it in her vision.

His hair is long and covering his left eye. And even when he is unconscious, there is this white mist that shrouded him

Of course, one could not see it if one did not pay attention.

Usually only Divine Comprehension leveler could see such things but Erika eyes had always been special

Antonius had ben waiting for Erika inside the hut with Void all of this time.

He was still injured when he was brought here and most of the new herbs was used to heal the injury that Void got

Unlike other people, he could not be healed by potions or anything magical. If Erika had healing nanobots this would all be very easy

But this kind of advanced technology, only the Great Powers had monopoly on it.

Erika also knows that Void once tried to implant more mechanical and technological advances in his body but this move was blocked by the crime family leaders

At that time, they were no doubt leaving a way out for themselves. One could say, they were very wary about Void at that time

If Void really got his hands on those technology, today matter would probably not come to pass since he would be really powerful in the advantageous domain that he is able to create

Since Erika had already foreseen that Azief would come to the area, she had drugged Void before the appearance of Death Monarch

And even when he is unconscious, the ability in which everything is neutralized is still active and that is why Death Monarch was not able to see him.

Since the concoction was not magical in nature, it could easily put Void to sleep. Erika is deep in her thought, not knowing Antonius steal a glance toward her

Antonius looks at Erika back and he sighed,

he could see that Erika had already worn that mechanical eye when she enters the hut. He did not say anything about this.

He could only sighed

He knew what Erika had given Death Monarch and he did not know how to feel about it. So, right now, all he could do was sigh regretfully.

It is not the matter of strength. It is a matter of the future. And unlike Erika he could not see the future, so he would always be someone outside trying to look inside

He made peace with that. Knowing that he could never fully understand Erika. But this did not mean he did not feel uncomfortable looking at the current Erika

'She always had beautiful eyes' he thought to himself. It is a pity one of that eye is no longer there.

Erika is someone who he vowed to protect. And now she is even his girlfriend. This feeling of uselessness....is something that he hated.

He heard her howl to the sky and it takes every fiber of his being not to rush out from the hut and try to ease her pain

But he did not rush out. Because he knows he could not ease her pain.

This pain is of her choosing. All the burdens of the world on her shoulders....so how could he not feel sad for her?

How could he not feel how useless he is?

Erika the Oracle could see the future. And as such, most of her actions would not make sense to people who live in the present.

Because Erika had always been living in the future and each of her action serve for the future and not the present

And that rend his heart apart. He only hopes that after this...she would not do something like this again.

He sighed as he already knows the answer to that. She would always put herself in danger

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Antonius then ask Erika

‘We’re leaving?’ Erika did not answer immediately. She got up from the stool, look at Antonius and nodded with a smile. She looks around the hut and sighed

‘More than six years of waiting. Finally, today ended. Now, I am free’ she thought to herself. This words have many meanings.

One of them is that she is now free from that fear. Since she had already lose her eye, she no longer fears it.

Though the pain would never be forgotten, at least she now had pass this tribulation.

As the other meaning of the word free, it is that from now on, Death Monarch would not be able to see her.

Each time he would try, he would find that his left eye would restrain him from looking at her position

This is how she in that other timeline could move freely in the whole world without the eyes of the strongest Sovereign trained on her.

Free from the gaze of Heaven Above.

And then later, he would even protect her in some cases because of his connection with the eye

This is because the eye also has benefits for the God of Death.

By transplanting her eye to Death Monarch, it was like she get a death free card. That would truly be the case when Death Monarch rose to Sovereign later.

Or to be more accurate, after he cut the restrain of the Heavenly Will from him where he truly controls the domain of life and death

As long as she did not die before that, Azief could always bring her back from the Underworld.

As of now, she had to be content by the fact that Death Monarch would not be able to see her.

Unlike Loki who have the helm of Hades that enables him to hide from any Divine Sense and Yewa Hafar who have his own dark magic that enables him to hide from Death Monarch, Erika did not have such capability.

Even in that other timelier she did not have such ability. Of course she had all kinds of blueprint for array formations that could hide her from the eyes of others

And that would work.... until someone reached Sovereign level.

At that stage, there is only a few methods that could really hide one from the eyes of a Sovereign.

Unless Erika possess some supreme stealth formation (which also requires all kinds of ingredients and all kinds of resources to construct) there is no way of hiding oneself from the gaze of a Sovereign

Giving Death Monarch her eyes were the solution she found. It binds him and restrained him. And some of her interest, become his interest. His interest also become her interest

They are now connected through time forever.

But the intention of giving him her eyes this time was different than the last

In that other timeline she did it for herself. There is a lot of selfishness there. And there is also a hint of trying to take advantage from Death Monarch

The relationship between Erika and Death Monarch in that other timeline could not be considered good

But, this time, her intention is not only pure, it is also would benefit Azief.

This time, she did it for him.

There is an element of curse in the eye.

But, if Azief could master it, master the ability to see through time, he might be able to see more, understand more and have more preparation.

Her methods are a bit different than Loki. She was not afraid of Azief knowing the future

Because....and she smiles at her own thought.

She knows something that Loki and Yewa Hafar did not know

She had shared her eyes with Azief in that other timeline.

And while the Time God had managed to reverse time, reverting fate and destiny, making it like it never happened by overturning the natural order of the Omniverse, the eye of Oracles, and the visions they have seen would always be in the Veil

Connected and inerasable.

The beads of the Veil which represent the vision of the eye would never ever be destroyed as long as the Will of Borgan existed throughout the Omniverse

One might have missed it, lost it, but it would never be erased. Six years, she was under the tree waiting for Death Monarch

If Loki thought she was just sitting there, waiting, then it is clear Loki did not know her that much.

It is illogical that she would just sit under the tree, lamenting about the eventual day that she would lose her eyes.

That is an unproductive day. And that would not make sense at all. After all, urgency could be felt in both of her heart and Loki heart

The destruction of the Omniverse is not some kind of event that you would just be relaxing your days waiting until the end

You could wait. But you would always be itching to do something to at least curb the uneasiness you felt in your heart

Instead, in that span of six years, she had reviews the beads on the curtain of the Veil.

She was seeking for the beads of vision that would materialize after Azief in that other timeline had used it

In each bead, a memory, a fragment of time, a guide to visions that her eyes had seen on this timeline and in the other, and all the probabilities that would arise from it could be analyzed and review upon

And in that contemplation, she found out something that overturned what she thought happened in that other timeline.

It is a knowledge that she did not share with Loki. It is a knowledge that made her more confident in the way she employed her plans

And what is this knowledge?

Smiling, she thought of that day where she saw the vision in her mind.

That day, she laughed. She laughed until her stomach ache. Her eyes were teary because of how hard she was laughing

Because she felt like that everything was a joke. She found out about what Azief, the Death God had seen when he had the eye

It is quite hard trying to identify where that particular vision was in the countless beads of vision that covers the Veil but she found it.

