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Chapter 131

When Zach opened his eyes, he saw Aquarius in another form. It wasn't her human form, nor her half or full-mermaid form. She was in her beast form— a sea dragon.

"That's...!"

Zach didn't know what to say. He was left speechless. Not because he saw Aquarius' in her beast form, but because she was in her beast form.

Zach was used to seeing mythical creatures, so it wasn't shocking for him, but he was shocked because a mermaid's beast form couldn't be a sea dragon.

"Unless... you are a..."

"Yes." Aquarius nodded her head and said, "I am the next sea goddess."

"...!"

"Judging by your reaction, I assume you already know the rest, am I right?" she asked.

Each and every race had its gods and goddesses. Some were ever living with no contact with the rest of the race, while some descended and lived with them.

For the Sea realms, a new sea goddess was born every 1000 years, and they had a huge responsibility upon their head. On their birth, they were given a task to watch over the Sea realm for a thousand-year until a new Sea goddess was born.

It was the same for the Sea God, and the current Sea God was Aquitius the seventh. He was at his peak, and his powers were unrivaled to anyone in the Sea realm.

Now, Aquarius would become the strongest in the future. She would harness the power of the Sea goddess in the blessing ceremony that would happen after two months.

"Why... are you the sea goddess?" Zach asked in a disdainful tone.

"I was born to be one. As I grew up, I started getting dreams where a beautiful dragon would visit me and teach me things. I was small at that time, and I always thought of that dragon as my imaginary friend. But as I grew up, I studied about the Sea goddess and learned that the dragon in my dream was indeed the Sea goddess."

"After that day, the Sea goddess stopped visiting my dream. I was sad. I felt alone. I was told not to tell anyone about this, so I grew up with that secret. When I turned 16, I learned about the fate of the Sea goddess. I... wanted to be a normal girl. I wanted to fall in love with someone and get married. But now... I—"

"Don't you dare finish that sentence!" Zach frowned.

"You can't stop the impossible, darling. That's why..." Aquarius changed back to her human form and dropped on her knees while crying.

"I won't be able to join you..." she wailed with her head in her hand.

"Who said I can't stop the impossible?" Zach furrowed his brows and said, "I can even defeat the gods for you. Just say those words."

Aquarius looked up at Zach with teary eyes and asked, "What... words?"

"Say that 'I don't want to become the next Sea Goddess', and I will—"

Aquarius interrupted Zach and said, "I can't say it. I can't neglect my duties! What about all the creatures and the races of the Sea? I cannot let them suffer for my selfishness!"

She sobbed even more.

Zach asked a similar question to the sixth not long ago, and the sixth asked him the same. Zach's answer was simply that he would choose his loved ones over others, and the sixth didn't have the courage to answer.

Now, Aquarius was in the same situation, where she had no other choice to fulfill the duty she was born for.

"So your love for me was so little, huh?" Zach remarked.

"No! It's not! But I can't... please... I love you..." Aquarius sniffed.

Zach hated circumstances like this where the people he liked or loved had to make tough choices for others' sake. Sure, it would save thousands of lives, but what about them? Why must they sacrifice themselves for others?

Zach knew the answer to that. It was to save their loved ones. It was so that others wouldn't suffer. But what Zach hated the most was ungrateful pricks who were never thankful for the sacrifices people had made from them.

They would one day forget the one who sacrificed and live on with their life. The real question was: was it worth it?

Zach had met Aquarius not long ago, and he knew that he didn't love her yet. But he was convinced that she loved him with all her heart.

Aquarius knew what her fate would be like, and that's why, she chose Zach, the person she loved, to show and tell everything.

Maybe she wanted Zach to save her? Or perhaps, she wanted redemption. In either case, even if she wanted to make a different choice, the outcome would be guaranteed, and that was to become the Sea Goddess.

Zach knelt down in front of Aquarius and held her face with his hand. He looked into her teary blue eyes and said, "Just say it. Don't think about anything else."

"But..."

"You can be selfish. It's your life. No one gets to make choices in your life. If you don't want to do it, then just say the words, and I will take care of everything. However, if you truly want to become the Sea Goddess and give up on your life, then I won't stop you," Zach asserted in a calm voice.

Aquarius looked into Zach's eyes and kept crying for a few minutes. She realized Zach was serious about his commitment, and she stopped crying.

"Can you really...?" she stuttered in a broken voice.

Zach gently caressed Aquarius' face and said, "If you ask me to."

Aquarius jumped on Zach and hugged him with her naked body. She pressed soft breasts against his chest and said, "I love you! I want to be with you!"

