

## World Plot 1651

### Chapter 1651 - 22.37 Third Red Star - Under Arrest

The mention of the Mermaid King's existence made the young lieutenant flinch. Not only did he suddenly look pale, he even seemed so terrified. After all, he knew who the mermaid king was and where he was currently staying. The fact that the Shaka Clan was suddenly cursed made him have a sudden realization of what happened while he was away. He remembers telling the clan the schedule when the general and the colonel would be taking their leave from the main city. With such an opportunity in their eyes, there is no way they will waste it, and in the end, the clan was exposed and this curse was bestowed upon them.

Just as he was about to ask questions and check whether his theories were correct or not, Colonel Lou Wuye showed a video. It's the scene of a certain young master from the Shaka Clan wanting to force a group of tired little mermaids to keep seeing. The little mermaid's caretaker stopped the young master and was slapped, making the little mermaid attack the young master and scold him with human language. When the people in the room heard the little mermaids talking, they planned to resell them, and the certain young master tried to grab the little mermaid.

It was then that the mermaid king's presence had shown itself; using water as a medium, he protected the caretaker and the little mermaids, allowing them to escape the mansion. The young lieutenant was actually terrified when he saw his uncle pull out a gun intending to kill someone, but a blade of water cleanly cut his hands, making him unable to pull the trigger. These actions from the Shaka Clan had further angered the mermaid king, and thus, a curse of endless rain fell on their land. This rain was able to cut off the skin of anyone evil from the Shaka Clan.

They can't walk under the rain as it would feel like countless blades cut their skin and flesh. They can't use an umbrella or anything as a cover as the rain would turn into an acid that can melt anything in just a few seconds. In short, the Shaka Clan is stuck inside their territory until the curse has faded.

This curse is selective. It would only punish those who were involved in that last accident and anyone in the mansion who had done bad things. For the others, this rain is just ordinary rain. Like how Lieutenant Shaka and Colonel Lou Wuye were unaffected by the curse of the rain even after walking under it.

Colonel Lou Wuye didn't care much about the curse on the Shaka Clan and focused on the task he was given and the reason why he was here. Thus, he reminded his former lieutenant about his goal and why he returned to this place.

"Former Lieutenant Shaka, don't forget why you had returned at this time," the colonel said to the young lieutenant.

The former young lieutenant chose to ignore his worries for the clan, and his mind was full of thoughts about his mother. He nodded towards his former superior and said to the guard, "Where is my mother? I came today to take her away."

The call that was left hanging after the arrival of the third young master was reported to the patriarch and suddenly sounded with the voice of the young lieutenant's father.

[My son, you cannot just take away my wife. Forget it; come inside and let's have a family conversation.]

"You will have to let go of my mother if you don't want to lose this clan."

[...Come to the mansion's receiving hall.]

Colonel Lou said, "I will go in as well."

[Do as you wish!]

Sirius von Shaka turned to look at Colonel Lou and saw him nod his head. With the Colonel backing him up, the young lieutenant felt even more determined to leave the clan. Even though he was dismissed from the main troop of the general, the latter didn't send any news to the military upon his dismissal. The other thought he was being forced by his clan to betray the general and choose to leave so he would not be used by his parasitic clan.

The two walk towards the mansion unhindered. Upon their arrival at the mansion, the old butler had prepared towels for them.

"Young master, please dry yourself. You too, Lord Colonel," but the old butler was surprised that, unlike his soaked young master, the colonel is completely dry, which is unimaginable.

However, despite his surprise, he remains professional and guides the two to the receiving hall, where the patriarch and the other member of the Shaka Clan are waiting. This is especially true for the third madam and the third master, who is the father of Sirius von Shaka. Upon the arrival of the two, everyone looked calm, but their eyes wandered from Sirius and lingered on the colonel, whose cold eyes looked around the area.

The patriarch of the Shaka Clan asked, "Why would the esteemed Colonel of the Black Dragon Troops be here in our humble home?"

The colonel pulled a military order to bring the mother of Lieutenant Shaka for further investigation. "I am here to bring the mother of the former lieutenant, Sirius von Shaka, to the headquarters. Our proof found out that she had been exchanging some letters with the space pirates while we were on the mission that regards the strange sea level."

The former, young lieutenant was shocked and didn't expect the military to make such a move. There is an arrest warrant from the general and a decree from the royal clan. The Third Master of the Shaka Clan and the Third Madam herself were shocked by this situation.

"This is ridiculous! That is fake! Fake!!"

The third master was enraged as he grabbed the hand showing the hologram of an arrest warrant and the royal clan's decree. Of course, these two are fakes. They only need to use this so the Shaka Clan will give up the Third Madam and get the former lieutenant out of this family.

"Are you saying that the general and the king's signatures are fake? Or the videos of interrogation of the third madam's maids and servants are also fake? Or is it the military you are questioning the Third Master of the Shaka Clan?"

"By the way, according to the laws of the federation, a criminal must not stay connected in any way to any nobles in the federation. Your divorce process had also been approved by the judge. With that said, the adult third young master of the Shaka Clan, to gain a foothold for promotion to a higher position, he must also not have any connection to the noble clans and will be kicked out of the Shaka Clan as per the request of the General. Please sign this agreement," said Colonel Lou Wuye.

There are too many things to question; however, each and everything is a real proof of each situation. The third master didn't even know he was divorced and lost his control over his wife. He lost the last chain he could use to keep his son in the Shaka Clan. No one can even complain as this is the real signature and seal of that demon general, who is the real authority in the federation.

Colonel Lou Wuye approached the third madam with a handcuff in his hand, "Third madam, you are under arrest for putting the federation in danger and getting involved with the space pirates putting the Shaka Clan, this noble clan in peril. Please come with us to the headquarters for further questioning."

The colonel and the third madam look into each other's eyes as if trying to read each other's intentions. The colonel lightly gestured for the madam to look in the direction where her son, Sirius von Shaka, is.

Sirius von Shaka said, "Mother, don't worry. I will try to get you a way to go out."

"Sigh, forget it. I only did that so to push you further. Since I got caught, there is no need to hide," said the third madam as she reached her hand and let herself be handcuffed.

In reality, she didn't know anything, but seeing that even her son seems to be out of the loop for this plan meant that it was all planned by someone from the military. It was such a fun plan, but would need to have the approval of the general and the king itself. According to what she heard before and watched on the starweb in the past few days, it seems the mysterious Madam Ye and King Nokto are close friends.

If their relationship is good enough to get a fake royal decree from the young king, then this plan is not impossible. There is no way that a henpecked husband, the general, would decline anything his wife wanted to do, and thus his signature and seal as well as a fake arrest warrant were even provided. The military is obviously helping them, the mother and son, be freed from the reins of the Shaka Clan. She also had gotten tired of being used by her useless husband to threaten their son.

As expected, the Third Master of the Shaka Clan grabbed her arm with bloodshot eyes and said, "Madam, this is a lie, right? There is no way you have any connection with the space pirates. Though we don't know how your maids and servants were caught, this is all a part of a scheme. Madam, please

deny this stupid situation!? You don't want the lives of your clan to be destroyed, don't you? Deny everything! You understand, right?"

Sirius von Shaka, Colonel Lou, and everyone else in the hall didn't expect the third master to threaten his wife in the face like this. Normally, no one would have cared about such a threat; only Sirius would. Unfortunately, the third master had forgotten about the presence of the second highest in command in the military. This show of abuse towards a female will not be ignored by him.

As expected, the colonel made a move and restrained the third master by force and even handcuffed him to his back. His actions were a lot rougher than when he treated the third madam and said, "You're under arrest for abusive behavior towards your wife. You can send your lawyer to the headquarters if you want to fight for your rights."

Chapter 1652 - 22.38 Third Red Star - Dinner

The sudden restraint on the third master of the Shaka Clan made all members of the family from the Shaka Clan guarded towards the Colonel. Some even touched their weapons and were about to attack Colonel Lou. Of course, this is something the colonel had anticipated. Something like this won't be able to harm him at all.

Snort!

Colonel Lou Wuye said, "You do not know your place."

Wind gathers around the colonel and sends everyone away and slams them directly to the wall, except for Sirius and his mother, whom he had protected.

Urgh!

Colonel Lou Wuye said, "Now an attempted murder of a military officer. Your clan might have to all come with me."

"Please stop. I hope the officer will forgive us. We will allow Ms. Sheena to leave with you together with Sirius. With the power of the Patriarch, I declare that Sheena Shine and Sirius von Shaka are no longer connected to my Shaka Clan," said the old patriarch of the Shaka Clan.

"I hope that the Colonel will please forgive the rudeness of my descendants. After being locked into the mansion for days, their mentality has weakened quite a lot, and we don't even know how long the curse will remain."

Colonel Lou stares at them for a bit, except for the injured ones who couldn't even stand up properly. Most of them had bowed their heads towards him. He asked them to sign an official agreement as proof of the Patriarch's words.

He said, "If so, I would like the patriarch and the third master to sign these agreements. This is a contract that implies you will never approach the mother and son in any way. Whether it's indirect or direct, breaking this agreement will mean that the military can hold you responsible for breaking it."

"Alright. I will sign," said the old patriarch as he looked like he had aged for a few years after this.

The third master wanted to complain, "Father!?"

"Sign it! You cannot go against my order. This is the patriarch's decision!"