And she found how funny all of it is.

Yewa Hafar believe he was playing chess with Loki. Loki believe he is playing chess with her and Yewa Hafar. But Erika knows better.

Both of them were wrong

She knows that there are not three players playing chess.

It is four people, playing chess.

And this other chess player was hidden so deeply, his scheme was so deep that the moves had been made in another timeline that would affect the current timeline.

Yes, this other chess player is none other than Azief the God of Death. What she found shocked her and made her feel like she had seen the greatest act of the millennium.

It seems that Azief in that other timeline had foreseen how he is going to die. He had foreseen it the day he become Sovereign.

When he became Sovereign, the eye that possess the power of clairvoyance also upgraded. And in that moment, he gained full control of the eye.

With the power akin of a Supreme Being, he tore open the Veil and look greedily at the future.

Even as Time, Fate, Destiny try to restrain him, Azief in that moment was all powerful and almighty

The most powerful a Sovereign could be at, is during their peak and the other one is during their ascension.

When they ascend to that level, the Will of the Omniverse would surrounded them, protect them and supplied them with almost infinite energy.

The creation of a Sovereign is not a singular event that affect only one planet. It affects the whole Omniverse. Each time a Sovereign is born, the ripples of that energy would spread out all over the Omniverse.

The farther away a certain star system is from the place of the energy ripple origin, the lower the effect of that ripple.

But, to those who had stepped onto that path, distance is nothing in front of them. They would sense it.

The Will of the omniverse would be moved. A Sovereign is connected to all the Multiverse and wherever they go, their powers would not be stripped away by the will of that world.

Before you are Sovereign, when you went into a certain world, you would be oppressed by that Will of the World. Sometimes, you might even lose your abilities because the Laws of that World is not compatible with the Laws of the World that you cultivated.

But a Sovereign did not have to worry about it since Omniversal energy could be absorbed and used, making a Sovereign a beacon of energy that could use all energies regardless of the worlds or the dimension.

The Will of the Omniverse then would not take lightly, for a person to cross that step and would shower him with a large dose of Omniversal energy

As such, in that moment of ascension, it is the strongest moment of a Sovereign.

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Since all energy of the Omniverse is concentrated towards the person stepping on that Grand Path.

Of course, this particular moment is very short but it is enough for Azief at that time to take advantage of it.

In that short moment, it is enough for Azief to tore open the Veil and look at the future, ignoring all natural Laws with his prowess.

No matter how the Will of Borgan tries to resist, it was broken down as easily as a twig. No resistance whatsoever and no backlash from Time or Space.

This is the same reason why Azief could not revive Paulette. When Paulette died, Jean desire to turn back time causes him to ascended to Sovereign level.

He was desperate. This is one of the tragic story during that era.

At the same time, that Paulette breathed her last breath, the sorrow and the desire of Jean to want to reverse the Laws of Life and Death, of Time and Space, and of Destiny and Fate itself, something happened.

This desire, this obsession was so strong that it broke the last obstacle for Jean to breakthrough to Sovereign level.

At this time, the Prohibition of Sovereign did not end yet.

But there is cause and effect.

That day happened because Azief had denied Jean his victory by helping Katarina during the last Battle for the Divine Throne.

Azief control the Divine Throne, momentarily relinquishing Katarina from the Divine Throne and broke the Prohibition of Sovereign, and supply the energy of a ten thousand trillion star towards Earth to cover up the lack of energy inside Earth.

If this was done in any other day, this energy would have created a large imbalance of energy on Earth.

The energy itself would be chaotic and impure which would only make things worse.

But, at that time the cumulative Will and energy of the Omniverse streamed toward Jean from the sky Heavens and the energy of these stars merged with the Will of the Omniverse, streaming endlessly toward Jean to help him cross that one last step

But there was something that Jean could not have expected. Any Sovereign before him had always break through to Sovereign alone.

There was no one around them for fear that they would attract the energy of the Omniverse. But at the time that Jean ascended to Sovereign level, laying lifelessly on his lap is Paulette.

And the Will of the Omniverse that poured down toward Jean also negatively affect the soul and body of Paulette who was on his arms.

To those who were ascending, this energy is a blessing. But those who were not, it is a curse. The soul of Paulette scattered because of that Will of Omniverse. The soul turns into an anomaly.

It could not be summoned by Soul Summoning that Azief had. And it escapes the grasp of the Grim Reaper of the Underworld.

As such, even after that, Azief did not revive Paulette.

Because, the difficulty is very steep. And there is also a fact that Azief himself rarely broke the rules he had set for himself.

If everyone could bring back the dead wherever they wanted, then the balance between life and death would be destroyed.

The rules he had created about bringing back people that died, have something to do with the truth he had comprehended about the cycle of life and death and its relation toward the energy that existed in the Omniverse.

Death and life is required for the prosperity of the Omniverse and for the balance of the Omniverse.

Change it too much, messing with it too much, then there is a price to pay.

And this time, the price that one had to pay would not be exclusively bear by oneself but the whole Omniverse

Everyone wanted to live forever. But death is a certainty. Longevity is just that. Longevity. It is not true immortality.

Erika thought that once one become a Sovereign, one truly become immortal, unable to die. Since she herself had never reached that level and she had seen the invincibility of Sovereign, she truly thought that is the case

It wasn't until she found the vision that she got the truth

while Sovereign could live for trillions of years, passing through epochs of existence and survive the decay and entropy of the Universe, Sovereigns could still be killed.

There is a stage above Sovereign. It is a stage that Erika himself did not know.

What she does know was that in that stage, the being that would step in that transcendent state is someone who is out of the cycle of life and death, of creation and destruction, of time and space, of destiny and fate.

All the Laws of the Omniverse could not restrain this being and could not impose upon it.

A truly free being that exist eternally and endlessly, possessing all the powers that one could imagine

But, as long as one could not reach that level, death is still the Law. Death.....It kept the balance. At first everyone might be happy, that nobody died.

But sooner or later, the Price would always come calling. Erika understood this price because she had seen what Azief had seen.

While she could not read the thoughts of Azief, just by seeing the things that he had seen in his journey, had broadened Erika horizon and she understood why Azief did not just revive his old friends when they die.

There is creation and there is destruction.

Having another life in the Underworld is good enough. If Azief keep bringing dead people to life, then the invisible balance between dead and life would be broken and calamity would erupt.

The energy of the world is boundless. But.... this energy come from destruction. Destruction rebirthed creation. And so on and so forth.

This is among the reason why Azief did not revive Paulette. It is the reason why there is a coffin in Neverland and why the War of the Sovereign finally happens.

Regardless of all of this, during Azief ascension he had saw how he died and since then, he had been laying plans.

Yes, this is the secret. Azief the God of Death knows how it all going to play out since he first stepped to Sovereign level.

