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Chapter 237: You Really Thought I Had No Way?

Las Noches, top floor.

This place was already completely destroyed.

Whether it was the ceiling or the surrounding walls, all had turned into rubble—either scattered across the ground or fallen outside Las Noches—leaving only a vast, floor-only emptiness.

Moonlight shone upon it, as though illuminating a ruined wasteland, bringing a desolate feeling to the scene.

"Zheng..."

The immaculate white light, just like when it first descended, slowly drifted down from midair. When it landed on the floor, the radiance dissipated, revealing the flawless white dragon with Divine Dividing wings, bathed in moonlight.

That figure, even more sacred and sublime than before.

"Come out."

The distorted voice rang from within the dragon-shaped helmet, filled with indifferent emotion.

"At this point, surely you're not still planning to keep watching, are you, Sōsuke Aizen?"

As this voice echoed across the space, someone walked over from another direction.

"The Espada I personally created have truly been disappointingly useless. They couldn't even cause you a bit more trouble. If I had known, I wouldn't have used the Hōgyoku's power on them."

Sōsuke Aizen walked forward slowly with his Zanpakutō at his waist, wearing his usual smile, speaking to the immaculate figure bathed in moonlight.

"Your power is even greater, even more fascinating, and even more mysterious than I originally predicted."

"How many times now have you displayed power that exceeded my expectations?"

"Kaiser-kun..."

At these words, Kaiser's brow beneath the helmet twitched slightly.

"So I've been exposed already?"

Kaiser's question was met with Aizen's light chuckle.

"It's far too coincidental, isn't it?"

Kaiser had just arrived in Hueco Mundo, and immediately such a mysterious being appeared, displaying such overwhelming strength—how could that be a coincidence?

Furthermore, Aizen considered his control over Hueco Mundo fairly absolute. If such a powerful and unknown entity had existed, there was no way he wouldn't have had even a shred of intel.

Coupled with his observations during the battle just now, Sōsuke Aizen had concluded that the so-called Albion before him was in fact Kaiser.

"Divine Dividing... huh?"

Aizen's gaze lingered on the wings behind Kaiser, his eyes filled with desire for knowledge.

"Something I've never heard of before."

"It's neither like a Zanpakutō, nor like any of the Shihōin Clan's armaments—it's something completely outside of my understanding."

"And you, Kaiser-kun, your Reiatsu and Reiryoku suddenly vanished entirely, replaced by a power I don't recognize."

Although not a scientist like Kisuke Urahara or Mayuri Kurotsuchi, as someone who had researched the Hōgyoku, modified Hollows, and created Arrancar, Aizen was deeply intrigued.

"If possible, I'd truly like you to explain it to me," Aizen said with regret. "But of course, Kaiser-kun probably won't comply, right?"

"You have some self-awareness," Kaiser said flatly. "But only some—not much."

Otherwise, after he had utterly crushed the Espada, how could Aizen still casually appear before him?

"Could it be that the Hōgyoku is complete?" Kaiser looked at Aizen and said, "You've already evolved, transcended the limits of a Shinigami, and believe you won't lose to me—so you stayed here with such confidence?"

"Now, what could it be..." Aizen didn't answer directly. Instead, he smiled with closed eyes, as if playing a riddle. "Maybe it's because I don't believe... you can stop me?"

Hearing this, Kaiser's expression remained blank.

"I suspect... the one standing before me now isn't really you, Aizen."

Kaiser suddenly said this and darted forward, his wings flaring as he shot to Aizen's front.

"Boom!"

A flash of pure white fist slammed out, striking the Aizen in front of him and shattering his entire body.

The broken form quickly changed appearance—becoming someone who wasn't even originally present here.

"Ulquiorra Cifer."

Kaiser said this without surprise.

"So it was you."

Yes.

The one who had appeared as Sōsuke Aizen was in fact Ulquiorra, who had fled from Kaiser not long ago.

"Here to die in his place?"

Kaiser gave him no time to speak. With one foot, he stomped on Ulquiorra's fallen head.

What surprised Kaiser was that when the head was crushed, its appearance shifted again.

It wasn't Ulquiorra at all—but the already-defeated Nnoitra.

"Seal it..."

Ulquiorra's empty voice rang out behind Kaiser.