Zach patted on Aquarius' back and then kissed her on the lips before saying, "Well said."

He looked into the shrine in the temple and uttered, "Leave the rest to me."

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"I will be right back." Zach patted Aquarius' head and stood up.

"Where are you—"

Aquarius stopped on her words when she saw Zach's gloves gloving blue.

Zach walked to the shrine and stood in front of the temple's door. He placed his hand on the door and muttered something in a celestial language.

'What did he say?' Aquarius wondered. Even she couldn't understand because Zach spoke in an ancient celestial.

However, Zach simply said a curse word in a celestial language with only one purpose in his mind: to anger the Sea Goddess.

Suddenly, the door shook, and everything started trembling. The water around the surface began to rise, and soon, everything was submerged into the water.

However, Zach wasn't worried because Aquarius had cast a spell on him, so he could breathe just fine. But, for some reason, Zach was having trouble breathing.

It wasn't as though Aquarius' spell wasn't working, but the water around Zach had no air to breathe. He wasn't suffocating with water but air. Aquarius' spell allowed Zach to breathe air, but how would he breathe if there was no air around?

Aquarius was also struggling to breathe, but for some reason, she was more affected by that than Zach.

Zach watched Aquarius move erratically as though something was controlling her like a puppet.

"..." Zach frowned his face and tried to swim towards Aquarius, but a hand made of water pulled Zach into the shrine.

The next time Zach regained consciousness and opened his eyes, he found himself in an abyss of the water.

Everything around him was submerged in water, and there was nothing else but water for as far as his eyes could see. He looked down into the depth of the sea, but he couldn't see the seabed.

It was as though he was in a domain where nothing but water existed.

Zach covered his mouth with his hand and tried to breathe, and much to his surprise, he could breathe. He breathed out from his mouth to see where the air bubbles would go. That way, he could find the exit, but the bubbles stayed on one spot without moving.

"You can show yourself!" Zach said out loud. "I know you are here!"

The water around Zach started moving and hitting Zach's body as though it was punching and kicking him. Soon, the water formed into the body of a sea dragon, similar to what Aquarius looked like, but it was much bigger and intimidating than Aquarius.

"You insolence!" she yelled and passed through Zach's body, tossing him around the water.

"Would you stop doing that? I ate cake not long ago and a heavy dinner just before that. So I might end up puking." Zach smirked and said, "You wouldn't want me to do that in your sacred domain, right?"

"You filthy human! How dare you enter my sea realm?! First, you broke the rules of this realm. Second, you trapped my successor into your love. And then you fooled her into thinking that I forced her to become the next Sea Goddess? Not to mention your disrespect in my holy shrine!"

Zach raised his brows and said, "But you are forcing her to become the next Sea Goddess, right?"

"No! Of course not. Why would I want to ruin a girl's life?" she uttered with a weary sigh.

"Then... who chose that?" Zach asked with a curious and puzzled look on his face.

"The sea itself!" the Sea Goddess answered. "Even I didn't have a choice but to accept my fate when I was around Aquarius' age. I have been the Sea Goddess for the last 1000 years. Now, I will finally be free from my duty and live the rest of my life as I want to."

"So you are going to destroy a girl's life just so you could live your life as per your choices?" Zach remarked. "I thought the Sea Goddess was supposed to think about the races and creatures of the sea."

"Listen, you crazy hypnotic bastard. It's the rule of the sea, and everyone must obey it!" she asserted.

"What happens when someone doesn't? Will the sea come to life and—" Zach stopped on his words when he realized that it was completely possible.

The world he lived in had many disasters, and it was said to be destroyed in a few years. Maybe it was because the humans didn't follow the rules of the land?

"I know you don't want Aquarius to become the next Sea Goddess, but she has no choice. She has to become one, and that's her fate. You can't change someone's fate just because you want to. It's not how the world works. You must obey its rules if you want it to protect you. If... Aquarius didn't become the Sea Goddesses, every sea creature and race will face the wrath of the sea."

"This is... just too cruel..." Zach muttered in a disdainful tone. "Why do I always have to go through this? People I know always have responsibility on them, and then I lose them because of that."

"What are you muttering?" the Sea Goddess asked. "Well, it doesn't matter."

The Sea Goddess brought her face near Zach's face and said, "You must convince Aquarius to become the Sea Goddess."

Zach frowned his face and said, "I won't. I promised her that I would save her. I gave her hope, and I won't let her turn into despair."

The Sea Goddess stared into Zach's eyes and said, "Your eyes.... who are you?"

"My name is Starlord," Zach said with a serious look on his face.

"What's your mother's name?"