Azief of that other timeline find a way to break through the plans that was set for him. He knew what he was lacking. He knew of the things he had to endure.

This is how deep the scheme of Azief the God of Death. Loki underestimated the cunningness of Azief the God of Death

If not for the fact that Erika share the same eye as Azief the God of Death, even she would remain unaware of this fact

Maybe, even the fact that she would found this vision is under the calculation of that cunning God of Death

God of Death Azief in that other timeline is known as a cold and cunning being. His cunningness is not sly like Loki.

He was more of a powerful schemer in the dark. His plan is even more thorough. It is detailed and when one is trapped inside his scheme, there is already no way out.

In the other timeline, people whispers when they speak his name. He was a legend that awe an entire generation of great beings

A dangerous being that deter otherworldly invasion. There is a reason why Loki when he spoke of Azief of the future, there is fear and awe in his heart

When he moves, people would look out.

How did it make sense, the most powerful Sovereign out of the seven could not predict his own fate and destiny?

How did it make sense, one of the strongest being in the Omniverse, that could fight against Jade Empire by his lonesome, and could fight against the gods of Asgard could be so helpless at the end?

How could it make sense that he had made so many mistake to end up the way he did?

Why would he leave so many of people to become his enemies and even nurture some of them to become his rival? This action of his once baffled people.

All of this is his mistake, some would think.

But it wasn't until Erika saw the vision that she understood.

Azief had found a way to break through to the situation, to find a way of life in the path of death.

But, the solution he found could not be employed at his current life or his current timeline.

The timing was wrong.

Erika saw in the vision of how the Death God planned carefully, putting each chess pieces at the right place to know certain things at certain time period

They were some flaws of course but most of it falls into place just like dominoes that was placed correctly.

If Loki and Yewa Hafar is playing 4D chess, then Azief was playing a 5D chess.

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He was planning a scheme for a timeline that is different from him. For that to happen, all of the tragedy that happen in his timeline should happen like clockwork.

For that to happen, he must die. This is his way of finding a chance of life in the path of death

Azief had predicted that Jean would be able to roll back time to bring back time to the infancy of the Fall without incurring certain paradox, making the time period that they live in, to be nothing more an information stream instead of a real timeline, thus avoiding a time paradox.

There is no other timeline than this. That is how Time God had altered the timeline.

Seeing all of that vision, Erika finally understand certain moves of Azief that did not make sense in the past.

Loki had always clash with him in that other timeline.

Regardless of how easy it was for Azief to kill Loki, he never did. And from the vision she saw, Azief had even supported Loki secretly at that time.

In that other timeline, they were not sworn brothers. There is no reason for him to support Loki from the dark when there is no connection between them

In the end, Loki had even regarded Azief as a rival and even become friend with him, later in his late years and it was then that Azief shares a few of his regrets and his hope.

This is also part of his plan.

All of that conversation he had with Loki, was all to prepare Loki for the journey he was about to undertake.

Yes, Azief of that other timeline chose Loki as his chess piece. Loki got the idea of helping Azief succeeding the Six trials of Azul from Azief himself

Azief had mentioned to Loki before how he regretted his choice and how if he had walked the Perfection Path until the end, he would become even stronger

And even after the death of Azief, when Loki, Sofia and Jean rack their brains how to save the Omniverse, one of the priorities was to enhance Azief fighting strength.

And one of that method is to help Azief pass the Six Saber trials. And who told Sofia and Jean this? It is Loki

And Loki is not the only chess piece that Azief had arranged beforehand.

Yewa Hafar probably also falls into Azief calculation. And she herself must be also in that calculation considering that Azief did not remove the eye

He knew that the eye would be like a recording device.

Yet, even knowing that, he did not remove it. Erika believe that Azief believe that she would one day found this vision and act the way she did after knowing it.

There is of course many of the fragment of the vision of Azief she still did not find amidst the thousands of beads.

She would start searching for it of course, to know the scheme of Azief. Now, there is another task she had added in the list of things she should do

Who knows who else is his chess piece in this world, not knowing that they are the chess piece?

Now, this is true Eterna chess. All-encompassing and all knowing!

Deep, cunning and unfathomable. That is the characteristic of the scheme of the God of Death. This is the knowledge that only she knows

And because of that she knew that in this timeline, when Azief broke through Sovereign level, he would once again be able to access through the Veil

But whether he could seek the vision of his other timeline, that is another story. After all, the only reason why Erika manage to locate those vision is because she knows that there would be a trace of the vision of Azief in the Veil

But would Azief of this timeline knows it? That is remain to be seen.

‘Hah’ she sighed. this is a game of chess. And the layout was actually laid down by Azief, in a timeline that no longer exist.

Erika shudders to think how deep this scheme really goes.

Erika was thinking of this and she appears dazed in the eyes of Antonius.

Antonius come near her and was about to tap her shoulder to snap her out of her daze but then she sighed and shakes her head, like she wanted to clear her head

Antonius take a step back as Erika slowly walked out from the hut.

Seeing that Erika is going out of the hut, Antonius come near the bed, and carry Void on his back as he walked out from the hut, walking beside Erika

‘Where should we go?’ Antonius asked.

Erika look behind her and look at Antonius and Void on his back and her smile falters a bit.

‘I forgot he is with us. He does help a lot when there is some vision that I don’t want to see with his peculiar ability of neutralize everything. But when travelling with him, it is true that we could not use conventional way’ Antonius understood what Erika is talking about

With Void among them, they could no just fly in the sky or use teleport stone to teleport themselves to some other continent.

Antonius then ask Erika

'Wouldn't you be prepared for this?' Erika smiles returns back

'As a matter of fact, I did. I got someone to deliver us the Narwhal'

'Narwhal? The sea creature?' Erika shook her head and said

'An anti-detection, anti-bullet, anti-energy field with all the state of the art weaponry technology submarine half the size of a Battlestar. The Quarters is also very luxurious. And I need some luxurious lifestyle after all these years living like some kind of forest gypsy' she said with a smile

However, there is a question in Antonius mind.

Most of the time, anything that the Oracle wanted would be relayed to him and he would be the one doing all of this thing.

Because Antonius is the only one that she brought with him all of those years ago to the Stonehenge area as she waits for someone to come

Then who did she contact and who has the ability to provide such a thing to her?

'Who.... answer the call?' He asked.

'The Seven Warlords of Greece' Erika unhesitantly reply.

'Ah' Antonius said in realization. No wonder, he thought.

Those Seven Warlords very much respected the Oracles as most of them rose to power because of the guidance of the Oracle.

He sighed

This means, they are stepping back into world politics.

'hah' he sighed inwardly

With all things solved, Erika look at the world with renewed determination. She might lose her eyes, but it seems the world is as just beautiful as before

But, there is something missing.

She still smiles, nonetheless

Because the world had changed. Then she walked toward the other side of the island. And behind her Antonius follows with Void on his back

The Great Oracle once again would step to the world stage!

