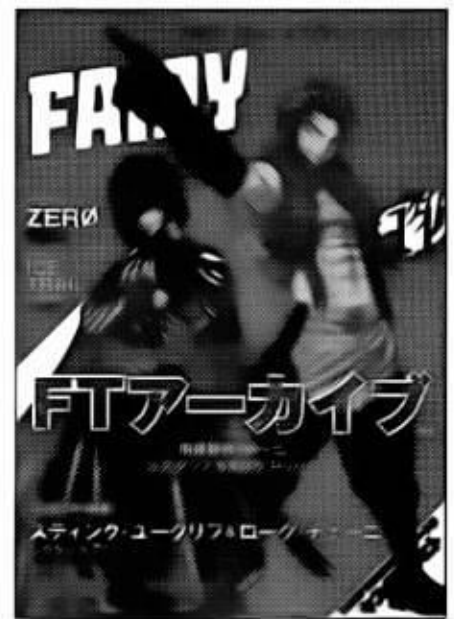




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## CHAPTER 439: ARBALESS KINGDOM



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**THE PREVIOUS MASTER'S ORDERS!  
THE SEVENTH GUILD MASTER, ERZA GOES BELOW GROUND!!**



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WELL,  
THE ENTRANCE'S  
NORMALLY NOT  
THIS EASY  
TO FIND....

I DIDN'T THINK  
THERE'D BE  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THIS  
UNDER THE  
GUILD...



MEST IS MY  
REAL NAME...  
YOU'VE GOT IT  
MIXED UP, HUH?  
SORRY BOUT THAT...

SO, UH...  
DORAN...NO,  
MEST...  
WAS IT?





FAIRY TAIL'S  
BIGGEST  
SECRET..

LUMEN  
HISTOIRE.