The third master glares at the colonel but still signs the agreement. Colonel Lou took back the agreement. Then he ignored them and walked towards the third madam and uncuffed her. Now that she is free from the family. There is no need for a kind of facade. The mother and son hug each other.

The Colonel suddenly said, "I do not know how long the curse will remain. However, I know of a way to lift it up."

The Shaka Clan seems to be greatly interested in this topic, and the patriarch himself even asked for the answer.

"Will the Lord Colonel be willing to share with us the way to resolve our predicament?" asked the Old Patriarch.

The Colonel said, "The easiest way is to vow never to get involved with the mermaid clan and halt all your plans to make another artificial batch of the little mermaids."

"We cannot do that!" The third master exclaimed.

The Colonel shrugged his shoulders and said, "Then this curse will continue. Either way you won't die as long as you don't seek death. We shall take our leave."

The Shaka Clan can only watch as the three figures leave the mansion unhindered. No one knew when the military had gathered outside and was waiting for the Colonel to come out. The soldier's outsider saluted as soon as Colonel Lou Wuye had appeared.

Salutes~

"Colonel Lou! Madam said to bring you, the Lieutenant, and his mother to the mansion for dinner," a soldier said.

The Colonel went inside the car while Lieutenant Shaka was still hesitating to come back to the general's mansion.

"We cannot let Lord Hei wait. Get in, Sirius," the colonel said.

Sirius von Shaka said, "Is it truly alright for me to come back? After all, it was because of me that the Madam..."

"Lord Hei will not blame you for what happened. Instead, he might reward you instead; that lord hates boredom the most. Whatever your clan had sent to him might have entertained him enough. Did you receive a message on your terminal?" said the Colonel.

Confused, Sirius von Shaka asked, "Message?"

"Your dismissal has been taken back by the General. You can retain your original position."

"As a reward from Lord Hei, you will be given a house within the military sector, and your mother can stay there with the rest of the family members of our comrades."

"Since you no longer have any connections to the noble Shaka Clan, you can move in that sector. Normally, you should have after you have been accepted in. However, because of your family clan, you weren't informed about this sector."

"To inform you, the only one who makes the general change his mind and decision can only be Lord Hei. You must thank him properly during dinner. Now, get in the car. We cannot be late."

The colonel explained everything to the young lieutenant. Sirius von Shaka was delighted and grateful for what is happening to him right now.

"Y-yes!" The young lieutenant couldn't hold back his tears. His mother pats his back and helps him get inside the car. Only then did they leave the territory of the Shaka Clan.

She knew how much her son had suffered for betraying his friends, brothers, and superior just to keep her alive. It had always been her son's dream to enter the military. Not only because he had a crush on the general but also because his uncle from her family side is also a soldier and he had always idolized him.

That's why Sirius finally joined the military. Regardless of his family's disagreement, he still did as his heart wished. Who would have thought that the man she had chosen is such trash that he would use her life to threaten their son? Because of her line being in line, her son had to betray the military for her sake and felt guilty because of that.

Just when she thought of killing herself to free her son, Sirius begged her to leave. Saving that he will find a way to bring her out of that hell called Shaka Clan and just live together as a family. Who cares about the Shake Clan? A noble family? More like a garbage can with trash-minded descendants!

Upon their arrival at the general's mansion, the young lieutenant is more nervous than he thought. If not for the fact that his mother pulled him over as they followed the colonel inside, Sirius would most likely stand all day at the gates.

Yun Ming, in his human form, welcomed the return of his lover and took his coat for him.

"Welcome back, darling," said Yun Ming.

The colonel kissed his lover's cheek and responded, "I'm back, Ming'er!"

"Welcome Sirius, Madam Sheena, dinner has been served. Lord Hei had been waiting for your arrival," said Yun Ming.

They heard a boisterous sound coming from the dining hall and realized that there were more guests than they expected.

Colonel Lou asked, "So noisy. Are those three idiots here again?"

"Yeah, Master invited them over," said Yun Ming. "Let's go. We can't keep them waiting."

The group was led by Yun Ming to the dining hall. Lieutenant Shaka and his mother were stunned to see the current king of the Royal Clan and his two loyal royal knights. The three were like lovers seated together. Two men picking up food for the king and feeding each other. This is a scene one wouldn't imagine unless seeing for themselves.

Sirius and his mother, Madam Sheena, fell on their knees to greet the king, His Majesty Nokto.

"WE GREET HIS MAJESTY!"

"Ai~ This is no formal occasion. You may act as you will," said His Majesty Nokto. "Raise your heads."

"Stop teasing them. You two come take your seats. Let's have dinner first," said Hei Anjing.

When the young lieutenant and his mother raised their heads, they finally saw Madam Ye in rumors. Though the young lieutenant already knows the identity of Madam Ye. However, Madam Sheena didn't, so when she saw the appearance of the mysterious Madam Ye, she couldn't help but show a shocked look.

A beauty beyond normality, a presence of both majestic and graceful. A being not that of a human race but looks human. The power of the sea under his control made him almost undefeated in water. The King of all Mermaids, feared by humans who harm the little mermaids.

Madam Sheena calls out, "Mermaid... King?"

"The name is Hei Anjing. Nice to meet you," said the Mermaid King.

Then the gorgeous mermaid flashes a playful smile. "Little lieutenant... Your gift entertained me well. In exchange, I shall protect your family for you. Continue to serve my husband, okay?"

"But I... I..."

Lieutenant Shaka still looked guilty for what he had done. That was his first betrayal and his worst mistake in life. But this man doesn't blame him at all. How can someone like this exist that doesn't hate the one who causes people to go for his life?

Hei Anjing spoke, "Don't be guilty. In the first place, aside from my husband, all other humans are incapable of killing me."

A confident smile appeared on his beautiful face. No one would have expected that the gorgeous and cruel mermaid king in their eyes is a man who loves to entertain himself with people who hate him or want him dead.

Chapter 1653: 22.39 Third Red Star - Reason

The confident smile on the mermaid king's gorgeous face made him look arrogant, yet simultaneously, it made others unable to deny his strength. After all, he is the king of mermaids, who made even the second prince and the noble Shaka Clan what they are now. However, now he looks so friendly and

harmless. If not for the fact that his eyes remain unchanged, they would really think he is an approachable person just by how playful he is.

During dinner, the group had a conversation about the changes on the sea. All of the power in the Federation had gathered in this hall. If they wanted to talk about what to do in the situation where the sea tried to swallow land, only they had the power to do something about it.

Colonel Lou Wuye asked, "Lord Hei Anjing, will the water fall on the land tonight?"

"Yes. Yue, Yang, give me a live broadcast of the sea area," said the Mermaid King.

[Yes, Lord Hei (Master)!]

System Yue and System Yang in their avatar forms materialized and created a huge holographic screen that shows what is currently happening by the sea.

"It should start falling by now," said the Mermaid King.

The young lieutenant or his mother didn't question the existence of the floating little moon and little sun that not only can talk but also project such a huge holographic screen. They didn't ask; to be precise, they don't have to ask. They were shocked by the projections shown before their eyes. With only the moon's illumination in the dark sky, everyone clearly hears the sea monster's sound from the video.

Gudong~

This is the sound made by the whales, and everyone heard it with their own eyes, and as if hearing the command the sound possessed, the tall wall of sea finally started falling and a huge tsunami hit the seashore. Each wave was taller than any of the houses by the shore. They even watch those people who didn't want to leave their houses running for their lives at the last minute only to be swallowed whole by the merciless sea waves.

Each wave had the power to destroy a house or a building. They had even watched as the tallest lighthouse by the seashore snapped into two as the waves hit it directly. It looks like tofu hit by something light and simple. Madam Sheena, who isn't used to seeing people die so easily like this, made her terrified. She realized that humans are truly nothing against the power of nature.

Hei Anjing noticed that some humans didn't leave the seashore until the tsunami hit and commented, "Hm? You didn't evacuate everyone?"

"Those are greedy ones who didn't want to leave their houses and wanted to take over someone else's land," said General Ye as he fed his wife some shrimp he peels with his own hands.

The Mermaid King remains calm in the face of the deaths of humans before him. He commented as he ate the shrimp his husband fed him, "Humans truly die for their greed. It's the same no matter what world we are in."

"That won't change. They will not be called humans without greed. Humans who don't have it are called saints!" said His Majesty Nokto.

Greene, Lang, and Xiong had actually witnessed such a scene multiple times while working on the other worlds in the lower plane. They had seen it so much that they got used to it. Before they can still have sympathy or pity, but as much time passes and they witness it as a cycle, they become numb to it.

While Madama Sheena felt pity for the lives that were lost in the tsunami. Lieutenant Sirius instead felt that it served those people right. After all, the general and his comrades had tried to convince them multiple times a day, but they still chose to stay in that place. Now they can only pay for the choice they have made.

Madam Sheena asked, "King of Mermaids, can they still be saved? You can save them, right? It's the sea! That's your domain!"

"Mom, stop it! Lord Hei is not responsible for their lives, especially since they are humans!" said the young lieutenant.

As expected, the mermaid king had spoken, but his friendly aura from before had completely disappeared. "It is true that I can save them, but... If I were you, would you save these people who almost dragged your loved one to die with them? If so, then you are such a hypocrite!"

The truthful words of the mermaid king were like knives that stabbed Madam Sheena's heart. She realized that not only the general but also her son was in that location before the tsunami fell. Like she wanted, they tried to save these selfish people and stayed in that area and never returned to the main city on time. Would they have drowned when the tsunami hit and died together with that group of shameless people?