[Chapter 966: Thunder descend, peace returns \(1\)](#)

Pandemonium

When Azief took that step away from the Oracle in that island, his destination is none other than Pandemonium

With one step, his body merge with the Laws of the world and like light travelling through space, he returned to Pandemonium in a blink of an eye

The space laws around him causes the path where he bends the space to be affected.

He ignored all the spatial storms or energies storms all over the world. None of it could affect him and the place where he wanted to go

There is resistance but this resistance is easily destroyed by the superior Laws that Azief possess.

Distance and time were bended by his will and the Heavenly Will had no power to pressure him

In the world right now, there is only four people that could easily navigate the world without being constrained by time and distance

Azief, Jean, Hikigaya and Warp

As for the other three it is because they are Divine Comprehension leveler that have understood the Laws and as such could easily travel through the world even though the pressure of the world had increased.

As for Warp it is because of his unique class that could circumvent the Laws of Space and Time with his teleportation and warping abilities.

Each of them is doing their own things right now

Hikigaya is trying to settle some scores. Who knows how it will affect the world?

Jean is maintaining the time dilation on the vortex leading to the Seresian world and Death Monarch Azief, the most powerful man in the world had now returned to Pandemonium to sat back on his black onyx throne.

As for other people in the world, it would be very hard for them to do things the way Death Monarch do things.

No longer Disk Formation leveler the ceiling of power on Earth. Disk Formation leveler right now is like Energy Disperse Stage before.

Because the energy of the world increase, it changes not only the geography but the hardness and the pressure of the world.

Disk Formation leveler would find it hard to destroy mountains and move seas like before. At least they have to be Divine Comprehension to at least possess power like that now.

Of course, if Disk Formation levelers went out to the starry skies and found a world that is like Earth, their power is enough to destroy that planet.

It is because Earth has been transformed that its endurance and toughness also become abnormally freakish.

The advantage is that now, if Disk Formation levelers fought against each other, it would not create such a large damage to the world.

And now that the world had expanded beyond imagination, as Earth is now like a Super Earth, possessing great vastness of land and seas, Disk Formation leveler could fight in many of these empty continents and island

There would be a great change in the world after the dust settle. This is something that each of the great power could see.

Azief think of all of this even when he is teleporting. It did not take long as it only takes one second.

But as he grows more powerful, his thought process become faster. And then he arrived at Pandemonium

When he arrived, the protection formation of the continent glows brightly like a sun that is burning bright, and his aura spreads to all four corners of the continent

The protection formation is made by him and as such it recognizes its master as there is a large trace of his power in the formation.

The Shadow Guard might modify it a bit but the base of that protection formation is his power.

Azief in that moment when he is translucent and above the continent of Pandemonium, he sees the entire Pandemonium and he was awed by the size of Pandemonium right now

Even if the whole population of Earth before the Fall all move into Pandemonium right now, there would be enough to give large tract of land to each of them and still have a lot of lands to give.

It is like the continent is the size of four earth combined.

That is a large mass size of land. He saw a lot of empty lands and tall mountains that pierces the sky and all kinds of beast and plants that he had never seen before all over the new Pandemonium

It only took him a second glance to see all of this.

But, then he focuses his mind toward the protection formation.

He pointed his finger and nine auras, each of the aura have different colors as it flew toward the protection formation and assimilated itself with the protection formation.

Suddenly, the protection formation glows with nine colors that shines brightly all over Pandemonium.

There is now a certain sense of sharpness on the protection formation. It is the application of the power of the Cosmic Law

Cosmological forces swirl around the new protection formation.

This shock the formation master that was hard at work trying to repair and patch up the cracked formation.

The formation master then all prostrated to the ground and bow toward the sky.

They did not see Death Monarch but they knew the only one capable of doing such thing would be the master of the formation.

On some other side of Pandemonium there is other formation which is the formation of the Shadow Guard, the formation of the officials and the formation that was created by the military.

But as the nine auras enter the protection formation, these nine aura cut all of the other formation that exist in Pandemonium

Azief smirks.

He had put a lot of formation to protect Pandemonium from external enemies before.

But now that he had reached Divine Comprehension leveler, he knew that all of the other formation that he created before would not be able to stand an attack from a Divine Comprehension leveler.

As he was always a decisive person, he cut away all of the other formation.

Since it is useless, why keep it?

The force of that nine auras are sharp and as it covers all the ley lines it cut away all of the other formation, like a tsunami that swept everything on its way.

Nine pillars of light shine on nine different part of the continent. And each of these auras is sharp

The nine auras all had a concepts and Laws inside it.

The Law of Death. The Law of Life. The Law of Rebirth. The Law of Time. The Law of Darkness. The Law of Elements. The Law of Destruction. The Law of Destiny. And The Law of Fate.

This is the Law embedded in each pillar. Looking at it, it is overkill.

With Azief current strength, even ten thousand of Disk Formation leveler would not be able to easily break this current protection formation.

Only Divine Comprehension leveler could break this formation.

And even that would not be as simple as a breeze since this is Laws of the World that is used as formation.

The cons about using formation is that it had to be set up beforehand.

The advantages are that it multiplied the power several times. It is the reason why a prepared formation master could defeat even people one level above them

He decided to call this formation the Nine Laws Prison Formation

It did not take much effort for him to do such a thing.

He supplies energy to the protection formation as the protection formation expanded to cover up all of the lands of Pandemonium

He did not need physical contact with the formation to strengthen the formation itself. He had send the energy as easily as blowing wind from his mouth

As the protection formation grows stronger, everything that is inside its sphere of influence would be calmed down

It pulverizes any spatial storms and energy storms. It calms down the heavens and nourish the Earth
This is truly godlike means.

It did not matter that Pandemonium has become even bigger than before.

It did not matter how many auspicious land that had popped out of all of a sudden creating energy storm all over Pandemonium, his energy shrouded them all and calm all disturbance.

The people of Pandemonium could feel this aura. This aura is familiar for the people of Pandemonium.

And even though they did not see Death Monarch, when they saw the Centre Palace suddenly being shrouded by white mist and dark clouds gathers above the tallest tower of the Centre Palace, they know in their hearts that the eternal monarch of Pandemonium had returned

'Death Monarch had returned!'

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The shouts filled the streets of the capital.

The guards on the wall of the Centre palace all look at each other and look toward that tallest tower with gaze that is filled with reverence.

The people felt safe now. Those officials that were on the site quickly send orders to spread the news as fast as possible and as to many people as possible.

[Chapter 967: Thunder descend, peace returns \(2\)](#)

The news had to be spread out to calm down the people and deter people who have bad intentions

Not everybody agrees with the decision to protect Loki the Trickster from universal condemnation.

Some people wanted to petition Death Monarch and some wanted to pressure Death Monarch with protest.