"Li—"

"Stop lying, and tell me the truth."

"..."

"Your eyes remind me of that bitch who stole my love from me!" The Sea goddess looked into Zach's eyes and said, "You don't happen to be Erza's son, right?"

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"You don't happen to be Erza's son, right?"

Zach averted his gaze and said, "Of course not. Who is that?"

"Wait... if you are her son, that means..." The Sea Goddess circled around Zach and inspected his body from all sides.

"You are 'his' son?!" she exclaimed.

Zach averted his face this time and said, "Who are you talking about?"

"This reaction... you are just like him!" she shouted.

'Curse you, father! Why do I always run into your acquaintances!' Zach exclaimed inwardly.

"No wonder you have Erza's powers! And you..." The Sea Goddess sighed and uttered, "Now the more I look at your face, the more I remember him."

"Then don't look." Zach shrugged his shoulders and said, "And Erza is not my mother, nor do I have her powers. She lost her powers before I was born."

"I am aware that she has lost her powers. I was there with her when that happened. But you certainly have a fragment of her powers," she stated. "But I don't see your father's powers inside you. Why is that?"

"I guess I have to tell you," Zach sighed. He didn't want to tell her because she said she loved his father. So if he told her about his death, she would be more devastated than she already was.

While Zach may not care about others, he respected his father's acquaintances because they had helped his father.

"What's wrong? What happened to your tongue?" she asked.

"Father is... dead..."

Zach could feel the water around him getting warm and cold at the same time. That was the Sea Goddess' emotions.

"No way... that's impossible! He can't die! He promised me that he would wait for me at our promised location. So... I see..." The Sea goddess lowered her head in realization. "So that's why he didn't come to check up on me even though I am one year late."

"I am sorry you had to know this way," Zach said in a disdainful tone. "There are still many who are unaware about this."

"So what was I even waiting for all those years? What was the purpose of my life? I was so excited to see him again. As the day of my retirement got near, I was happy. I wanted to see him. I wanted to touch him. I wanted to..."

The Sea Goddess chuckled bitterly and uttered, "So this is what I get after I fulfilled my duty? Where is my happiness? What did I do to deserve this?"

Zach could feel the sadness in the Sea Goddess' voice. It reminded him of Aquarius' sad face.

"I am sorry. I know you are not in the mood, and I know this is selfish of me. But I am not letting Aquarius become the Sea Goddess," Zach asserted with a serious look on his face.

"Erza stole my love from me. I had the chance to be with him, but she forced me to stay here. She gave me false hope." The Sea Goddess looked into Zach's eyes and said, "Now I will do the same to you."

"...!"

"I will take my revenge. Just as your mother stole my love from me, I will steal your love from you. I will make Aquarius the next Sea Goddess and let you suffer. Then you will understand my pain and despair," she asserted with her voice full of rage and anger.

"..."

She stared into Zach's eyes without any fear, and Zach stared back into her eyes. It was as though they were having a staring contest, but the winner was already decided, and there was no prize for it.

SIGH!

The Sea Goddess sighed and said, "I am kidding. I am no monster. I am not heartless like your mother."

"..."

"Besides, you don't even love Aquarius yet. If I trap her here, she will be the one in pain, more than you."

Zach raised his brows and asked, "So you are not going to make Aquarius the next Sea Goddess?"

"Unfortunately, it's not in my hand to decide who will become the next Sea Goddess, but it's in my hand to decide when." After a brief pause, the Sea Goddess continued, "I give you one year. You can do whatever you want with Aquarius. After that, she must become the next Sea Goddess."

"What's the point of giving her one year if she knows that her time is limited?" Zach wondered with an emotionless face.

"If I was given even one day with your father, I would have been happy. I am sure Aquarius thinks the same."

"I guess one year is better than nothing." Zach nodded at the Sea Goddess and said, "Thank you, umm..."

"Heh!" The Sea Goddess chuckled and said, "There is no need to mention my name. It's better if you don't know it."

"As you wish."

"What's your name? Son of Erza?" she asked.

"It's Zach," Zach responded in a calm voice.

"After a moment of silence, the Sea Goddess said, "That's not your real name, is it?"

"... it's not..."

"What's your real name? I just want to know what name your father gave you."

"It's ~~Zach~~^{zāch}. It pronounces the same as Zach, so I have always been called that," Zach said with a distant smile on his face. "Only my father called me by my real name."

"Hmph. That's a good name, indeed. I am impressed that for once he came up with a good name," she said. "He always sucked at naming."

"Now... Can I leave? How do I go back...?" Zach asked with an awkward smile on his face.