Madam Sheena said with her head bowed down, "I'm sorry. I was wrong!"

"Sigh~ whatever~," said Hei Anjing as a smile was once again on his fake face. This is still as fake as always, though it's beautiful to be seen.

"Actually, it was already too late for them. The sea is no longer safe for you humans," said Hei Anjing.

Lieutenant Shaka asked, "What do you mean, Lord Hei?"

"You, Yang, show the image within the sea," commanded Hei Anjing, the mermaid king.

The two systems didn't question their task, and finally the screen showed what was happening in the sea that was raging towards the land. They were shocked by the sheer numbers of sea monsters hidden within the tsunami. They massacred all humans in the water. Madam Sheena's stomach churned, and she immediately covered her mouth when she felt nauseous.

URK~

"Lieutenant, send your mother to the guest room. You know the way, then return here to have a meeting," said General Ye.

After nodding his head in agreement, Sirius helped his mother to the bathroom and sent her to the guest room to rest. By the time that he came back to the hall, the dinner had been replaced by tea and snacks. Colonel Lou just looked at him while Yun Ming smiled at him like a kind little brother.

"Take a seat. We've been waiting for you," said Yun Ming.

Royal Knight Xion was analyzing the videos that were currently happening in the sea. The massacre scene from before had been replaced by an organized scene of sea monsters gathering in troops. Each hologram screen shows the situation at different parts of the oceans, and each troop was led by a large sea monster.

"It seems these sea troops were led by various sea kings. But why are they attacking the land at this time?" said Royal Knight Xion.

Yun Ming spoke, "Sea Kings are considered nobles of the seas. The only one who can order them to make a move is..."

"Father... The Sea God and the Emperor of all beings in the sea, the Mermaid Emperor," said the Mermaid King, Hei Anjing.

Lieutenant Sirius asked, "Can Lord Hei talk to your father? Maybe he would."

"He won't listen. That man doesn't care about races. He only wanted to destroy the world," said the mermaid king, rendering the young lieutenant speechless.

He was shocked to hear the answer of a being that is called the God of the Sea wanting to destroy the world. He couldn't help but ask the question.

"Why does he want to destroy this world?" asked Lieutenant Shaka.

The Mermaid King looked at the young lieutenant and said, "If chaos were meant to befall into this world, that even he, the God of Sea, can handle, and the only way to eliminate all those beings is the destruction of the world, what would you choose?"

"Are you saying that he wasn't intentionally targeting the humans, but the world itself? Would that mean we can save ourselves by escaping through space?" asked the young lieutenant.

General Ye said, "It was already too late. The humans should have escaped before he decided to attack the land. He signed the treaty to give humans the time to leave. Since none of you chose to leave this star, you can't leave now, no matter what."

"W-Why is that?" asked His Majesty Nokto.

Hei Anjing said, "Because the reason why he wanted to destroy this world had finally awakened and mingled with the humans. No one knows which among them was 'it' and the God of the Sea was willing to wrong a million just to kill those rotten apples in the mix."

"Then what about us?" asked Royal Knight Lang.

The God of Destruction said, "I gave you my blessing. They won't dare to touch you. But you must be careful of those rotten apples. They might target you. That's why I told you to leave already!"

"That's also fine. We can just stay by your side until you decide to leave," said His Majesty Nokto, who is the soul of Greene, the only friend of the God of Destruction.

Hei Anjing said, "Stay in the castle. I am one of the main targets of those things. The reason the mermaid king appeared on the land was because I am my father's bait."

"WHAT DID YOU SAY!?" Almost everyone in the room was shocked by this revelation; even the God of Void didn't expect this reason.

The general exclaimed and asked, "Is this true, Jing'er?"

Chapter 1654 - 22.40 Third Red Star - Tsunami

I am a bait my mermaid Emperor Father had chosen to attract his enemies.

These words not only stunned everyone in the dining hall, but even the great general didn't seem to know about this. Among them, Lieutenant Shaka is the only one who didn't know the existence of the beings called rotten apples by the Mermaid King. But based on their conversation, these beings can parasite or take over someone's body, and the human race is vulnerable towards them. Moreover, these beings are all from ancient times and the upper realm. Even a god can be affected by them.

General Ye held his wife's hand and said, "Baby, please explain things to me properly. Since when have you become a bait?"

Before Hei Anjing spoke, his eyes moved onto the young lieutenant and he used the skill of authority to command him. He had only spoken one word of command.

"Sleep."

Thud!

That command cannot be ignored or denied. Unless one is more powerful than the possessor of the skills, that command is absolute. In reality, there are too few beings who are on par with or stronger than the God of Destruction. The young lieutenant fell asleep on the spot and even hit his nose and head directly on the table. No one even stopped his fall and was hit so badly, but the command is absolute. Thus, regardless of pain, the young lieutenant fell into a deep sleep.

"My next words cannot be heard by an aborigine," Hei Anjing said. "Yue, Yang, bring him over to the guest room to rest."

The two systems floated over the sleeping young lieutenant and used teleportation to disappear on the spot. As soon as the only outsider in the group had left, their conversation could now be resumed. Everyone's attention once again fell on the Mermaid King, Hei Anjing.

Sigh!

Hei Anjing said, "Alright. I will explain it. Don't look at me like that."

"The God of Sea in this world is Hunluan's soul fragment. He is the father of my vessel in this world. The real Mermaid King is just a puppet created by the God of the Sea. A puppet made from the flesh and blood of the God of Sea."

"You know about the curse of the Ancient Gods who died under the hands of the World Eater during the primordial era? Those souls... most of them weren't devoured by the World Eater as he had long gone mad at that time. Thus, Hunluan can only capture all the lingering souls of the ancient gods. As Ancient Gods can't die and can only either perish under the control of the most powerful one or be devoured by the World Eater."

"During the process of being sealed, most of their powers were taken away; being exposed to chaos energy made them mad and become fierce ghosts after death. With their reason still existing yet affected by their hatred, all those connected to Hunluan will be targeted by them. However, they are afraid of the World Eater as he had the ability to devour them."

"I who was born as Hunluan's soul fragment's flesh and blood in this world is like a tonic for them. For him, to restart the invasion meant that the fierce soul had escaped from their soul prison in this world. Well, it most likely breaks open by the World Eater. Like I am a tonic to those souls, they are also the same for him."

The God of Void said, "This doesn't change the fact that you are their target. Baby, never leave my side starting today. If they dare to come over, I will devour them for you." His crimson eyes flash with menace and anger. How can mere forgotten old ghosts target his beloved?

Hei Anjing smiled, used his other hand to pinch his lover's cheek and said, "Alright. I will stick with my husband~"

"Master, do you think those fierce ghosts have entered the human lands by now?" asked Yun Ming.

Hei Anjing nods his head, which signifies his answer to Warden Yun Ming's question.

Royal Knight Xion thought for a moment before saying, "For the God of Sea to attack the land meant some of those fierce souls had entered the human habitat. We don't even know how to differentiate them from other humans."

"It should be easy. Fierce Soul reeks the scent of death regardless of taking over a living body," said the Chief Warden. As the guardian of Nether Prison, he had seen all kinds of ghosts, and their characteristics were all recorded in his brain.

His Majesty Nokto said, "Can this scent be picked up by humans as well?"

"Yes. They should be able to. The scent is caused by the living body rotting with a soul that was not meant for it to dwell in," said Warden Yun Ming.

Royal Knight Lang said, "Then warriors should easily differentiate them."

"If their scent cannot be masked, then I think it's better to use the royal decree for this," suggests Royal Knight Xion.

Chief Warden Lou said, "Their scent cannot be masked. This is something that comes from their soul itself."

"Alright. I will write one when we get back to the palace," said His Majesty Nokto.

The God of Destruction said, "My love, mask my blessing on them with yours. If the fierce souls noticed my blessing, they might get targeted for it. But if it's yours, adding gluttony in it should deter them."

"Alright," the God of Void said.

Except for the Chief Warden, whose soul is contracted with his master, the blessings were given to the other four, and as Hei Anjing's wish, he covered his wife's blessing with his. After talking for a while longer, the three left the mansion and returned to the palace. The next morning, all the morning news was about the tsunami that hit the land last night. A video recording sent anonymously by System Yue was shared with the news station and was directly reported.

Lieutenant Shaka woke up with a bewildered expression on his face. He met the others in the dining hall and joined them for breakfast. His mother was still not feeling well and sent the breakfast to her room instead.

While eating breakfast, the young lieutenant asked, "Sirs, what happened to me last night? I don't remember going back to sleep."

"Oh? Your fatigue reached its limit and you fell asleep during the meeting. I had someone send you to the guest room," said Yun Ming with his usual big brother next door smile on his face.

Holding his head with confusion on his face, "But I remember we are still in the middle of a conversation; how can I fall asleep?"

"If you don't know the reason, how can we know?" said the Mermaid King and

Seeing that everyone is acting like they didn't know what had happened to him, he can only look like he had lost his memories while eating his breakfast. At least, Yun Ming was kind enough to explain to the young lieutenant about their plans for today. Everyone, except for Madam Sheena, will go to the headquarters today while waiting for another royal decree from the royal palace.

Before leaving the mansion, Hei Anjing and Yun Ming return to their little mermaid size, except for a small fishtail. They have a pair of small legs instead of standing at the breast pockets of the General and Colonel Lou.

Lieutenant Sirius asked, "Will Lord Hei and Sir Yun come with us to the headquarters?"