But those officials who had long work inside the Centre Palace knows this is an act of throwing eggs into stone.

Pandemonium is Death Monarch land. And all the forces inside it belongs to him

Whether they like it or not did not matter. They have lived under the protection of Death Monarch all of these years.

They should not be stupid enough to contest Death Monarch in this matter.

Thunder roars and swirling clouds shrouded the Centre Palace from above. The sight brings chills to the people nearby the Palace.

Like other places in the whole world, Pandemonium had also expanded. And they expanded the largest

The reason is because the amount of energy in Pandemonium is the densest.

The expansion of a certain land is determined by the concentration of energy that existed there in the first place

As such, most of the forbidden places in the world before the expansion benefited the most.

And Pandemonium, which is also known as Australia before the Fall and was also one of the forbidden continent also benefitted.

Right now, because of the expansion of the continent, surges of world energy descend down to each and every corner of Pandemonium.

This would surely create another boom in people to level up easier like in the beginning of the Fall.

All over Pandemonium nano robots are rebuilding structures in a blink of an eye.

Buildings rose up by the minutes and in only a few minutes, an outline of a building could already be seen

Technology has gone a long way. The most admirable traits of humans are that they could easily adapt to their environment.

Each time a Disk Formation leveler duke it out with each other, there would be great damage to cities and countries.

If they rely on human labor to build structures each time such a thing happens, then how much things it would take for them to rebuild it back and get the industry started again.

Of course humans are stronger now and for those in Energy Disperse Stage to pile up beams of steel weights tons on their shoulder is nothing hard

But the problem was those people who were strong did not want to simply become builders.

Most of them join army or seek the path to greater power.

Since they did not need to live inside buildings as their bodies could withstand even the harshest weather, rarely one could see Energy Disperse Stage helping out in construction site.

Of course there are exception like in the World Government where their task is decided by the government

There is a reason why World Government could quickly rebuild after a catastrophe. Unity has its powers but it also has its con

But most of these powerful people would not be easily found in such construction site.

And those who would work as builders are the people who were below Energy Disperse Stage

While they are not exactly weak, they are not exactly overpowered either.

As such the great powers all research ways to build things faster and save on human labors. Pandemonium had researched nanobots for a long time to rectify this weakness of them.

Since they could not do what World Government did, they have to find another way and that way was the use of robotic engineering advancement.

A path of technological advance was laid out to patch up the weakness of certain sectors of the government.

Most of it was supplied by the Order of Thinkers and was modified the researcher of one of the division of military intelligence.

Order of Thinkers probably have more technology related to this as they would surely have more advanced robots and nanobots to just name a few.

The crowd on the other hand helps out the others while the soldiers of Pandemonium had been ordered by the officials to seek the other villages and determine the new geography of this expanded continent

Outside, there is still a lot of thing that needs to be done. But before the return of Death Monarch to Pandemonium, there was this anxiousness.

They felt uncertain. There is energy storms every few minutes, threatening to undo their work in matters of second

And there is also the chance of encountering new beast and monsters that would also be strengthened by this sudden rejuvenation of worldly energy

But the moment the news of the return of Death Monarch was relayed to the other soldiers, the feeling of anxiousness, uncertainty all were washed away

It is just unfortunate that they could not relay this news to those who were far away.

Because of the waves of energy that is still far from being equally distributed all across the world, some communication devices were also affected as most of the communication device nowadays is a combination of magical energy in the air and mechanical technology

Pandemonium is now safe. This is the thought of those people who saw the unnatural phenomenon in the Centre Palace.

The officials who have finished relayed their orders quickly wanted to return to the Palace. Some of them had used a spaceship to travel through the distance.

It is not a private plane. Instead it is a spaceship, with sleek design and aerodynamically pleasing with most of the enhancement focused on speed.

Usually, these officials are not people with great powers or possess high level combat power.

This is also the reason why the official's faction was always suppressed by the military faction in the court of Pandemonium

The spaceship is given to each one of the elected officials.

Mostly because they did not have the ability to fly or teleport themselves, they mostly had to use manual travel like any other people before the Fall.

And even then, they rarely use it. Because most of the officials live in the Centre Region near the administrative center of Pandemonium, they did not have to travel far to go to the Palace.

As such, carriage is the mode of transportation to the Centre palace.

Of course, when someone think of carriage one would think that the carriage of these officials is slow.

That is not entirely true as the horses that all these carriages have are not normal horses. If the driver of the carriage is really determined to quickly come to the Palace, these carriages could move faster than a car.

But there is rarely a case where they were forced to come to the palace in a short time. As for today, these officials finally have the chance to use the spaceship.

Even though they are still in the center region, the distance from their house to the Centre Palace had become farther away

The officials then decided a meeting place beforehand and they all met there and discuss the matter before relaying their orders to the other department of Pandemonium government.

And some of these officials are officials that truly cares for the people and some of them flew their spaceship to the remote regions of Pandemonium to help the people.

Those closer to the Centre Region got the news of Death Monarch returns.

But the moment they wanted to go to the Palace to greet Death Monarch, a telepathic message enters their mind

The cold voice that reverberates in their mind is unmistakable. It is Death Monarch

The word is very simple

“Put your effort in establishing order and don’t disturb me” that is the word that echoes in the minds of all the officials and even the military commanders

They all nodded and understood the intention of Death Monarch. They did not question it and continue their work.

Inside the Centre Palace, Azief had appeared in front of his throne. His Divine Sense envelop the entire continent and he frowned

Even now, the world is still expanding. It is slower than before because the energy of the Multiverse is slowly assimilating with this world but without a doubt, it is still expanding

And Azief frowned not only because the world kept expanding.

But also because he could sense there is a change in the Laws of the World. There are more paths for people to choose from. This is not necessarily bad.

Some people could even have new paths or find a way to revive back their broken path. New Laws enters the world and this feeling is very magical.

Azief was not in a hurry right now. Because he could sense that there is an opportunity here. He is trying to deduce whether this could help him break through faster to Essence Creation level

The world right now to the eyes of the people is now choke full of worldly energy. And that is not the only energy that is now filling the whole world

Universal energy is also in abundance. And there is even a trace of Omniversal energy. There is even Celestial energy and a few strand of Chaos energy

This is the effect of the Multiverse Convergence effect. Powerful world would absorb energy, power and fortunes of the other world

If Earth Prime was not able to protect Earth from other people invasion during that time convergence, then calamity would happen to humanity.

But because they succeeded, they now gained a lot. Failed, and they were cursed. Succeed, and they would be blessed.

That is the things that those people could see.

But Azief had broken through to Divine Comprehension leveler. He sees more than them

[Chapter 968: The new path \(1\)](#)

Thinking about it, Azief, Jean and Hikigaya are all the highest level beings on Earth right now.

Right now, they are far ahead of all the living beings on Earth. For them to reign in the world is an easy method.