"Just close your eyes, and you will be out of this place," the Sea Goddess replied.

Zach did as the Sea Goddess said, and the next time he opened his eyes, he found himself in Aquarius' arms.

She was hugging him while crying. Her naked wet body, pale and soft skin, silky wet hair, and otherworldly breasts. Aquarius had submitted her body and soul to Zach.

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"Uhh.. what's going on?" Zach asked with a confused and puzzled look on his face.

"You are awake!" Aquarius exclaimed. "When I woke up, your body was on the ground, and you weren't moving."

'So... my soul was in the Sea Goddess's domain?' Zach wondered. 'Wait... my soul is in this game... so my soul's soul was in her domain? This doesn't make any sense!'

Aquarius wanted to ask Zach if he was able to convince the Sea Goddess, but she didn't want to sound selfish.

'He would think I care about myself when he is in this state,' Aquarius thought.

Zach hugged Aquarius and said, "I am okay. You can let go of me now."

Aquarius let go of Zach but didn't forget to kiss him after that.

She rested her head on Zach's shoulders and muttered, "If anything were to happen to you, I..."

"Don't worry. I am perfectly fine." Zach patted Aquarius' head and said, "I met with the Sea Goddess."

Aquarius reacted a little, but she didn't move her head from Zach's shoulders.

"I talked with her too," Zach said.

"You did...?"

Aquarius was afraid to ask what the Sea Goddess told him, but she was more afraid to know the answer to that.

"I am sorry..." Zach said in a low voice.

'I see... So he wasn't able to convince the Sea Goddess...' Aquarius thought to herself. However, she wasn't disappointed. She was happy that Zach went that far to save her.

"I only managed to get one year of time. After that, you have to become the Sea Goddess..."

Aquarius finally moved her head from Zach's shoulders and looked into Zach's eyes with a smile on her face.

"Thank you..." she said while tearing up, even though she was trying her best not to cry. "Thank you..."

She once again jumped into his arms and hugged him.

"It's only one year, though..."

"That's more than enough," she said.

"Is it?"

"Yes..." Aquarius wiped her tears and continued, "My blessing ceremony is after two months. Then, I will join you on your journey where you will mate with me and impregnate me. And I will give birth to the heir in 9 months. So I will also be able to fulfill my duty as a princess and the Queen."

Zach pushed Aquarius back and furrowed his brows before saying, "What's wrong with you?"

"What... do you mean?" she asked with a confused look on her face as though she had no idea what Zach was talking about.

"Why are you still thinking of others and the kingdom?!" Zach shouted. "Be selfish, for fuck's sake. And if you can't, then think about me. Make me happy. Do everything for me. And in return, I will give you all the love and happiness you need."

"But—"

Before Aquarius could say any more words, she was stopped by a pair of soft lips. Zach kissed her so hard that his lips ended up hitting Aquarius' teeth. But he didn't stop kissing her.

After several kisses, Zach stopped to look at Aquarius' face, and it was flushed red.

"Every time you try to speak something about others, I will shut you up with a kiss," Zach stated. "So unless you want my lips on your lips all the time, choose your words carefully."

Aquarius puckered her lips and said, "I do want to kiss you all the time."

Zach chuckled softly and moved his head closer to Aquarius to kiss her, but Aquarius stopped him and said, "We shouldn't."

Zach ignored Aquarius and started kissing her on the lips. Aquarius resisted at first, but soon, she gave in to the pleasure.

"We shouldn't. This is a holy place. We can't do such indecent things here," she said as soon as their lips parted. "The Sea Goddess is watching, and she will get angry."

"Even though you kissed me a couple of times a while ago?" Zach asked with a judging look on his face.

"That was..." Aquarius averted her gaze and murmured, "That's cheating."

Zach pushed Aquarius against the wall and started kissing her, but he was a little more aggressive this time.

Aquarius wrapped her legs around Zach's waist and her arms around his neck. She pulled him close and started kissing him back.

Zach could feel Aquarius' bare breasts hitting his chest, but the best feeling was of her erect nipples brushing against his body.

Even though Zach had taken his suit off in the palace and he was only wearing a t-shirt, he could still feel Aquarius' soft yet pointy and erect nipples.

Zach moved his hand towards Aquarius' chest and started squeezing her breasts.

"Mmh~"

Aquarius moaned in pleasure, but her moans were muffled by the kisses.

Zach squeezed Aquarius' breasts with the rhythm and played with her nipples. He could feel his snake poking Aquarius' legs, and Aquarius was aware of that.

After kissing for a while, Aquarius looked into Zach's eyes and said, "I truly love you."

"I know."