"Yes. It's time for the little mermaids to find a partner. They are especially indispensable for the current situation of the federation. If the main city was flooded, they could be our only chance of hope to survive underwater," said the general.

Lieutenant Shaka asked, "But isn't the enemy the God of the Sea? All sea creatures are under his control; will these little guys save us in the end?"

"They were born from my genes and some human genes. Their loyalty's first priority is me and not my Emperor Father. Also, don't worry about me being controlled by him; he may be my father, but my bloodline is as pure as his. He could never order me around," said the Mermaid King.

The general lightly pats his wife's cheeks and says, "We are going now. Tell me if it's not comfortable in the pocket, Jing'er."

"Alright. Don't worry about me and do your job. I want to sleep for a while," said Hei Anjing while yawning before hiding back in the pocket.

The young lieutenant was saying goodbye with his mother. She can stay in this place for a while until the house under Sirius is transferred in his name. While everyone is heading for the headquarters, a news flash about the tsunami last night is on the news all day.

{Flash News: A huge tsunami finally hit the land last night at 11 pm. The whole hundred range from the original seashore is now buried under the sea. Those who stayed within that area, no one had survived.}

{News Report: An anonymous sender of the tsunami last night had been sent to the news station. We will now show the reason why there are no survivors from last night's tragedy.}

The video that was shared with them was the same one the young lieutenant and his mother had seen last night. There is no censorship for this video, and a huge warning of gore scenes was given. The first video didn't show any scenes of blood. But the scene of towering waves destroying the lighthouse, buildings, and houses was shown. Also how powerless humans are against the sea.

When the second video was shared, the children were prevented from watching. It's the scene of the sea monsters gathering within the tsunami and eating all humans that had fallen in the sea. The human, regardless of being an ordinary person, a soldier, or whatever, was all powerless in water and died

without a corpse left behind. Only the tainted red sea and sea monsters fighting over the humans were all that was left behind.

Chapter 1655 1655: 22.41 Third Red Star - Madam Ye?!

The gruesome video made some viewers watch from their homes, offices, and headquarters and had puke on the spot after watching such a clear video. It was such a traumatizing video. However, neither the military nor the royal clan chose to stop it. This is news that everybody needs to be aware of. It's just a small starter for everyone, telling them that peace with the sea clan is completely over. The military had issued a press conference with General Ye taking the stage.

During the press conference...

The live broadcasting of this press conference was done for the whole federation. There are some Protestants saying that the military had failed their job in protecting their nation's people. The start of this protest was done by some relatives of those who lost their loved ones from the tsunami. They believed that their relatives and family members were left to die under the tsunami as the military failed to do their job in protecting the civilians.

At the main city's open area, some civilians had gathered in the main hologram showing the press conference of the military. When the general finally climbed on the stage, those who had gathered started shouting, and the media was streaming this scene live.

"The General and the Military failed to protect the citizens of the federation!"

"Step down from the position!"

"You aren't worthy of leading the federation!"

"Let the noble clans take over!"

"Step down! Unworthy!"

"You cannot protect the federation!"

"It wasn't the tsunami that killed our people; it was you who failed to kill them."

This scene of protest was reported as flash news to the general having a press conference. On the stage, General Ye was calm and expressionless as he explained the reason why there are still civilians living at the seashore when he and his troops went there to investigate what was happening in the sea. On stage, General Ye stood before all the reporters that came over for this press conference.

General Ye said, "You may now ask your questions."

The flashing of cameras all around the stage was bright, and almost all the reporters had all raised their hands after the general had spoken. The one beside him, Colonel Lou Wuyue, was the one who was choosing which reporter was entitled to ask the first question. He had casually chosen a reporter among the crowd before the stage.

The chosen reporter had stood up and spoke in the microphone he had with him. "Lord General, my question is something almost everyone in the open area of this city wanted to ask. Have you truly failed

your duties as the protector of the federation and allowed our people who live at the seaside area to die?"

The general responded as he moved his hand, allowing the screen behind him to play some videos of contract signing and how the signers agreed to this agreement without any form of force or plots.

"Are you talking about those who died during the tsunami last night? I have done what I can do and evacuated those who wanted to leave and those who didn't want to leave. Those who never wanted to leave were tasked to sign a life and death contract that says that the military will no longer get involved in someone else's life after the contract has been signed."

"You can watch for yourself the choice our former citizens had made. Just to keep their land and house as well as the land near them as their own, they refuse to evacuate the seashore line. Once they had signed the contract, the military no longer had any responsibilities towards them, and their deaths had nothing to do with the military."

"Did I fail to protect them? No, they no longer wanted my protection. Not even the protection of the military. When they choose not to leave after I have issued an evacuation order and after they have signed that life and death agreement, they no longer have anything to do with us."

The response of the general and the proof shown before their eyes are undeniable. To say that the military watched those people die isn't correct either. It was because they didn't want to leave that they ended up dying. On the other hand, the general had to save those who were willing to leave the area and protect them, even providing them houses in the main city. The general didn't fail his job; he had done well and saved as much as he could within the three days before the tsunami fell over.

Those who stayed didn't believe the warnings from the general and ended up in such a way. That wasn't his fault, but that is the result that he had no control over. The lives that didn't want to leave had nothing to do with him anymore, the moment they signed the life and death contract.

General Ye said, "Second question."

Another reporter was chosen and stood up as he asked, "My question had something to do with the military as well. Did you know that there was a tsunami coming?"

"Yes. Because someone had informed me about it," said the general.

The reporter asked, "Can we ask who told you about it?"

"Of course, and I am sure there are a lot of people here who can relate to my experience," said the general as he gestured with his hand, and the colonel placed a small yet luxurious fish bowl aquarium on the podium before the general.

Everyone was confused at first, but those who had little mermaids at home or with them finally realized who the general was talking about. They can only watch as the general's cold expression turns mellow as he lowers his head and looks at his chest pocket.

The general said, "Baby, come out for a minute. Are you awake?"

A cool yet small, lazy voice responded, {I'm awake. Yawns~}

Everyone watched as a pair of small hands stretched from the general's breast pocket. The size of these pairs of hands is too small, but this is something everyone has seen before. Under everyone's naked eye, a white... a silver-tailed little mermaid jumped out of the general's breast pocket and fell into the fish bowl. It's a little mermaid with the rare color of snow. This little one is too pretty and simply gorgeous. When the little mermaid's ethereal face looked at the people before him, it was calm and looked extremely intelligent.

This little mermaid is unlike all others. It doesn't emit an aura of childishness and naivety. Instead, he looks so composed and majestic. An undeniable flash of intelligence can be seen from those argent iris. What made it terrifying was that this little mermaid had a strong presence that would not lose to the general standing behind him. Instead, their auras complement instead of clashing.

The moment the silver-tailed mermaid appeared, almost all the little mermaids within the vicinity and behind the screens had all saluted towards the gorgeous little mermaid on the podium. A collective greeting came from all these mermaids.

{We greet the King of Mermaids!}

All humans in the area were stunned. They didn't expect that the mermaid of the general was the mermaid king himself. It's no wonder the general knew about the tsunami and when it would strike. The king of the mermaids had informed him ahead of time.

{Stand down, my brethren!} said Hei Anjing as the mermaids all returned to normal.

{Humans, let me properly introduce myself. I am the king of the little mermaids, and you can call me Hei. I am also the little mermaid of General Ye Xiajie. It's a pleasure to meet you all.}

The flashes of the camera lights had intensified as the appearance of the Mermaid King was revealed. They had even forgotten that almost all the little mermaids within the vicinity had spoken in human language just to greet their king, and all humans understood their words. The gorgeous little mermaid with silver fishtail and irises was indeed the Mermaid King the human had only seen online before. Though those who were watching from their homes can only see the Mermaid King on screen, those who were at the press conference saw him in flesh, and they were all dumbfounded.

The reporters and cameraman had fallen into chaos in disbelief. They couldn't believe that the mysterious Mermaid King would suddenly appear at this press conference and that his connection with the military was because of the demon general.

"The Mermaid King is the little mermaid of the General?!"

"How is this possible?!"

"They know each other!"

"Was it the Mermaid King who gave the general a warning for the tsunami?"

The playful expression of the Mermaid King as he leaned at the towel-covered edge of the fish bowl was seen by everyone. He was so pretty that they couldn't help but stare at him a bit longer, especially when he smiled that mischievously.

The general ignored the crowd and took a small towel and helped his wife dry his hair and clip it up.  
"Baby, if that fish bowl is too small, I can change it for you."

{Hm? Don't worry, my love. I can stay in it temporarily. It's big enough for me to move around,} said the Mermaid King, Hei Anjing.

The crowd was once again shocked when they heard the conversation between the mermaid king and the demon general. They exclaimed collectively that they look so unified. However, those who are smart immediately realized the real relationship between these two, and it was because of that that everyone was shocked silly on the spot.

"Baby?! My Love!?"

"Is the Mermaid King, our mysterious Madam Ye!?"

Chapter 1656 1656: 22.42 Third Red Star - Warning

The sudden revelation about the identity of the mysterious Madam Ye had left everyone dumbfounded. No one had expected Madam Ye to become someone like a controversial person like the Mermaid King, and this is also the first time they had heard his name. The people of the federation were at first shocked and finally angry. Their hatred for the sea clan had now been extended to the little mermaids. Of course, they knew that the little mermaids had nothing to do with the massacre of the sea, but unable to vent their anger towards the real culprits, the little mermaids were chosen as the next target as well.