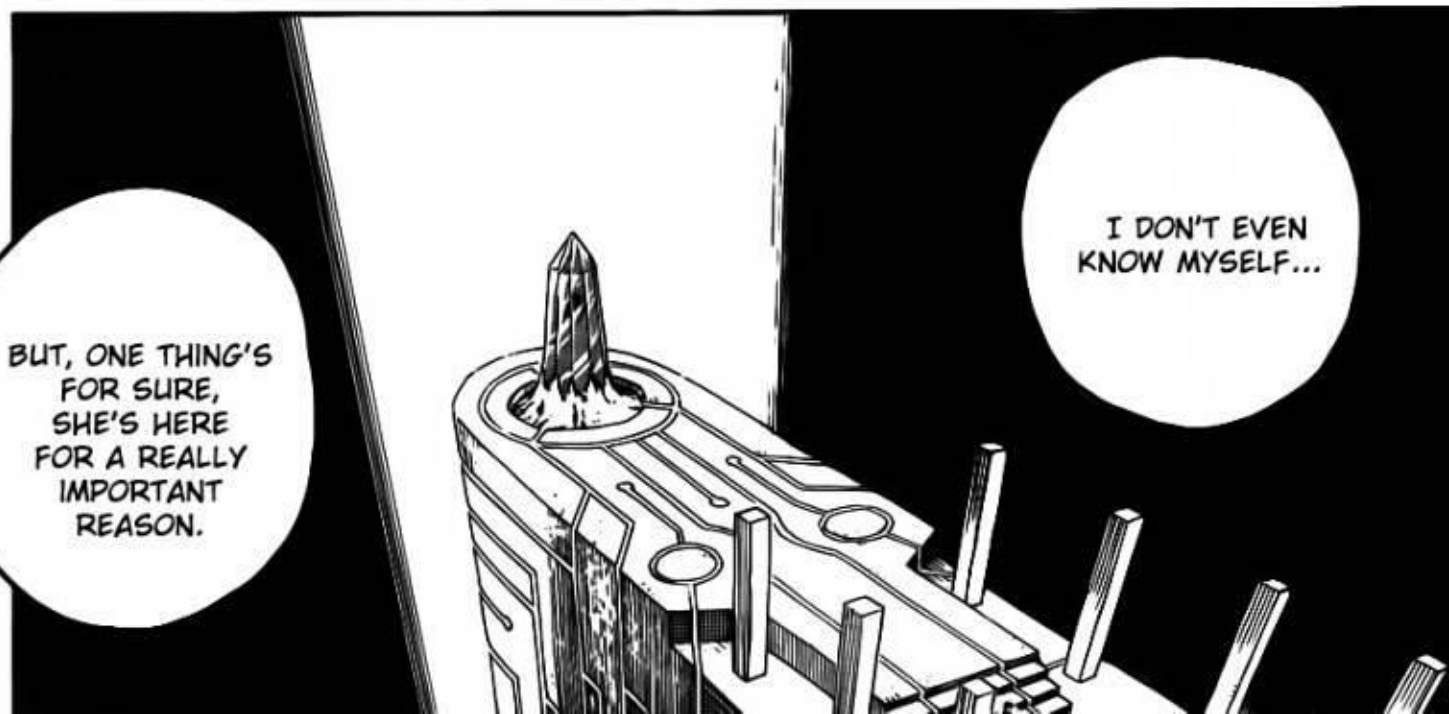




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IT'S SOMETHING  
ONLY YOU COULD  
DO...



WORK UNDERCOVER  
AT THE COUNCIL?



I WANT YOU TO  
BE OUR INSIDE  
MAN, FEEDING US  
INFORMATION  
REGARDING THE  
WESTERN  
CONTINENT.



IT'S NOT  
THAT KIND OF  
MISSION.

SO, WHAT AM  
I TO STEAL  
THEN?



WHY?



JUST...  
MAKE SURE YOU PICK UP  
AS MUCH AS YOU CAN  
ABOUT THE WESTERN  
CONTINENT AND KEEP ME  
UPDATED.

I DON'T NEED YOU  
TO DO ANYTHING  
LIKE THAT, SO  
DON'T.

SO, IT IS  
STEALING  
THEN!!





WHOOOPS. CALL ME DORANBOLT... I GO BY THAT NOW.

THAT'S REALLY HANDY OF YOU...

IT'S NO PROBLEM.... THERE'S A WAY TO GET IT BACK, AND YOU HAVE THE KEYS.

SO YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT ERASING YOUR OWN MEMORY HUH...



AND MONTHS LATER...

HUH...BUT I REMEMBER SEEING YOU... A MONTH BEFORE...

THIS IS SUCH A PAIN.

WHAT DOES FAIRY TAIL'S MASTER WANT FROM ME?

A FEW MONTHS AFTER THAT



OHhhh...

I'VE GOT A GREAT IDEA.. I'LL INFILTRATE THAT NASTY GUILD WITH MY POWERS!

I'M SURE I'LL FIND SOMETHING!



THIS IS BECOMING FREQUENT...

FAIRY TAIL'S MASTER'S HERE FOR ME AGAIN?



REALLY,  
SORRY.

HEY.

I NEED  
TO KNOW OH, I'M SO  
FAIRY TAIL'S CURIOUS!!  
DIRT!!

SO THIS IS  
WHY HE WAS  
THERE AT  
TENROU  
ISLAND  
DURING THE  
S-RANK  
EXAMS...

LET'S SEE...I'LL START  
BY OVERWRITING  
MAKAROV'S MEMORIES  
AND MAKING HIM  
BELIEVE THAT I'M ONE  
OF THEM, UNDER THE  
NAME MEST!!


IT'S BEEN  
TOO LONG...

AND 7  
YEARS  
LATER.


YOU AND  
EVERYONE AT  
THE GUILD  
TOO...

I'M GLAD  
YOU'RE SAFE....







LET'S END YOUR  
MISSION THEN. COME  
ON BACK TO FAIRY  
TAIL...



NO....IT WAS  
SOMETHING  
I DECIDED ON MY  
OWN ANYWAY...




I'M SORRY YOU HAD  
TO GO THROUGH ALL  
THAT FOR SO LONG...



IT'S PROBABLY  
THE INFORMATION  
YOU'VE BEEN  
LOOKING FOR...



NO...I'M NEARLY  
THERE...



I'M ENDING  
FAIRY TAIL.



AND A YEAR  
BEFORE THIS,  
AFTER THE  
TARTAROS  
WAR HAD  
ENDED...