Aquarius moved her head to kiss Zach, but she stopped when her lips were about to touch him. "Have you fallen in love with me yet?" she asked.

"Well..." Zach lowered his gaze and saw the bulge in his pants hitting Aquarius' bare cave. "I think if I answer now, it would not be my honest answer."

Aquarius was wet, but Zach wasn't sure it was because of the water or some other reason.

Aquarius kissed Zach on the lips and then whispered in his ears, "Let's continue the rest in my room at the palace."

Meanwhile, Aurora has been waiting for Zach to return ever since he left with Aquarius.

She was standing by the window and looking back at the door whenever someone passed through the hallway.

Aria was pretending to sleep, but she was awake.

"How long are you going to wait for him? He might not return until the morning, you know?" Aria remarked. "Get some sleep."

Aurora sat on the bed, but her gaze was still fixated on the door.

Suddenly, she received a message from Zach.

Aurora hesitantly opened it and sighed after reading it.

"Is it from Zach?" Aria asked with a curious look on her face. "What does it say?"

"He is saying that he is going to spend the night with Aquarius," Aurora stated.

"You know what that means, right? They are going to do it..." Aria raised her brows and looked at Aurora's face to see her reaction.

"Are you angry?" she asked.

Aurora shook her head but didn't say anything.

"Are you disappointed?" Aria asked.

"No. I already gave him the permission," Aurora replied with a shrug.

"Oh!"

However, Aria looked disappointed.

Aurora noticed it and asked with a smirk on her face: "What about you? You look disappointed."

Aria's face flushed for a second, but she shook her head and said, "I am not."

"Why not? Just admit that you love him. I mean, you are a goddess, and he is a god. Also, you have are bound by a contract."

"You also have a master and servant relationship," Aurora added with a smirk. She wanted Aria to confess her love for Zach, but that wasn't going to happen.

"You are also technically his wife. And I am his nothing. We are basically still friends."

Aria covered herself with a blanket and curled up on the bed after saying, "You are mistaken!"

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The first thing Aurora and Aria did after waking up in the morning was to rush to Aquarius' room, which was right above their room.

When they reached Aquarius' room, they were stopped by the female guards.

"Princess is sleeping at this moment," one guard said.

"You cannot enter until the princess wakes up," the other guard said.

"..."

"..."

Aurora and Aria glanced at each other and nodded.

Aria stepped forward and said with a proud face: "Do you know who I am?"

"You are our guest?" the guard replied.

"Yes. But do you know what status I hold?" Aria said with an even more smug look on her face. She was trying to make herself look arrogant on purpose.

"You are... umm... The champion's wife..." the guard responded.

"Indeed," Aria smirked. "And what is the champion to the princess Aquarius?"

"She is going to be his wife soon..." the guard replied.

"Exactly. And what does that make me?" Aria asked with a proud look on her face.

"Umm..." both female guards glanced at each other as though they couldn't understand what Aria was getting at.

Aria sighed and said, "My husband will become the king when he marries the princess Aquarius, right?"

The guards nodded in response.

"So if he is going to be the king, what does that make me, the first wife?"

"The... queen..."

"Now, you won't dare to upset your future queen, would you?" Aria said with a smirk on her face.

The guards' faces turned pale as they started trembling.

"We apologize for our behavior," they both bowed down and stepped aside.

Aurora raised her brows at Aria and thought, 'I am honestly impressed. But I still can't get used to her. I liked America more. She was cute and docile. While Aria is... well.... The type of girl Zach likes.'

'But still, these guards don't have a backbone. If it was my palace, my guards wouldn't let anyone enter my room, not even my father.'

"Now, let us enter or..." Aria furrowed her brows at the guards and continued, "I will remember your faces and punish you when I become the queen."

They both gulped down and opened the door of Aquarius' room.

Then, Aurora, Aria, and the two guards entered the room and walked to the bed, only to see Aquarius sleeping naked with her body on top of Zach. However, their body was covered with a blanket.

The two guards covered their mouths with horrified looks on their faces.

'Judging by their expression, it doesn't seem like these two knew about it,' Aurora thought to herself.

Aurora walked forward and shook the bed with a kick. But neither of them opened their eyes.

She clapped her hands, cleared her throat, and tried various other things to wake them up, but nothing happened.

Annoyed, she pulled off the blanket, but she covered them a second later after realizing both of them were naked.

However, they woke up because of that.

Aquarius was the first to wake up. She opened her eyes and stared at Aria, Aurora, and the two guards for a few seconds before realizing what was going on.

She sat up on the bed, revealing her breasts, but she covered them with a blanket.