Strong-willed mermaids like the Mermaid King were the most likely target for this situation. As expected, as soon as the little mermaid king had exposed where he was staying, everyone, including the

general and the military, was affected. They all demanded that the Mermaid King return to the sea and that he wasn't welcome on the land. They even threatened to petition to remove the general from his position.

The people in the open area started chanting.

"Don't believe any sea monsters!"

"Throw back the Mermaid King to the sea!"

"Let the General abdicate!"

However, there is no way the military will kick out the Mermaid King. They had longed to know about their Madam Ye and how powerful this person is. Even in his human form and in close combat, no one can defeat him within the military. It can be said that it was also thanks to the Mermaid King that no one had been suffering from mental riots thanks to his brethren who were living in their headquarters and helped treat them. In short, there are two leaders in the military headquarters: the general who leads the soldiers and the mermaid king who protects them from the rear.

They were also the first ones to learn that the little mermaids are capable of turning humans as long as they reach a certain threshold. That's why they can understand why their demon general had fallen for the mermaid king. Actually, the little mermaids who can turn humans are no different from them. Well, except they are a bit fragile; their healing abilities using water are top-notch as well. As for how the Mermaid King is capable of beating up all soldiers except for the general, the soldier chooses to treat him as an anomaly.

At the venue of the press conference, there were many reporters who acted similar to the protesters in the main city. They showered the general with the very same questions the media had been reporting live at this moment.

"General, are you truly going to protect the mermaid king?"

"He is just like those monsters from the seas! He kills humans!"

"The mermaid king cannot be trusted!"

"Are you forgetting your responsibility as the General of the Federation? You are supposed to be protecting us. Us humans!"

The mermaid king inside the fishbowl was watching the facade before his eyes. He was even smiling as if watching a play and that it had nothing to do with him.

Hei Anjing said to his beloved, "A'Xia, the human race is as shameless and morally degrading as always."

"My wife is always right," said the general with a small smile on the corner of his lips and gently caressing his wife's cheeks.

The others around him were split into three reactions. Those from the military almost couldn't stop themselves from covering their faces. How can they continue to watch their superiors acting like a

shameless couple while in a live broadcast? The second group was those who couldn't believe what they were seeing and hearing. Left dumbfounded and speechless, they've almost become statues. Finally, the last ones were those who were anti-sea monsters and were obviously targeting the mermaid king.

The reporters from the anti-sea monster said, "You are truly in cahoots with a sea monster! You don't deserve to be a general!"

"Abdicate! You're a supporter of those monsters who eat your kind!"

"You don't deserve to lead the human race!"

"Change the general! Remove him from his position!"

Hei Anjing mumbles, "So noisy~ can we go home, my love?"

"Alright. Let's go home," said General Ye as he took his lover out of the bowl, drying him up and finally placing it back on his chest pocket. He glanced at his subordinate, asking him to take over.

Some of the reporters started protesting as well. Regardless, those on stage remain calm and unmoved by their reactions. As if they already expected this to happen. In the end, the one who spoke up was the Colonel, who received a gesture from his lord, who was busy chatting with his wife and ignoring everything else.

The general took a seat at the one prepared on the stage and left the podium for the Colonel. Of course, the shouting of the reporters didn't stop as he took over, so he could only use force to shut them up.

"I, Colonel Lou Wuye, will take over from the general's place. Though you are free to ask any questions you want, that doesn't mean you can speak without thinking. Have you forgotten who is protecting your precious lives? Moreover, to correct you for something. It is indeed true that Lord Hei is a mermaid King, but..."

"He is also the one who helped the military to return alive before the tsunami strikes. He was able to calculate its fall, and for your information, this knowledge had been informed to those people who choose to stay in the seaside lands. In short, some of your lives were saved by his warning. We wouldn't even come to the seashore if not for his words as well."

"Sea monsters kill humans. This is indeed true. Have you forgotten about that former young master and his clan and why they ended up getting killed by the Mermaid King? This is because he had killed three little mermaids and death is a punishment they all deserved. Who are you trying to vent your incompetence for?"

Silence descends in the whole venue of the press conference, and even the cameraman in the area forgot to press the shutter to take the picture of the scene. It seems that almost everyone in the federation, out of anger, had forgotten that it was the military who had been protecting them all this time and that it was thanks to the revelation that it was thanks to the mermaid king that the military had successfully lowered the death count from the tsunami that hit the land.

How about them? What were they doing just now? Oh, right! They were just about to force their savior to abdicate his position. Not only that, they are even calling the one who had saved most of their people from the recent attacks a monster by them. But who is the real monster? The child who was born in a race but was forced to live on land. Or the humans who were saved by the child but treat the child as an enemy to be eliminated. It can be said that without the general, this little mermaid king would have definitely just watched humans die when the sea race attacked the land.

They couldn't help but look at the couple behind the colonel, who seemed to only have each other in their world. One is a man who had been protecting their race from the sea race, and the other is someone from the sea race who was thrown to the land for an unknown reason. The general had lost his family at a young age and, because of that, joined the military and finally reached the peak of the faction, becoming the only overlord and guardian of the human race. No one knows why the mermaid king is on the land. But once sea races enter the land, they will never be allowed to return to the sea.

Two people with a pitiful past yet reached the peak of their strength and finally found one another. It can be said that the love between a mermaid and a human is unacceptable. However, for some reason, no one in the area was willing to deny the love of these two men.

The colonel noticed the atmosphere and finally opened his mouth at the right timing: "We will finally tackle the real reason for the military issuing this press conference."

This topic instantly woke everyone up, and all looked at the colonel standing at the podium. Actually, no one here expected this. They all thought that this press conference was for whitewashing the reputation of the general. However, it seems that they were never right from the start.

A reporter finally opened his mouth among the stunned crowd. "Colonel, what is the real reason for this press conference?"

"There are two reasons why this press conference was opened by the military. One is a warning."

"Everyone from the Federation. No, all of the human race. The sea race has broken the treaty with the land, and they are all out to wipe out all humans on land."

Actually, this is already obvious thanks to the second video that was showing sea monsters eating humans who fell in water.

"The second one is revelation. An unknown entity had come to the land. They are in the form of some spiritual shape. They can take over one's body and kill its original soul. Living the life that was meant for another. These beings cannot be easily killed and need a holy element to exterminate them. Once they mingle with the human race, it would be hard to spot them from the others," the colonel said.

Another reporter asked, "Is there no way to differentiate them from other people?"

"No. It's easy. Once you find a human with the scent of rot and decay, stay away. That is most likely a vessel with a soul taken over," said Colonel Lou. "That's all we want to say. The press conference will now end."

Chapter 1657 1657: 22.43 Third Red Star - Abdication

With the press conference ending and the military leaving, the reporters, who were stunned at the last moment, finally remembered to follow up. They actually had a lot of questions, and most of these questions had something to do with the mermaid king. However, the one they wanted to ask had already left.

"General! Lord Hei! Please wait!"

"We still have some questions to ask!"

"Please give us some more of your time."

"Sirs! We are sorry!"

Unfortunately, the two no longer turn their heads to listen and choose to leave. Some reporters were also waiting outside the venue, and before the general and the mermaid king no longer cared about them. However, before they entered the car, the mermaid king peeked his head out of the breast pocket.

Hei Anjing looked at the media surrounding them and turned to his human form before all humans. Like all other people, they couldn't help but be stunned by his beauty. Moreover, what shocked them was that instead of a huge pair of fishtails, he was standing on two legs. They couldn't help but stare up and down. They couldn't believe what they were seeing.

The mermaid king spoke, "Is it your first time seeing a mermaid with a pair of feet? Well, let the jokes aside, I actually found your reaction to my identity offensive. That's why I made a decision. Starting today, all little mermaids are to be taken back under my decree. I will pick them up right now and will no longer get involved with the human race problems."

After saying his piece, he went ahead and got inside the car. Afterward, the general also spoke once his wife got inside. He removed his badge from his uniform, and all the other soldiers that were with him had made the same move.

"As of today, I am stepping down from my position as the federation's general. Black Dragon Troops will also abdicate together with me, and the headquarters shall be returned to the nation. I will only side with my wife. Good luck to you all," said the former General Ye, who took down his badge and let it fall to the ground. The colonel beside him and the rest of the soldiers also did the same before taking their leave.

After all the accusations that were made against his wife during the press conference, the general lost his will to protect these civilians he used to protect with his life. He chooses his wife over the human race, and all of his subordinates follow after his will. After all, it can be said that most families of the Black Dragon troops live in the territory of the general. Where the general stays is where they all live.

The reporters were all stunned by the sudden abdication of the strongest man in the Federation. His abdication was done on live streaming of all the media that gathered around them just now. That's why this news spreads faster than fire. It didn't take long for the royal clan to learn about this too. In the throne hall, the current king, His Majesty Nokto, had also gathered all the ministers. Royal Knight Lang, His Majesty Nokto, and Royal Knight Xion were watching the live news and saw what the general had done.

His Majesty Nokto commented, "I told you he will abdicate. Who told them to call Jingjing a monster!? How stupid."

"If it's like this, then they will most likely gather at the general's territory. What should we do next?" asked Royal Knight Wolfred.

Royal Knight Xion said, "It is also time for us to leave."

Sigh~

"Alright. We should also prepare to leave," said his majesty Nokto.