If not for the fact that Azief had always find a way to grows even stronger, it would not be weird for other people to develop thought of controlling the world

Anyone who wanted to control the world first had to think whether that is something that Death Monarch would allow.

And for example, if Hikigaya is the one that wanted to rule the world, there is still a mountain in front of him that he could not move.

And if Hikigaya stops practicing, then Azief who is always seeking his path forward would become even stronger until he suppresses all beings.

As Azief grows stronger, people had to follow.

And as they follow, they saw their Grand Path. And once they saw their Grand Path, world domination felt like something meaningless

The Grand Path of the Omniverse is the way of eternal immortality.

How would they then care about world domination when they could master the very laws and essence of creation of the world?

Azief is also thinking about this matter very carefully. If he broke through to Essence Creation, the chance for him to return home would be higher. He then shakes his head

There is a problem that he thinks would probably happen after this expansion ended. But for now, that is not his problem

He focused back on the world. His Divine Sense spread all over the world, covering the entire planet.

This is a magnificent feat as the world currently had become even bigger and the energy is even more denser.

Other people's Divine Sense sometimes could not spread to even ten kilometers around them

But Azief's Divine Sense spreads all over the planet. Having the controls of Laws, does have its advantages.

The world right now is full of spiritual air made up of all kinds of energy. With each passing moment, Azief could see that all kinds of plants and creatures mushroomed over all the land

Some of these creatures evolved from the creatures that already existed on Earth. But some were formed by the energy of the world, creatures of pure energy

They bore strange appearances and belonged to different kinds of species, but they all lived as a form of their own state being.

Huge exotic beasts could be seen everywhere, fighting for the energy that fills the world. It was like an instinct for them.

Monsters and beasts are not the only thing that manifested from thin air.

There is also the creation of all kinds of mountains as many of them stretched tall into the clouds, with peculiar peaks and weird stones, clear water and white sand, making them look like a heavenly land.

He sees it clearer this time. But the reason of spreading his Divine Sense is not only because he wanted to see the world. He was searching for someone.

'There you are' he mutters to himself.

Then he disappeared for a second. The space around him distorted and segmented like something very powerful had just broken its law.

And then before the space had the chance to reform itself, Azief appeared back in that spot

Only this time, there is someone standing beside him, his hand is on that person's shoulder

The person looks around and smiles bitterly

'My lord' that person said. Azief releases his hand.

It is a woman, clad in white tight robes. It had the same kind of design like his Shadow Lord attire.

This woman is Sasha the Nightingale. Azief of course had to have his most loyal shadow by his side now that he planned to go into seclusion to break through to Essence Creation.

Azief then walks to his throne and sits upon it. Inside the Palace right now, there is the Keepers of the Palace and the other attendants.

But in the throne room there is only Death Monarch and Sasha. Sasha look at Death Monarch, bows and greets him

'Welcome back, my lord'

Azief wave his hand and said

'You activated that bullet just at the right time' Azief said. Sasha smiles as her head still do not dare look at Death Monarch right now. She did not know the mood of Death Monarch right now.

'I am just doing my job'

'Why disappear?' he asked. Azief was not angry. If there is anyone he could trust among his officials, Sasha tops the list.

He was just curious of the reason

Sasha had done the best she could during the battle. She even went down and activated the weapons to help him when he was fighting with the Demon king.

Azief expected her then to lead the rescue effort and the rebuilding afterwards. But instead, she suddenly disappears.

Of course he could see that the other secret division is now all around Pandemonium, all of them probably was ordered to do something by Sasha

But Sasha herself was not in the continent

He waited for Sasha to answer the question.

Sasha thinks of a way to explain it. Some of it is easy to explain. But there is also some that is hard to explain.

'There is two reason. There are some things that requires my attention and since I could not yet confirm it, I would not report on it. That is the first reason. The second reason is the Three Demoness'

Azief suddenly understood

'You were trying to track them?'

She nodded

And how did that go?'

'They have their own methods. Even though the space around the world are all unstable and no people could travel in a speed as fast as before, the Three Demoness seems to have some methods. No doubt, Loki taught them as they are as slippery as him' Azief chuckles a bit

Sasha then explain

'One of the Three Demoness had deep relations with the Broker. One could only imagine all the kinds of information that the Broker had. If I could track them and they lead me to the Broker, not only will the

Shadow Guards would get the Broker we will also get all of their intel. And I also heard that the Broker had a list'

Azief nodded.

He also read the report before.

The Broker had a list.

Some people called it the Dark List. Inside that list is the name of all people of the Crime Alliance, the spies in the Great Powers, and even those who had retired and hiding.

It is how the Broker maintain his power with the Crime Alliance and the Great Powers. This news only broke out after he went missing.

Because of this news, it had deterred many of forces to seek for him that hard. They don't want the Broker to reveal about what is in that list to their enemies if he was annoyed.

But that did not mean people stopped searching for him. Instead, knowing that he had such a list make certain forces wanted to find him more.

For example, Pandemonium.

Unlike the other great powers, Pandemonium had the Shadow Guards who have its own branch of intelligence gathering.

Pandemonium rarely use the Broker channel of information.

The Shadow Guards also send spies to the other great powers. But, they are not worried that much about the safety of their spies.

Because backing them is Pandemonium.

If there is a spy of Pandemonium that is identified, most great power would still give Pandemonium face and would protest in the World Council.

Then the administrator of Pandemonium would just offer some words of apology and then bring back the spies back to Pandemonium

As long as Azief is the strongest person in the world, those great powers had to think carefully if they wanted to offend Pandemonium thoroughly.

Since this is the case, Sasha is very interested in getting her hands on the Dark List. Azief understood Sasha intention.

Sasha seems to find a new passion in being in charge of a secret agency for gathering intelligence all over the world.

'What are your plans now?' Azief asked. Sasha thought for a second and said

'My lord, I was thinking of going to the Hill to help Jean. I know how you treat.... Katarina' as she raises her head slightly trying to deduce the heart of her superior

He did not look happy. So, Sasha look back down to the ground in that bowing posture.

Azief then sighed and after thinking for a while he said

‘Stay here. Protect Pandemonium’

Sasha then raise her head and look at Death Monarch and said

‘What about Time Monarch Jean?’

Azief close his eyes and then after a few second of thinking he opens his eyes and said

‘he could handle it. The energy is enough. And if it’s not enough, I am now here. If it comes to such measure, I could still help him. As for the Three Demoness, let them go for now. Your priority would be Pandemonium for now. Tell the Three Great General to return. All of the forces of Pandemonium must return to Pandemonium before the end of the week.’ Sasha suddenly understood and then frowning she said

‘My lord, are you trying to breakthrough to the next level?’

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Azief had nothing to hide so he nodded

Sasha then look back down at the floor, but one could sense that there is a storm going on her heart right now

No matter how powerful Death Monarch really is, it is not easy for him to raise his level just like that.