"Segunda Etapa."

In an instant, a burst of black Reiatsu exploded, becoming black rain that poured over the area.

Ulquiorra, now appearing behind Kaiser, unfurled a pair of massive black wings that seemed to blot out the sky. He wore a long white robe, a helmet with two horns, elongated claws on his hands, longer hair, and darkened tear streaks down his cheeks.

"Lanza del Relámpago!"

In his hand formed a weapon of light made from Reishi. Though called a lance, it resembled a spear more than a sword.

"Boom!"

As Ulquiorra thrust it without hesitation, an explosion resounded.

But—

"Bang!"

A hand clad in immaculate white armor suddenly struck, shattering the lance capable of demolishing a building.

"If you'd already escaped, why come back?"

Amid the shattering Reishi, the same armored hand seized Ulquiorra by the neck and lifted him into the air.

"Divide."

The voice from the blue gem activated, causing the gem on Kaiser's hand to flash.

In that instant, Ulquiorra's resistance collapsed, his strength swiftly fading.

"Aizen-sama..."

Ulquiorra no longer resisted. He choked out that name midair.

At the same time, a dazed look appeared on Kaiser's face beneath his helmet.

For in his eyes, the Ulquiorra suspended by the throat changed appearance...

Into Momo Hinamori.

"Captain..."

The girl's face was filled with pain, tears falling from the corners of her eyes as she looked at Kaiser.

Kaiser's expression instantly turned terrifyingly cold.

"Crash!"

Suddenly, the armor on Kaiser shattered. His wings vanished as well.

He flung aside the Ulquiorra-turned-Hinamori and spoke without emotion.

"You really thought I had no way to counter Kyōka Suigetsu, Aizen?"

In Kaiser's hand, a spear radiating divine waves appeared from thin air.

The divine wave it emitted was even more dazzling and radiant than when he'd entered Divine Dividing's Balance Breaker state.

"O lance! True Holy Spear that pierces even the divine!"

A sacred and solemn incantation flowed from Kaiser without hesitation.

"Draw upon the tyrant's ideal slumbering within me, open the gap between blessing and destruction."

"Thou, declare the will, and shine forth as light!"

The light-formed spearhead on the spear in Kaiser's hand opened silently, expanding to its limit, and the divine wave surged explosively.

"Truth Idea!"

The divine wave expanded in pulses like tides, spreading to engulf the entire space.

At that moment, illusions shattered, truth revealed, and the false world dissolved.

"What..."

Sitting atop a throne that hadn't been destroyed at all, Aizen's previously composed smile froze completely.

In his hand, the Zanpakutō Kyōka Suigetsu was sealed by divine power—just like how Cao Cao's Sacred Gear had once been sealed by Truth Idea.

"Pa!"

A hand seized Aizen's sword-wielding arm, and in the reflection of Aizen's shrinking pupils, its owner suddenly appeared before him.

"Got you."

With that—

"Splurt!"

The True Longinus pierced through Aizen's body. The spearhead jutted out his back, trailing a flood of blood.

"You..."

Aizen's twisted face spasmed, blood leaking from the corner of his mouth.

"Divide."

The voice sounded within Kaiser's body, halving Aizen's power like it had the Espada.

"Buzz!"

Not only that—the golden markings glowing on Kaiser's hand extended across Kyōka Suigetsu's blade, stripping Aizen of his control and ownership.

"Kyōka Suigetsu's power is indeed formidable. No wonder you could fool the entire Soul Society."

Kaiser's voice was ice-cold. "But no matter how powerful an ability is, you still need to be able to activate it."

Aizen vomited a large mouthful of blood, his eyes fixed on Kaiser as he choked out words with blood and fury.

"If you had this kind of power... why didn't you use it earlier?"

If he had known Kaiser had such power, he would never have used Kyōka Suigetsu against him.

Kaiser responded coolly.

"Because... I didn't know what kind of attitude the Soul King, seated in the heavens, would show toward me once I revealed this power."

The Soul King...

So, he had been wary of the Soul King...?

"Yes." Kaiser seemed to read Aizen's thoughts. "I've been somewhat cautious of Him."

After all, the exclusive weapons in his hands, these powers—they didn't belong to the world created by the Soul King...