"Good.. morning..." She greeted them with an awkward smile on her face.

Aurora ignored Aquarius and moved her gaze to Zach, who was staring at the ceiling with a confused look on his face.

Then, Zach glanced at Aurora and said, "Why are you standing?" He patted on the bed and said, "Come. Let's sleep a little more."

Aurora raised her brows and said, "I think it's time for you to wake up."

"Why are you... Argh!" Zach sat up on the bed and held his head in his hand.

"Argh!" he grunted in pain.

"Are you okay?" Aurora and Aquarius asked with a concerned look on their faces.

"Yeah... it's... the headache is back again..."

Aquarius looked at her guards and said, "Take him to the royal bathhouse and give him the elixir."

One guard nodded, but the other guard kept staring at Zach and Aquarius with a horrified look on her face.

"And don't tell anyone about this, especially daddy," Aquarius added.

"But we have to report everything to the king!" the guard retorted.

Aquarius knitted her brows and said, "If you tell him, then I will also tell him what you two were doing that night."

The guards' faces turned pale as they nodded violently.

"We will keep our mouth shut," they said in unison.

"Good."

A week ago, the two guards skipped their duty and entered Aquarius' room instead of guarding it from the outside. Then, they got on the couch and started making out with each other.

Aquarius didn't notice it until she heard moans and saw the two guards having sex.

"..."

"..."

Aurora and Aria watched Aquarius as she dealt with the guard.

'She looked kind and innocent, but she also turned out to be the type of girl Zach likes,' Aurora thought to herself. 'I should be careful of her. She has already started to replace me. She is a princess, the only heir, next to be the queen, and... she even did it with Zach.'

Aquarius tapped on Zach's back and said, "Go with my guards. They will give you the cure for the headache."

Zach nodded and kissed Aquarius on the lips, leaving everyone in the room surprised.

Zach opened his menu and conjured his clothes on his body before removing the blanket from his body.

Then, he got off the bed and hugged Aurora.

"Good morning..."

"Good morning..." Aurora reluctantly greeted back.

Zach then kissed Aurora on the lips and left Aquarius' room with the guards.

Now, only Aquarius, Aria, and Aurora were in the room.

Aria and Aurora were glaring at Aquarius as though a hunter looked at its prey.

Aquarius glanced back and forth between Aurora and Aria and started squirming.

"Don't worry. We are not angry," Aurora stated. "But we want to know the details."

"Umm... shall we talk about it while taking a bath?" Aquarius suggested with an awkward smile on her face.

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Aquarius got off the bed, but she didn't let go of the blanket. She covered her body with half of the blanket and dragged the rest with her to the bathroom.

Aurora followed Aquarius while Aria stayed behind to confirm something. She looked at the bedsheet and smiled inwardly before catching up with Aurora and Aquarius.

Aurora and Aria wrapped the towel around their body and got into the hot spring while Aquarius went naked.

"You two should take off the towel too. We are all girls here, so no need to be shy," Aquarius suggested.

"No, I am good," Aria replied.

"Yeah, I am fine too," Aurora nodded.

"Okay..." Aquarius said with a disappointed look on her face.

She was feeling out of place, and she wanted Aurora and Aria to accept her as one of them, but Aquarius knew it would take some time.

It was too sudden for them.

"So..." Aurora glanced at Aquarius from the corners of her eyes and said, "Tell me the details."

"Well..." After a brief pause, she smiled wryly and said, "Nothing happened."

"..."

'I knew it!' Aria uttered inwardly. 'I didn't see any bloodstains on the bedsheet.'

"What?!" Aurora exclaimed. She was genuinely disappointed after knowing that staying in a girl's room at night, on the same bed, naked while hugging each other, and doing nothing was the same as an insult.

Aurora was angry and upset because Zach didn't do anything to Aquarius.

As a girl, Aurora could feel how disheartened Aquarius was.

"I want you to know that I allowed him to do whatever he wanted with other girls," Aurora stated. "I will talk with him once I see him again."

Even when Aquarius was her rival in love, she felt sorry for her.

"No, it's fine. And it's not like he wasn't trying to... you know... we were going to do it. But he started feeling weird and ended up passing out in my arms," Aquarius asserted.

However, that wasn't the only reason.

Zach had awakened his soul power just a day before that. After that, he participated in the event and fought with Starlord, who pushed Zach to his limits.

Then, he was under the aphrodisiac effect, which made him lose the sense of thinking, but he still managed to keep himself sane.

Zach was still suffering from that side effect.

Not only that, Zach fought with Maxim and ended up using all of his MP.