Sasha is confident of Death Monarch ability. But in the off chance that something goes wrong with Death Monarch, then Pandemonium would be besieged on all sides.

It is not that Sasha did not hear about Death Monarch declaration of protecting Loki. That alone had put Pandemonium as the target of many

And now, Death Monarch is about to go into seclusion.

The reason that they did not dare move is simply because Death Monarch is in the Divine Comprehension level.

There is no one above him on Earth and even those who reached Divine Comprehension level is still on the beginning stage like Hikigaya and Jean.

They could not threaten Azief lead right now

But, if Death Monarch suffers some mishap during his attempt of trying to break through, those enemies in the dark would surely pounce.

But there is nothing more she could say

She knows where to draw the lines and she understood why Azief is taking such a risk. It is because of Katarina.

Sasha herself had once tangled with Katarina but she had no hard feeling for that woman.

But one thing she does admire was the fact that this woman had the heart of this cold man in front of her.

Even though the relationship between Sasha and Death Monarch had grown closer, there is still this invisible wall between them

And both of them understand where the line ends. Azief is the superior. Sasha is the subordinate.

They did not cross these lines, staying faithfully inside these lines.

So, to Sasha, she did not feel the warmth that Katarina, Sofia, Sina and Loki experience. The warmth that he had is reserved for those closest to him

For many, Death Monarch is a cold person with merciless attitude toward his enemies. That was not necessarily true.

But the world had painted his image like this and this image had without a doubt shape the way the world sees Death Monarch

In a way, the World Government propaganda years ago does have some effect in the way the world views Death Monarch

Sasha nodded.

She was shocked with the way how easy it was for Death Monarch to come to her and bring her back but she had already calmed down.

Now, since the task is given, she is about to return to do her job. She had to call off the things she had prepared.

And she also had to try to call all of the department head of the Shadow Guard

The Shadow Guard to some people is a small but elite group of people tasked with executing the will of Death Monarch

This is not entirely wrong but it is not entirely true either. It is true about executing the will of Death Monarch.

That is not wrong. What is wrong however was that it is small.

Since it is an organization that is clouded with secrecy, most of the time people do not have a complete grasp of the extent of the size of this organization.

The public face of the Shadow Guard is Sasha. She is the head of the Shadow Guard. All the information in Pandemonium always in the hand of the Shadow Guard.

And the information that the Shadow Guard possess is not constrained only in Pandemonium as they also possess all kinds of dirt on all the Great Powers.

The Shadow Guard had many divisions.

To some of the high officials of the Pandemonium administrator, they know that the Shadow Guard acted like the supervisors of these secret departments but other than that, they were as clueless as other people

The only one that knows the true size and how many departments there is in the Shadow Guard is only Azief and Sasha.

And because of the power that Azief had bestowed Sasha, enabling her to create department according to circumstances, the power to execute first before reporting, there is even some secret department that even Azief did not know.

During the expansion of the world, Sasha enacted a certain protocol.

The heads of these department follows her protocol and now most of them are all scattered all over the world.

Azief did not know the full story but he knows it would take time for these heads to return back to Pandemonium, hence the one-week time period.

After saying his orders, Azief did not say anything else, remaining silent on his throne. Sasha face frown a bit before she sighed inwardly

It is very hard serving someone who did not say anything much

Since Sasha is accustomed to this, she was about to excused herself out of the room when suddenly she stops.

There is a complicated expression on her face

She closes her eyes and she ask herself.....should she really be asking this? But she wanted to know.

And she believes that if she got some guidance from Death Monarch, it would clear her confusion.

This confusion is related to her future Grand Path. If anyone is closer in realizing their Grand Path, it is none other than Death Monarch.

She sighed open her eyes and she turns back to look at Death Monarch.

She did not bow.

Azief who was about to think of a certain way to breakthrough also saw Sasha behavior and his eyebrows was raised.

Sasha and him had always had a very formal relationship.

When they meet each other in the capacity of superior and subordinate, Sasha would treat him very formally.

They were times of course when they are informal with each other.

But Sasha prefers formality and it is not something that Azief dislike either.

This kind of behavior shows that Sasha is going to be informal.

There is a trace of a smile on Azief face. He waited for her. Sighing again, she then become determined.

'Death Monarch, could I ask a question?' Azief confirmed it this time.

When it is something about work, Sasha would always address him as my lord. But, this time she addressed him as Death Monarch

He nodded and said

'Ask it'

'I felt something when the world expanded and the surges of energy from the multiverse pouring in. It was like there is a fundamental change is happening. I felt like there is a brand new path for me. Is this feeling wrong?' she could ask this question to Azief.,

Of all the people in the world, he is the one walking in the front and the only one that probably knows the answer

Sasha since the beginning of the expansion of the world felt something on her path. She is a Nightingale. That is the title she had and the title that everyone in the world is accustomed to it

But it is actually the secret class of thief class.

That is why her stealth technique is very advanced and when she wants to hide, there is rarely anyone that could smoke her out.

If not for the fact that her level and Death Monarch level is heaven apart, she could even hide from the eyes of Death Monarch.

Sasha had struggle a lot.

In the Fake World she lost all of her powers and then recultivated from the beginning, choosing another class and this time with the help of Sina potions manage to solve a quest and acquired the secret class.

After that, being the blade of Death Monarch will, she had become a powerful official in Pandemonium, a position in which she could amass a lot of information and resources.

Her advancement then became very fast and while others are struggling to break through to Disk Formation, she had done it even though she cultivated back from the very beginning.

Her level is also very stable because while she did use external help, she did not rush it like in the beginning.

This is the advantages of working for a powerful organization and why some people out there would sacrifice their freedom to join the Great Powers.

However, there is now a problem that Sasha had felt now that she is in Disk Formation level.

Even though, she had broken through a lot in this six years and she had reached the Middle Realm of the Disk Formation level, there is no trace of her finding her own Grand Path.

Every once in a while, the feeling come.

But the moment it came, it disappears as fast.

She knows that if she could collect energy and even more energy she could break through to Divine Comprehension

But, her Divine Comprehension level would not be able to deter or threaten other Divine Comprehension leveler.

Because her Laws would lack substances. Azief on the other hand cultivated thirteen Laws.

For someone to cultivated so many Laws, it then follows logic that it would take even more time for them to understand and master these Laws.

But logic never did follow Death Monarch.

With the help of the Thirteen Steps of Supremacy, he had understood the Laws like he had been studying it for ten thousands of years.

As for Sasha, if she continues on this path, by the time she would try to break through to Essence Creation, it would be insurmountably hard. And the path might be cut off from her by that time. There is a chance for her to stop at Divine Comprehension and never ever be able to progress again.

But, the calamity today, brought about a sense of premonition in Sasha heart.

There is a fated chance for her. A feeling of a certain interconnectedness that urge her to find her path.