The conversation between the two wasn't intentionally hidden from the nobles waiting for them to speak. They just stood quietly in the hall with various emotions flashing within their eyes. Some of them believe this is a huge chance to soar, while the others worry for the Federation itself. With the general backing away from his original position, he is no longer the guardian of the human race. Almost everyone in the Federation didn't know what to do next.

His Majesty Nokto spoke, "Thank you all for coming. There is something I need to announce right now. I plan to abdicate and give the throne to my second brother. After I step down, the royal family will be changed to Siegfried. As for the rest that must be done after I leave, it will be all on you."

Unfortunately, it seems that the second prince no longer wanted to have anything to do with the throne and immediately pleaded with his brother to let him go.

The second prince said, "Your Majesty, please take back your words. I have no interest in sitting on the throne. I beg you to please choose someone else. This humble one just wants to leave quietly with my sister and brother-in-law."

"Are you sure? This is the throne we are talking about," asked His Majesty Nokto.

The second prince said, "Brother, all I want right now is just a normal life and a normal family. But even this... I don't think I can have it in this life." He knew the side effects of the medicine his mother had given him; almost no one can cure it. He can only become a human with no emotions.

His Majesty Nokto said, "Don't worry about it. Since you declined, I can only go for a vote of who will sit on the throne. Let it be a democratic one, and I shall pass a royal decree for it. Since you have declined the crown, Rion, after I abdicate, the royal family will no longer be the same as before. You and your sister will lose all credentials as a royal one."

"I understand. I will inform my sister about it," said second prince Rion.

A noble step forward and asked the king, "Your Majesty, why do you plan to abdicate at this time? Do you not care about the Federation at all?"

"I know where you are getting at. However, I only sat on this throne because my royal father gave it to me. However, it wasn't something I wanted, and with the current situation between the land and the water, I, who is a close friend of the Mermaid King, couldn't lead the people who disdain him. He is our savior and like an elder brother to me. It's hard to accept that he will be called a monster just because his race is different from us," His Majesty Nokto said.

The noble clans were all out of words. In reality, they couldn't deny that they feel fear towards the mermaid king, as well as how they couldn't accept a sea monster who is synonymous with an enemy in their minds to be Madam Ye. Now their hatred from the sea monster had not only pushed away the only guardian of their race but also the king who governs over them. It was already too late to apologize, as the mermaid king chose not to get involved with the human race any longer except for the general and his people.

His Majesty Nokto said, "Good work. After I leave, you are the people who will be supporting the Federation after we are gone."

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After the press conference from the general, the military issued that the Black Dragon Troops, including the former general, Ye Xiajie, had indeed left their faction and a new leader of the military would be

chosen among the rest of the troops within the military. The Black Dragon troop all left the military, and this brigade no longer exists.

The declaration of the Mermaid King, Hei Anjing, was the most mysterious of all. It can be said that all the little mermaids in each household had suddenly disappeared one day. There are lots of complaints towards the mermaid king, and those who tried to cause chaos in the mansion of the general suffered terribly.

However, others noticed that those families who treated their little mermaids as real family members had no complaints at all. They lost their little mermaids, but each of these households had gained an extra family member, and these people's identities were immediately added to the family's house register even before the media investigated it. There is only one feature that these mysterious people have in common. They are all gorgeous, and they can use healing abilities.

The media tried to interview these people, but their families are all protective of them. All reporters were rejected, and those who made secret moves were beaten up. After all, some of these families are among the wealthiest in the federation.

But what shook the Federation the most was the abdication of the current king, Nokto. The reason for his abdication was that he felt he was inexperienced to lead the nation as a young king. He also believes that the ruling head of the federation must be chosen by people and not because of someone's bloodline.

However, there are rumors that the real reason why the king had left the throne was because of the treatment of the people towards the mermaid king. They say that the mermaid king and the former king were like brothers, and when the people of the federation offended him, angered the king so much that he didn't want to leave this place that condemned his brother and friend.

But things didn't end at all; just a few weeks after the first tsunami hit the land, mysterious incidents were happening in the main city. A clan was killed mysteriously, and the whole crime scene had a strong scent of rot and death. Moreover, what is terrifying is that each murder was said to be a member of the destroyed clan, and these are cases of homicide.

Chapter 1658 1658: 22.44 Third Red Star - Deserted City

Middle of the night, in some small noble clan...

The police had gathered in the area and sealed the whole place. The small mansion was now deprived of any visitors, and men carrying guns entered the mansion littered with countless dead bodies with no injuries. Just a soulless husk was left behind of the victims. Worse of all, their deaths seem natural if not for the fact that they were covered with the smell of something rotting or dead.

The police had gathered and looked around. The deaths were clean except for the scent. So most officers in the area were wearing something to cover their noses as they investigated the venue.

"How many does this make this week?"

"The third one. Moreover, there is a different culprit in each case."

"This is causing me headaches every day. Before one is solved, another case comes out."

"This is endless!"

"True. Just what the hell are they doing when the sea monsters are watching our asses?"

"Plus, we all have to worry about mental riots nowadays. Who would have thought that the little mermaids would all disappear after the mermaid king declares it?"

"Not only that, the general and even his majesty had abdicated. The human race was forced to stand up on their own while the territory of the former general declared independence. The current king tried to put them back in place but suffered after the former general fought back."

"If not for others offending the mermaid king, instead of ignoring us like this, they would have saved us instead."

"Stop whining. What is done is done! For now, how about getting back to work?"

"Yes Sir!"

Somewhere near the last mansion with a homicide case, in the dark forest overlooking the house, a young man with dull eyes and an annoyed situation noticed in the house where he just finished eating. His eyes were ferocious, as if a beast within him was greatly irritated, making his mood unstable. If one can see through their body and soul right now, they will be able to realize that the soul and the body don't match at all.

Tsk!

"Who the hell knew about our existence? Because of that, it's getting harder to mix in the crowd!!!"

"I cannot even devour those useless mortals properly."

"If only this weak body can kill all of you, this deity doesn't need to hide at all!!"

"I need to change my body. With someone with higher standing!"

After watching the police raid the mansion this unknown man used to live in, he left and blended with the darkness before someone else noticed that he was there and disappeared on the spot. A few hours after he left, the police had arrived and noticed his footprints.

"There are footprints!"

"Dammit! He was watching all along! Making a fool of us!"

Homicide cases had boomed in the main city ever since the leaders had been replaced. No one was there to give the people of the federation a sense of security, making most of them choose to just stay inside their houses. Except for those who had no money and had to work, the whole city looked like a deserted one.

{Flash News: The main city now looks deserted. No one dares to come out due to fear of those unknown individuals causing homicides anywhere.}

{Where is the justice? Who will be there to protect us? Can we even survive this?}

This was reported in the news, and those in the general mansion were currently watching it. There are two mermaids, one former king and one system in human form, playing Mahjong in the living while surrounded by snacks and drinks. On the other hand, their lovers were busying themselves in the kitchen and serving the ones in the living room. As for the former young lieutenant, he stood at the side with Zhi Yang serving some food from the kitchen.

Hei Anjing commented, "Before asking others to protect you, you should know how to protect yourself. The moment you keep on depending on others, you will never be able to stand on your own."

"But Jingjing, is there no way to kill these ancient souls?" asked His Majesty Nokto.

Warden Yun Ming said, "Only holy elements or Lord Juedy can kill them. Souls which are full of resentment cannot be reasoned with."

"Lord Hei, please give me a bamboo tile," whispered Zhi Yue.

Former king Nokto noticed the little one who was trying to cheat, "Xiao Yue, no cheating!"

Tsk!

Nokto pinched the silly little moon's cheeks, who dared to click his tongue on him.

"Did I just hear you click your tongue, Silly one?"

"Hurts~ Ouchie. You stupid rabbit! Let go!" said Zhi Yue.

The former rabbit beastman, Tutu, played with the little one's cheeks and said, "Who are you calling a rabbit? You are a rabbit, and your whole family is a rabbit!"

"I'm not lying!" shouted Zhi Yang.

"RON! I will win again! Hehehe~" said Hei Anjing, making the two childish men look in the direction of the mermaid king and look like they were cheated.

"IMPOSSIBLE! YOU CHEATED!" Nokto and Zhi Yang said collectively.

Hei Anjing reached out for his frappe and took a sip. "I can only be considered cheating if you saw it. Did you see it?"

"N-No~" The two sore losers responded.

Hei Anjing said, "I had enough of Mahjong. Let's play poker! Let's eat your snacks! If I lose, I will listen to one of your requests. How about it?"

"Let's go!" The two silly ones were once again scheming to play with the God of Destruction.

At this moment, the men cooking in the kitchen have come out to bring the dishes they've made.

The former general, Ye Xiajie, said, "Baby, no more playing. It's time for lunch."

"Did they eat too many snacks?" asked the Chief Warden.

Yun Ming said, "No. I handled the amount well. They should still be able to eat lunch."

"Reene, clean up the table," said former royal knight Xion.

As for former knight Wolfred, he ignored the card and placed the roasted turkey in his hand on the table with a bang.

"Ah! My cards! A'Lang, you." The little rabbit finally took a bite.

Hiss~

"Wait. Wait, I will help you clean the table. Stop biting! I am covered in sweat, Tutu!" said the former royal knight, Wolfred.

While everyone was so relaxed arranging the lunch on the table, Lieutenant Shaka couldn't help but worry as he watched the screen playing the news report. The homicide, the fear of the people of the federation, and the looming danger from the sea. He wanted to do something about it, but unfortunately, his strength wasn't enough.