After that, Aquarius took Zach to the Sea Temple, where he exposed himself from the supreme power: the Sea Goddess.

Also, there was that weird happening where his soul's soul had gone into the Sea Goddess.

Right after that, Zach began to have headaches, and he started passing out. And by the time they got back to the palace, his condition had gotten worse.

Of course, he kept quiet about it because he didn't want to worry Aquarius. As a result, he ended up passing out, leaving Aquarius concerned.

SIGH!

Aurora sighed and said, "I honestly don't know what I should say. I was expecting to hear your first night with Zach, and yet, I am kind of relieved that it didn't happen."

Aquarius raised her brows in confusion and said, "Why are you saying it like you two haven't done it with him yet..."

"Because we haven't," Aurora groaned.

"But... I thought you..." Aquarius turned to Aria and said, "Aren't you his wife? Surely, you two would have done something, right?"

"No." Aria shook her head.

"So... I am the only one who has advanced—"

"Don't flatter yourself," Aurora interrupted. "We kiss all the time."

"That's nothing. He has touched and squeezed my bare breasts. Has he squeezed yours?" Aquarius said with a smirk on her face.

"He has!" Aurora retorted and muttered, "Only over the clothes, though."

"He has even seen my full body naked. Has he seen either of yours?" Aquarius smirked wider with a smug look on her face.

After that, Aquarius and Aurora started comparing themselves and thus began the first catfight.

Meanwhile, Aria watched them and wondered, 'Why doesn't he do something with me?'

'I am the one who met him first, but still, he fell in love with Aurora. That was okay because I hadn't really done anything for him. But...'

Aria looked at Aquarius and frowned her face as she thought, 'She only met him yesterday, and yet, they have already done so many things.'

'Am I not attractive?' Aria looked at her chest and uttered inwardly, 'My chest is also bigger than Aurora and Aquarius.'

'So why doesn't he make moves on me? Even though he is my master now, he doesn't give me any orders.'

Aria then remembered her behavior whenever Zach asked something from her.

'Is it because I always cursed him? What if... I act nicer with him? Will he fall in love with me? Will he look and smile at me like he does when he is with Aurora? Will he treat me the same?'

Aria was so lost in her thoughts that she didn't realize she was yearning for Zach's attention and love. Usually, she would have ignored her feelings and shrugged them off, but right now, she was so desperate that she didn't make any excuses.

After taking a bath, they all went to the dining hall and ate breakfast together with Zach, Ruli, Aquitius the sixth, and Rilu.

After that, they spent the entire day and evening strolling around the kingdom.

It was truly a fantastic day for them. It was as though they were on vacation.

After eating dinner together, the three girls, Aquarius, Aurora, and Aria, decided to sleep together in the Aquarius room.

Zach was okay with that because he would get to sleep alone in the bed after a long time.

Zach was on his way to the room when he remembered the conversation he had with the sixth after they came back from the sightseeing.

Zach mentioned Minum's dead body, to which the sixth responded that he wasn't the one who did that.

The player's name tag turned purple if they had killed an NPC without commencing a duel.

Zach killed Maxim in a duel, but he killed Minum without commencing a duel and yet didn't get the purple name tag because... Minum hadn't died.

However, when Zach realized that, it was already too late.

Chapter 137

A while ago, Zach, Aurora, Aria, Aquarius, Aquitius the sixth, Rilü, and Ruli were eating dinner in the dining hall.

All of them were busy eating, and no one was saying anything except Aurora and Aquarius, who were glaring at each other once in a while.

Aurora was sitting at Zach's left, and Aquarius was sitting at Zach's right.

Zach had already told them to stop when they smeared his face with cake when they tried to feed him. So now, they were glaring at each other, but Aria was glaring at both of them.

"So...." the sixth broke the silence and asked, "When are you leaving?"

Zach raised his brows at the sixth and uttered, "You want us to leave?"

"No. I was just asking." the sixth smiled at Aquarius and said, "It's been a long time since I saw Aquarius smiling like that. So I was curious as to how long you plan on staying here."

"Well, we were about to leave after eating dinner, but the girls made plans to sleep together tonight. So I think we will leave tomorrow morning after eating breakfast," Zach stated in a calm voice.

"Do you have any plans?" Aquarius asked meekly. "If not, then why don't you stay the entire day tomorrow and leave for Atlantis at night?"

"I second that," the sixth quipped. "That kingdom is beautiful at night. And besides, we also need to undo the seal from the scroll."

'I don't really have to do anything tomorrow or the day after tomorrow. The dungeon raid starts in two days.' Zach glanced at Aurora and Aria and wondered, 'We might enjoy this little vacation. Who knows, when will be the next time we get to enjoy our time like this.'