YOU'RE  
DISBANDING THE  
GUILD OVER THE  
RESULTS OF THE  
INVESTIGATION!?  
I DON'T GET IT!!

IT DOESN'T  
MATTER...

THIS IS THE  
ONLY WAY I  
COULD SAVE  
THE GUILD.

THE INFORMATION  
I'VE GOTTEN FROM  
YOU ALL ALONG WAS  
FOR A PERSONAL  
INVESTIGATION...AND  
NOW I'M CERTAIN.

HUH?

IS ONE THAT IS  
VERY, VERY  
DANGEROUS.

THE KINGDOM OF  
ARBALESS IN THE  
WESTERN CONTINENT  
...

DO YOU KNOW WHY  
THEY FAILED?

THAT COUNTRY  
ATTEMPTED TO  
INVADE ISHGAR  
10 YEARS AGO  
BUT FAILED!

SO WHAT  
ABOUT IT!!



THEY WOULDN'T GO AT ARBALESS IF THEY HAD THE CHOICE.



ISHGAR HAS  
LOST ITS ONLY  
DEFENSE AGAINST  
ARBALESS...?

DO YOU KNOW  
WHAT THIS  
MEANS?

BUT  
THE COUNCIL'S  
NO MORE...

ETHERION,  
FACE TOO...

YES

THE INVASION  
WILL BEGIN  
ONCE MORE.

WE CAN'T DO  
THAT, THAT'S  
THE WHOLE  
REASON WHY  
I'M DISBAND-  
ING...

WHA--!

IF THEY'RE  
COMING FOR  
US, THEN ALL  
WE HAVE TO DO  
IS FIGHT BACK!!  
THAT'S WHAT  
FAIRY TAIL'S  
FOR!!

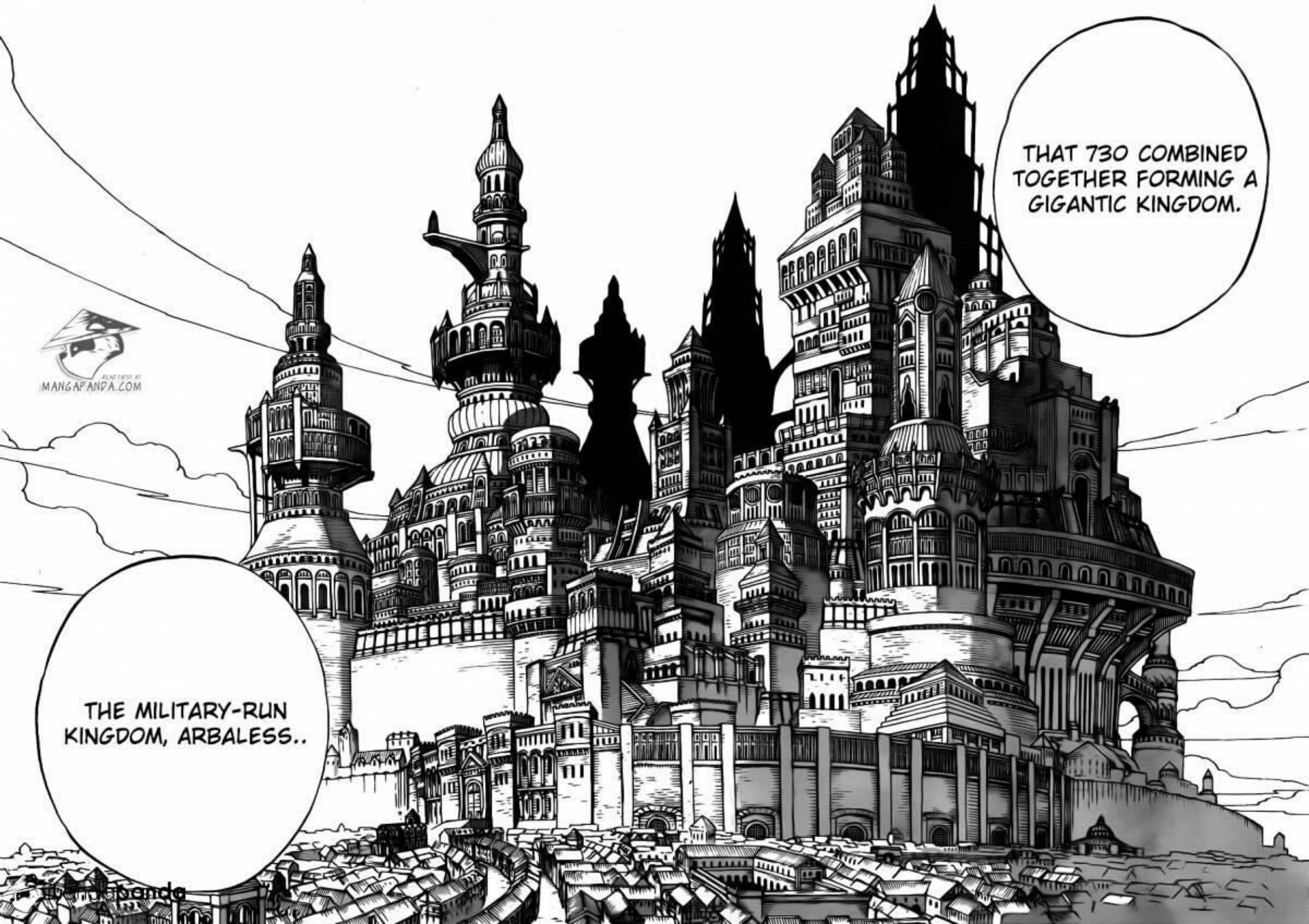
SO WHAT DOES  
THAT HAVE  
TO DO WITH  
THE GUILD  
DISBANDING!?