But inside this room, there is a former general who is also the strongest man in the federation, his colonel, his lover who is also the king of the mermaids, a high-ranked mermaid who serves the mermaid king, the former human king, and his two royal knights, as well as two unknown young men who appeared out of nowhere. It can be said that this small table in the living room had gathered the strongest force in the federation.

Yun Ming noticed him in daze and said, "Sirius, what are you doing? It's time to eat." As for Zhi Yang, who stood beside him, he already sat beside Zhi Yue and calmly passed the plates around.

The former young lieutenant finally moved his eyes on the screen and stuttered, "Y-Yes!"

Only then did he join the group around the table as they started eating. As for his mother, Madam Sheena, after seeing the house designated for her son, she chose to remain with them and no longer remain in the mansion. She is more comfortable living with the other parents and family of the other soldier than in the mansion where their superiors lived.

While eating, Sirius von Shaka asked, "Sirs, are we not going to make a move? Don't the people need us?"

Everyone turned silent at this question and all moved their gaze on the God of Destruction. Clearly, in this group the one with the highest authority is not the former general, Ye Xiajie, but his wife, the mermaid king, Lord Hei Anjing. Even the former king from the royal family, Nokto Augustus, seems to be seeking the answer from this person, and for some reason no one else has made a decision and is waiting for Hei Anjing to speak.

Hei Anjing said, "Do you want to save them? Child, no one is stopping you from doing so. You can leave with your mother, join the military, and resume your duties. We won't be stopping you. However, you cannot ask my husband or my friend and not even my subordinates to waste their lives for the people who don't deserve it."

"If I am not with the general and just the plain mermaid king who kills all those who harm the little mermaids, would you believe me?"

No answer is also an answer.

This question of the mermaid king rendered the young lieutenant speechless. He knew in his heart that if he didn't meet the Mermaid King in the first place, he would only see him as a monster from the sea and, like everyone else, the enemy of the human race. The only reason he could trust him was because he knew that the one who saved the general was this person.

The mermaid king said, "See. How the humans see us, little mermaids will remain the same. They will never treat us as equals and were even treated as tools. Once we show our strength and our ability to morph into a human, you will fear us and treat us like monsters."

"For your information, the only reason I didn't become your enemy was because of this man," said Hei Anjing, who grabbed his husband's collar and pulled him over. The general looked proud and was even smiling as he said these words.

"If not for him, I would be like those sea monsters killing all the humans in this world and be freed," said the king of mermaids.

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The young man, Sirius von Shaka, didn't expect the mermaid king to react this way. Though he knew that he might never understand his side as they are of a different race, as a soldier who dreams to save his people, he truly couldn't keep watching this situation. His race was so terrified that they couldn't even come out of the house. Only those who are desperate for money would still come out to work even if the streets are deserted of living people.

Sirius von Shaka mumbles, "But I became a soldier to save lives and protect my land. If I can't do that, why did I even become a soldier?"

"You can only become a martyr once you sacrifice your life for others. How about the lives you dragged with your selfishness and died with you? Your recklessness and naivety would bring death looming to your most important people. I am not a saint and I can never become one. As I am willing to sacrifice all lives in this world to protect the people important to me, how about you? Who are you going to choose between a crowd of strangers and your mother?" Questioned the mermaid king.

The question itself was like an icepick directly targeting his heart where it hurts the most.

Hei Anjing said, "I am not telling you we aren't going to save them. It's just that the time isn't right. The enemies haven't even shown their heads, much less their tails. Coming out at this moment is like asking them to kill you and the people important to you."

"Until when are we going to wait?" asked Sirius von Shaka.

The former general answered, "Until those unknown beings could no longer hold back and start to target those at the top."

"At the top? Will they target you as well, general?" Sirius von Shaka asked.

Colonel Lou Wuye said, "It's not possible unless they can enter this territory, which is impossible unless the general and Lord Hei fall."

"What do you mean?" Sirius asked in disbelief.

Yun Ming said, "Have you never wondered why the people of this territory remain calm? This is because my master placed a big barrier that protects this whole land. If not for that, those unknown beings would have targeted you, the colonel, and even the general. The king had never removed the barrier once after erecting it. This is the only reason why the humans and the little mermaids in this territory are safe compared to the ones outside."

Sirius was muted by this information. He had always thought that the reason this territory was safe was because those beings were terrified by the existence of the general in this place. Or maybe the former king and his royal knights' presence in this land. Who would have thought his peacefulness was something the King of the mermaids, who had no responsibility towards them, had been protecting

them all this time? Here he thought that these guys were wasting their time playing games, eating snacks, or watching dramas.

Zhi Yang added, "The reason for these games and drama marathons was to keep Lord Hei awake. After all, once he fell asleep, the barrier would also fade."

"Did you truly think we are wasting our time? Tsk!" Nokto Augustus sarcastically said.

Now the young man couldn't help but feel extremely embarrassed that his cheeks turned a bit pinkish. All this time, he thought that his superiors, especially the mermaid king, who now dislikes the human race, were just watching the calamity that fell on them. Now it seems that the one in the wrong was him for looking at things one-sidedly.

Sirius von Shaka immediately lowered his head before the mermaid king and apologized. "Lord Hei, I'm so sorry! I didn't know that you are trying to keep yourself awake with these games and thoughts."

"My words from before are true. Aside from the humans within this territory, I do not care about the ones from the outside. So there is no need for you to change your outlook of me. I am a cruel being," said the mermaid king.

All of a sudden, Hei Anjing, who had just picked up his glass of milk tea, let go of the glass and held his head with a frown. Everyone suddenly felt worried about him. If he is suddenly acting like this meant something had happened to the barrier.

The God of Void asked, "Baby, what's wrong?"

"He is here," said the God of Destruction as he sat in a lotus form and focused on repairing the hole in his barrier.

Nokto asked, "Who is here?"

"Me,"

A voice resounded from their back and they saw a man who looks a bit similar to the original appearance of the God of Void but is more mature and has an aura that is so overwhelming that they almost felt with just him appearing in front of Nokto. It's the World Eater, An Shizhe.

An Shizhe ignores the rest and approaches Hei Anjing and Ye Xiajie. "Child, let me borrow your husband. Those ancient souls—a lot of it escaped before I devoured them all. This will also help him get stronger so he can protect you well."

The World Eater wanted to hug the God of Destruction but lost to the big brat who instantly carried his wife to his embrace, preventing this old man from touching his wife.

Tsk!

"Just a little hug. So stingy~" said the World Eater, An Shizhe.

Ye Xiajie said, "Old man, control your murderous aura. Just who angered you enough that you can't control your bloodlust?"

Seeing the weak and young ones almost kneeling before his aura, the World Eater took back his bloodlust. Only then did the younglings in the area be able to breathe properly. Among them, Sirius fainted on the spot. Yun Ming and Greene's faces were white, and their whole body was trembling.

As for the Chief Warden, he remained unmoved on the outside, but he was definitely not calm inside. The tension in his muscles made him look a bit stiff. The bear beastman, Xiong, and the wolf beastman, Lang, instinctively morphed into their real forms, trembling yet still protecting their mate behind them. The two systems escaped to their dimension space before getting affected.

The world eater mumbles, "Four with soul contract and three with your blessings. No wonder, they didn't faint like the mortal behind them. However, there is no use in protecting the weak. They are just a burden."

Everyone was affected by his words and avoided meeting their gaze.

"Old man, it's because you are like this that those ancient gods were able to scheme against you as well as that Ancient God of End. You are simply too careless and arrogant," said Hei Anjing, who just finished his meditation.

The World Eater said, "Child, stop taunting me. I will return your husband alive with all his limbs intact~"

Hmp! This is Hei Anjing snorting at him.

Everyone thought that the world eater would get angry at the God of Destruction because of his words. However, it seems that the relationship between these three isn't simple at all. Hei Anjing noticed their subordinates and friends looking at them, then gestured for them to leave.

"Pick that kid and patrol the range of the barrier. I've repaired it, but just in case another bug sneaks in," said Hei Anjing.

The World Eater asked Ye Xiajie, "Is your wife calling me a bug?"

"He might be angry that you destroyed the barrier he had been keeping up for days," said the God of Void.

After the rest of them took their leave, the expression on the world's face turned serious and asked, "Child, answer my questions honestly."

"Okay," responded Hei Anjing.

The World Eater, An Shizhe, asked, "Hunluan is alive?"

"You've met his soul fragment. Why don't you believe it?" said Hei Anjing.

The God of Destruction didn't even speak in a roundabout manner and even questioned the former while he was still asking when he found the only proof that the Ancient God of Chaos is alive. An Shizhe suddenly appeared before the young couple and stared directly at the silver irises of Hei Anjing.

"You are truly fearless. Why are you so sure that I will not devour you at all?~" said the World Eater.

The God of Void was about to react but was restrained by his beloved and chose not to move. However, his eyes glinted with the same murderous intent An Shizhe wore naturally before. The only difference between the intent was that one is a calm and quiet one while the other is fierce and overbearing. If not for the current mood of An Shizhe, he would definitely be interested in such likeness as the God of Void has with him. But at this moment, he is more interested in the answer than the young man, who possesses a similar coldness as his beloved has.

"You will not and you can't. As for why, you can ask Hunluan the reason," said the God of Destruction.

