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With the pandemic still ongoing, many people are finding themselves lost, not knowing what to do with the extra free time they have on their hands. Video games, T.V shows, Youtube videos are all starting to feel stale, without any substance, as many people have finished watching all those shows they have on their watch list. A new and exciting piece of entertainment that I recommend which can entertain you through this pandemic is reading a web novel called *I am the Monarch*, written by Cheol Jonggeum. This novel greatly impressed me with its fantastic world-building, the well-written with the in-tune character that feels very realistic, and the phenomenal reviews that many people have given to this novel. These three points are the main reason why I got so immersed in reading this novel and why you should also read this novel.

The novel's world-building is fantastic, brilliant. No words can encompass the world in which the author of this novel had created. The world-building he had created had caused me to feel immersed in the story that the author had created. It truly made me sense that I was in some kind of different world, one that had its own culture, own history, own religion, and its very own residents who are similar yet different from us and our world at the same time. The author made me feel like I was entirely set in a different world, that world time-period being placed in our own period of the European Medieval times. The author had fully showcased his capabilities in

truly showcasing what a true, another-world experience should be. His novel showed the reason as to why many similar things came to be, showcasing that world experiencing the same things we did but approaching it in different ways. For example, the only reason one of the main religions in that world; the Devesis Religion, was solely created to honor the King of Gods and the many other gods. The reason being was that these Gods had descended into the human realm and helped the humans from the invading demons. However, we later learn that it wasn't out of their own goodwill but instead not wanting the demons to have a closer foothold to their own world. Another example was how detailed how the continent was. How he had placed each country beside each other, where mountains, lakes, and oceans were placed. Where monsters or magical creatures live and how humans interact with them and one another. The author had fully showcased the history and details these countries have with one another. Overall, the author had done a perfect job with world-building. He didn't make it seem like it was too much or was too little. He slowly unveiled his world as we followed the plot, how each scenery turned both beautiful and horrifying. His descriptive words caused me to keep reading, never wanting to stop.

The characters in the story were another phenomenon that kept me reading this novel. They felt super realistic, having their own ideals and goals in what they wanted to achieve. It was especially thrilling to read due to the character development that all the characters go through. Our protagonist learned that not everything will go his way throughout the novel. The journey that he goes through slowly shapes him into who he wants to become; we see him change through the perspective of those around him. How they complement the air he gives off or how his plans seem to become more complex compared to the beginning of the story. Roan wasn't the only one who changed; his subordinates also changed so they could follow Roan from behind.

Like how Pierce used to be timid and frail who later became a confident and impressively strong man. How Harrison used to be discontent with his own spear skills only later becoming happy with how talented he is with the bow. How Semi was enraged by being under Roan and disrespected him only to ironically become one of Roan's most trusted and brilliant subordinates. All of them had changed in a good way due to Roan's influence on their life. However, not all of them loved his influence. Yet that's what makes the characters in this novel so intriguing. One of them used to be Roan's subordinate, however betrayed him due to the clash of their ideals and how they do things. Another was someone Roan could call a friend later before becoming an insane and mad person. Lastly there was someone who many thought was a great person, but was instead someone who wanted the world to turn into hell. There were so many characters in this novel who had their own story, goals, ideals, and secret, yet that's what makes this novel so unique and kept me reading.

While the two previous points kept me reading this novel, what truly made me start reading it was through one fascinating review given to this novel. Out of all the many different reviews given to this novel, this review had caught my eye and caused me to read it. That was the review given by the user Arius. His review was a personal one that really hit home. They stated that their life had changed because of this novel, that, "I was a useless, hopeless man. A coward who was lack of will to do anything. I was always stop in the middle, not able to achieve anything I desire." He was able to learn through this novel three main lessons. One, you should try to create desires and harbor them. Two, you should treat people with all your heart. Lastly three, you should learn how to be confident but not arrogant. This personal review they made really stayed inside my head while I was searching for many different novels. It really told me

how great of a novel this story was and that you should also read that review before coming into that novel.

Overall, there are still a wide variety of reasons why you should read this novel. The action in this novel is superb as the fights are very detailed that you could envision in your mind. The schemes that the characters do to one another are frightening and unique. The massive, detailed, and strategic battles that the armies undergo in this novel are mind-blowing. There are still many more as the list could go on and on. However, the three main points that I stated before are things that truly shine upon this novel. The brilliant world-building, the well-written characters, and the masterpiece of a review given are why you should read this novel. In conclusion, you will be missing out on a great story if you do not read this novel.

Work Cited:

<https://www.novelupdates.com/series/i-am-the-monarch/>

(The Review was also found through here, scrolling down until finding the user Arius at the top left you could find it. I really recommend reading the full review)