How could she then remain calm? But, she is also confused. This feeling is it truly a chance? Or is she feeling something else and she is wrong?

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Actually, what she felt is not special. Everyone felt it. Like there is a brand new law that is actualizing in this planet.

This kind of thing could not be hidden.

A new way suddenly appeared. Thousands of new path suddenly exploded into existence and all kinds of new methods toward this path could now be deduced.

The closer one is to the source of power, the stronger this feeling is. For people like Azief, Jean and Hikigaya, they easily understood what it is.

The knowledge is embedded in the fabric of reality.

But for people on the lower level, all they could feel was a bit of feeling. But this is enough for them to recognize that there is new way

Azief smiles.

To say it is a brand new law is not quite accurate.

If Azief had to summarize it, it is this Laws, felt even more obvious as it is tempered by the Laws of all the worlds that connected through the Multiversal Convergence.

This is the Will of the Omniverse.

Spread and scattered throughout all of dimension and parallel universes, these Will did not dissipate and remain the same

It might have different names in other words, it might have certain differences, but since it came from the same source, from the same will, in essence it is the same.

This will, this Law had always been on Earth since the Fall.

But the path seeking is hard because unless one truly understands the many secrets of the world, understand oneself and understand their own path and Laws, one would feel hard to sense this Will

But the Multiversal Convergence brings out this will toward the surface.

For Azief, this did not mean much since he is pretty sure what path he is walking on.

The same for Jean and Hikigaya. But for others who are still seeking the path, this feeling is very important to them

Azief very much fond of Sasha. It would not be bad for her to know certain things. Still smiling, he then said

‘Your feeling is not wrong. There is another way’ Sasha frowned a bit, still not understanding fully.

Azief forgot that not everybody was privy to the knowledge that the system they had is merely the imitation of advanced civilization in the Universe.

And Sasha is always busy defusing attempts of attack against Pandemonium so she had neglected her levels all of this time.

If Azief really had to describe the daily life of Sasha it would be a little bit like Jack Bauer in the 24 TV show.

She did not just have time to catch a break. Since she is in charge of Pandemonium, she rarely touches the research on the extraterrestrial things unless it is related on her case.

If people think that Sasha reads all the information that came daily toward the Shadow Guard, they would be sorely mistaken since that is not just possible.

The system that the World Orb give them, it is useful and quickly enable humans to grow stronger. But the path of that system is not the only path in the world.

And sometimes, the path of the system is not suitable to some people. There is also some flaw in it.

Sasha then ask

‘Can you explain a bit deeper?’ Azief nodded and then he said

‘It means the new generation does not have to cultivate energy the same way we did’

Sighing he added

'I don't know if that is a good thing or not. Only time would tell whether breaking the system is good for humanity or not'

Then shaking his head, he continued

'They could break the system by practicing in other methods. New Laws appears and new way is formed. As such, there is many more choices. We are lucky that we are of the first generation of the Fall. Energy is full in abundance and the system pointed us, guides on how to grow stronger the fastest'

'Because of the loophole of the system, we could easily absorb energy into our body without the hassle of refining it first'

Then sighing he said

'But, the next generation would not be as lucky as we are. Right now, people could easily break through to Disk Formation and the path forward to Divine Comprehension is very optimistic. But in the future, maybe it is ever hard for one community to have Disk Formation levelers as the energy of the world is absorbed by the early people. Like us'

There is silence for a while. The problem of energy distribution. This problem is not something new.

The World Government had once raised this issue in the World Council before.

But now because of the Multiversal Convergence and the surge of energy that is nourishing the world, this matter would also be forgotten and not be raised until that moment come again.

The energy seems like it would be endless.

But Azief knows better. Once someone broke through the ceiling of the Supreme Being level of power, the amount of energy that is needed to break through such level would be astronomical.

However, this is not the thing that Azief wanted to talk about, so he resumed talking about system

'We also have classes'

Sasha nodded. She is listening to the word of Death Monarch intently and trying to understand it.

Azief then explain more about classes in details. This is based on his understanding of classes after understanding the Laws

Since he could see Laws of the world and even manipulate it, there is a certain sense of a truth being opened to him regarding certain things

And one of these thing is about the classes each person would get after choosing a class and how it relates to one advancement to become stronger.

'The classes are not some simple class like in the game. when we all started we all feel like the classes in the system is like the class in the game. This is not entirely wrong'

Pausing for a second he then continues

'There is Warriors, mage, Healers to name a few. There is all this kind of familiar classes in the game. But if you notice, there is many other classes that in the game it did not have. There is Shadow Lord, Earth

Controller, Martial Art Overlord, Beast King, Thunder Lord, Time Lord and many other classes you won't find in games. This is what we called the secret classes. And there is a secret about it as there is also a secret about the normal classes.'

Sasha did not know what Azief is about to say but he felt that this would relate to her advancement.

There is this premonition in her heart so she listens even more carefully.

'All of this classes are not merely some imitation of games. Instead, each class is actually the representation of a grand path. Did you read about the Ethernas?' Azief asked. Sasha nodded and Azief continued by saying

'When the Ethernas civilization was destroyed, each of these Ethernas was turned into the Wills of the Omniverse. One could only imagine their strength before their death, to be able to assimilate themselves into the Will of the Omniverse'

Azief did not dare boast that he knows the most about Ethernas on Earth.

But, since he began walking his path and as he saw many ancient things and structures in the Universe, he began knowing a bit more about the lore of this ancient primordial beings that existed long before Time itself existed.

A being that birthed all of the Laws of the Omniverse.

And after seeing and walking on the Thirteen Steps of Supremacy, he knew even more thing about Ethernas and he even bears some Karma with Ethernas as he took over the power and blessing that the Thirteen Steps of Supremacy had bestowed him with

Power had a price. If anything, if there is not price, then that worries Azief. Azief continued saying toward Sasha

Epochs after epochs passed and this will of the Ethernas turned into Laws. Some was too weak and turns into particles, but the strongest of them, turned into Wills that is inside these Laws. Inerasable and eternal.

Then thinking that this explanation might fly over Sasha head, he explains in more detail.

'For example, Shadow Lord. It is my secret class in the beginning' Sasha nodded

By now, it is not a secret.

Everyone knows that Death Monarch had the class of Shadow Lord.

But what puzzles people was that even though Death Monarch had the Shadow Lord class, he rarely uses his classes skill.

Shadow Lord.

The name itself signify the ability to control Shadow. One would not be mistaken to believe that such class would be a class that emphasizes stealth

Yet, if one looks at the behavior and action of Death Monarch, which of his move is stealthy?

Instead, much of the move and action of Death Monarch is very showy, and the very opposite of stealth.

Azief then explain

'I believe the classes is merely a manifestation of will of some Ethernas. And my Shadow Lord class is merely the manifestation of some Ethernas in the Ethernas world that have the ability to control shadows'