Hei Anjing also stares back without fear, only calmness and that hidden madness at the depths of his eyes, like the man in front of him. In the end, the one who gave up first is still An Shizhe. He raised his hand in surrender and stepped back, falling on the couch like a lazy old man.

Sigh~

"That nerve of steel is very similar to Luan'er, but your playful nature is not like his (it is instead similar to my nature). He is a serious person at heart," said An Shizhe. "It is better that he is alive. Now I don't have to look for a way to resurrect him. But you are helping gather his soul fragments, right?"

Hei Anjing nods his head.

"I can meet him if I help you gather all his soul fragments," the World Eater asked.

Hei Anjing said, "You are not going to ask us to bring you to him?"

"You definitely don't know where he is. In the whole chaos, if he wanted to hide, no one could find him. That's how we've lived our lives before," said An Shizhe.

He fell into his deep thoughts as if reminiscing about something in the past only he and Hunluan could remember. What the God of Void had seen and experienced before were nothing but fragments of the past. It was never the whole past.

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The World Eater took a while to reminisce about his past life and finally recall the young couple looking at him. He stared at the God of Void and the God of Destruction. Looking at them made him remember his past life with Hunluan. The only difference is that the God of Void, for some reason, doesn't go mad even if he devours something. He has complete control over himself and his power. This power includes the skill of gluttony.

Hei Anjing asked, "What's wrong?"

"Child, how is that husband of yours no longer getting crazy even after using gluttony as his power? Gluttony is a fierce ability that makes its wielder mad. Like what happened to me in my previous life.

Right now, I can sense a powerful gluttony in him, even though he looks so sane, which is unbelievable," said the World Eater, An Shizhe.

Ye Xiajie and his wife look at one another and finally reveal an imprint of marriage the two of them share. Under the eyes of the World Eater, he noticed a black snowflake under the eyes of the young couple and immediately understood everything. These two tied their lives together. The divine laws accepted that and granted the couple absolute resistance to negativity. This includes insanity, poison, and death. The two will remain immortal unless both are killed.

The World Eater observed the insignia between the God of Void and the God of Destruction. He noticed that the rules used in it weren't only the origin of laws but also primordial laws from which the dao had been created. The one who can create this law is not only a genius but also an absolute being whose strength might be equal to that of Hunluan, who was said to be the strongest among the Ancient Gods.

"This is amazing that someone was able to integrate the Origin, Chaos and Ancient laws. The marriage imprint is it? Should I also get one?" mumbles An Shizhe.

Hei Anjing said, "Old man, in the trial of marriage there are no loopholes. You can get married multiple times, but the Origin, Chaos, and Ancient Laws must accept your marriage. A blessing would appear if your marriage was approved as a real one. Only when your marriage is blessed will it be considered a real marriage."

"You can get married as many times as you wish. But to get the blessing of the laws, it had to be with your true love. Also, failing the Trial of Marriage meant death, with your soul perishing. That's why it cannot be faked or removed," said the God of Void, Ye Xiajie.

Hei Anjing said, "If you are going to do it, do it when you meet Hunluan. You who can only love one person in your life will definitely not be denied by the Laws even if you consider yourself the worst

existence in the cosmos. Moreover, your partner loves you the same way, or else how can you come back to life?"

"As expected, Hunluan asked someone to save his and my origin soul, didn't he?" asked the World Eater, An Shizhe, while looking at Hei Anjing.

Hei Anjing said, "What are you looking at me for, old man? You came to take my husband, right? Take him. Leave now, so he can return faster."

In the end, he teleported the World Eater and the God of Void. The two appeared outside the barrier around the territory of the general, and the two men could only look at each other. Ye Xiajie looked at An Shizhe, who was looking a bit unfriendly as he was also kicked out of the house because of this man.

Pfft~

"Don't look at me like that, brat! It's your wife that kicked you out. I had nothing to do with it," said An Shizhe as he looked at Ye Xiajie with a playful expression.

Tsk!

The World Eater said, "Isn't he afraid of me devouring you?"

"Hmp! If you eat me, my wife will go crazy. Are you willing to fight him?" asked the God of Void.

"Nevermind. Your wife looks so vengeful regardless of him looking that he doesn't care about anything. Especially those who can smile when their eyes aren't, is bad news. My other half is also the same kind," An Shizhe said.

Ye Xiajie asked, "Does that mean you are a henpecked husband too?"

"Well, yeah... Hm? Brat, you...!" The World Eater, An Shizhe, finally noticed that the brat was playing with him, and he honestly answered for some reason. Before he could complain, Ye Xiajie took his leave, pretending he didn't hear anything.

The God of Void said, "Let's go. I need to be home before dinner."

"You better be thankful to me. I'm sharing the resources to get stronger with you. Also teach you how to kill ancient gods. Those good for nothing Old gods are almost immortal. But as long as you target the origin of their souls, they are no different from any other gods. Their souls are just a bit harder to chew. Like eating a beef jerky," said An Shizhe.

Ye Xiajie said, "I don't think souls can be compared to beef jerky."

"What are you complaining about? There is almost nothing in existence we can't devour!" retorted the World Eater as the two men flew away somewhere.

Unknown to them, something had recognized the World Eater and followed him to this territory. Seeing him leave with the supposed general in this world, well, at least in a vessel only, made this being sneaking around take this as an opportunity to find a way to sneak inside and absorb all life within this territory.

It was a homeless-looking man, wearing ragged clothing as if to blend with the world. Whoever is the ancient soul inside this body seems to have a bit of a brain. Unlike the others who took over vessels within the noble clans, he chose to mix with the ordinary people to hide its existence. Moreover, the homeless can practically appear anywhere.

Even if An Shizhe noticed him, he would think that he is just a beggar looking for death somewhere to end his life. It's because of this reason that An Shizhe and even Ye Xiajie didn't mind his presence wandering in the forest near the territory of the General and just took their leave.

As the night gets deeper and when most people are asleep, a homeless man approaches the gates of the general's mansion. The Chief Warden, who was sleeping beside his lover, Yun Ming, had suddenly opened his eyes and was about to get up. Yun Ming was about to do so as well. But the voice of the Mermaid King resounds in their heads, saying,

'Do not come out.'

The couple looked at one another and both disappeared from the room. While in front of the general's mansion's gates, the homeless man was touching the barrier made of water and licking his lips.

"This is the power of the Sea Clan. Similar to the soul fragment of Lord Chaos' avatar in this world. Is there a god hiding inside of this? Will I finally be able to absorb enough and regain my real body? Hehe~" murmured the homeless man.

A cold yet playful voice was heard from behind him. The homeless man with an ancient soul instantly turns around only to meet a gorgeous pair of silver eyes staring at him from the darkness. Those pairs of eyes gave him chills as he noticed that the whole area's temperature had dropped drastically.

The homeless man's thoughts at this moment are, 'Silver eyes with crimson linings. Where have I seen these kinds of eyes before? Why do I feel like I am forgetting something important? '

"Have you forgotten the last mercy I've given you? I've split all of you and locked your soul up. Gave you time to repent. However, that itself was useless. Isn't it?~"

The same mischievous tone, a playful yet cold demeanor, and a pair of silver eyes that looked like a bright, glowing moon yet were filled with madness and distortion itself. He only knows one being that was born with these redeeming features. However, this is a being that shouldn't be born, as they killed him before he grew up. A being born from chaos but was nurtured by darkness and all negativity in the world. Born after devouring one universe with the blood of the strongest Ancient God and the blood of the greatest menace in existence.

Within the darkness, the ethereal figure of the God of Void with long, light brown hair and a pair of silver eyes appeared. Hei Anjing used his God form and appeared before the homeless.

The ancient soul in the homeless man's body screams, "Impossible!!? You are dead. Your soul had been split and your body had been burned. How can you still be alive!? There is no way you would be alive. Even Lord Chaos is incapable of bringing you back to life. Why?! Why are you appearing before us again!?"

"Hm~ I think you found the wrong person. I am the God of Destruction, Hei Anjing."

The God of Destruction looked confused as he heard the accusation of the ancient soul. As for whether he didn't know or was just pretending, only Hei Anjing knows the answer.

Hei Anjing said, "You came here looking for me, right? Because my soul and aura are similar to the Ancient God of Chaos."

"N-No... No, of course your soul and aura are similar. After all, you and the Lord Chaos as well as that menace are...!! Pufft!"

The homeless man looked at the gorgeous man with a smile, yet cold eyes stared at him. His hand stabbed through the man's body and seemed to have grabbed something from within. Blood splashes a bit on Hei Anjing's face. However, instead of looking tainted, he looked even more attractive.

"That is something you cannot say. A forgotten truth no one should know about. Didn't you bury the truth that day?~" said Hei Anjing.

The Ancient soul reached out a trembling hand, trying to touch the God of Destruction's face and said, "We didn't... mean to... kill you... I'm...sorry~"

Hei Anjing summoned Juedi and cut apart not only the soul but also the body into countless pieces until it disappeared into extremely tiny cuts and no longer existed. Slightly leaning on the Juedi, Hei Anjing looked at the distant moon and mumbled,

"There is no need to apologize. After all, except for the Origin and the End, whom I cannot kill because of that person, all other Ancient Gods must no longer exist."

Madness flashes from within the silver eyes of the God of Destruction. A calm and controlled madness that wouldn't even lose to the madness that made the former World Eater insane. For some reason, this madness was under the control of Hei Anjing and the source of his hidden strength.