AND THERE ARE ABOUT  
730 OF THEM, THE DARK  
INCLUDED IN THE  
WESTERN CONTINENT.

THERE ARE ABOUT  
500 GUILDS IN  
ISHGAR, INCLUDING  
FAIRY TAIL..

THAT 730 COMBINED  
TOGETHER FORMING A  
GIGANTIC KINGDOM.

THE MILITARY-RUN  
KINGDOM, ARBALESS..





SO WHAT DO  
WE DO!!



NO  
WAY...



THEY'RE NOT  
LIKE ANYTHING  
WE'VE FACED  
SO FAR...

730 OF THEM  
AGAINST ONE GUILD IS  
LIKE TAKING CANDY  
FROM A BABY..



I WILL GO TO  
ARBALESS.



AND WILL STALL  
FOR AS LONG  
AS I CAN...

I'LL LET THEM  
KNOW THAT  
WE'VE GOT LUMEN  
HISTOIRE IF EVER  
THEY ARE TO  
ATTACK...

IF I FAIL, THE KIDS AT  
THE GUILD WILL BE NEXT...


WAIT A  
MINUTE!!

AND IF THE  
COUNCIL CAN  
GET BACK ON  
ITS FEET IN  
TIME...

THIS WILL BE  
A GAMBLE...

AND I  
CANNOT LET  
THAT  
HAPPEN!!!

SO, FORGET  
ABOUT THE GUILD'S  
HISTORY, AND  
WHAT IT WAS!  
THERE'S NOTHING  
MORE IMPORTANT  
THAN FAMILY, SO  
I WILL DISBAND!!!

A close-up of Naruto's face, showing him crying with tears streaming down his cheeks. He has a distressed and desperate expression.

IT'S LIKE  
YOU'RE GOING  
THERE ON  
A SUICIDE  
MISSION...

MASTER,  
YOU CAN'T STOP A  
COUNTRY ON YOUR  
OWN...IT'S  
IMPOSSIBLE...

A large, close-up illustration of Mito Yamada. He has a stern, almost angry expression with a prominent mustache and a shaved head. His eyes are focused and intense.

**WELL, I CARRY  
THE LIVES OF  
MY FAMILY...**

**THAT'S  
WHAT A  
PARENT  
OUGHT TO  
DO!!!**

*The truth behind disbanding is a parent's  
love of his family! And now, it becomes  
the path which leads to the future....*

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**RAWS:**

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**TYPESET:**

**GRIZZLYBEAR**

**TRANSLATION:**

**BROWNBEAR**

**QC:**

**PANDABEAR**

**CLEANER:**

**POLARBEAR**



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