Zach nodded and said, "Okay. But tomorrow is the last day."

Ruli was the first one to finish eating and leave the dining room.

Zach watched her leave and thought, 'She probably hates my guts since I killed her husband and got her entire clan wiped out. But Maxim was abusive towards her, so I am not really sure. Although she hasn't talked to me since then, so...'

After a while, the three girls— Aurora, Aria, and Aquarius left to have their girls talk, sleepover, and pajama party.

Soon after, Rilu left too.

Now, the sixth and Zach were the only ones present in the room.

"Please, take care of my daughter when she joins you on your journey," the sixth said with sincerity in his voice. "I am not saying this as a king, but as a father."

"You don't have to worry about her," Zach sighed and scoffed, "You should worry about me. Handling all of them at once is going to be tough."

"Haha. You have to deal with that, aye," the sixth laughed out loud.

Zach stood up and said, "Alright. I will be leaving too. I am tired of traveling all day."

"Yes."

"Oh. by the way, what did you do with Minum's body?" Zach asked with a curious look on his face.

"When I came back from the arena, it wasn't there. So maybe the guards have taken it down?" "That's the only possibility."

However, that wasn't the case.

When Zach was only on his way to his room, he felt something was off, as though his senses were warning him. But Zach was too exhausted and thought he was simply imagining things.

However, he heard whimpering and muffled screams when he passed by a certain room. They were too low for anyone to notice, and the area was prohibited from entering other than the royal family, so there were many guards around.

Zach heard the noise at first, but he assumed it was due to air as the wind often made such noises. But then, Zach listened to the 'thud' noise, and he was convinced that something was wrong.

He quietly walked to the room without making any noise and placed his ear on the door to listen closely.

Suddenly, his eyes widened as he heard something and kick-opened the door.

There, he saw the face he ever expected to see.

"Minum..."

Minum was pinning down Ruli on the bed, and he was in the middle of ripping her clothes. He had stuffed cloth in Ruli's mouth so she couldn't yell or scream for help.

When Zach opened the door, Minum's gaze turned to the door.

He immediately got off the bed and pulled Rilu close to him. Then, he placed a dagger on Ruli's neck and said with a furious look on his face: "If you come any closer, I will kill her!"

'Now that counts as a duel, right?' Zach raised his hands in the air to show he wasn't holding any weapon.

"I am surprised you are still alive after getting stabbed by thousands of needles," Zach remarked.

"Shut up!" Minum yelled. "I am going to kill you! But first, I will kill her in front of you!" he said as he pressed the dagger against Ruli's neck.

"How about we talk like adults?" Zach suggested. "You don't have to do this."

"Shut up! You killed my brother! My guards! My family! My entire clan! And now, you want to talk like an adult?!" he yelled.

"But you are alive, right?" Zach said in a calm voice. "You can start over. Think about it. You will be the founder of your clan now. You will have the authority and power."

"I already know about that! And I will take over this kingdom! But first, I will kill her!" he shouted. "I was going to kill your bitch wife! But she was protected by the female elite guard! I have been hiding in this palace, looking for a chance to kill all of you. And now, I finally have a chance! I will kill all of you and become—"

Minum suddenly stopped as his head exploded, and his body fell to the ground with a loud thud.

SIGH!

Zach sighed with a scoff and said, "I was just buying time to charge my fingers."

Zach concentrated his MP on one finger and shot at the attack at Minum's head.

Zach looked at Ruli and asked, "Are you okay?"

Ruli dashed at Zach and hugged him with her half-naked body.

"Thank you..."

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The next morning.

Zach opened his eyes and felt as though Aurora was heavier than usual. He was still feeling dizzy and sleepy. But when he looked at his side, all his sleep vanished, and he was wide awake.

Ruli was sleeping naked beside him.

Zach looked under the blanket and saw he was naked too.

"... you have got to be kidding me..." he muttered in disbelief.

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"..."

Zach wished from the bottom of his heart that he woke in a dream, not on the bed beside Ruli, who was also Aquarius' aunt.

'Calm down, Zach. Just because you woke up next to a woman doesn't mean something happened,' Zach uttered to himself.

'Even though you both are naked and hugging each other...' he added with a sigh.

'What time is it? I should get out of here before someone sees us...' Zach glanced at the window and noticed it was already morning.

Sure, the sunlight couldn't reach deep within the Sea, but the Sea had its own time.

Zach wanted to turn Ruli to the side without waking her up, but of course, she woke up.

At first, she was surprised as Zach, but the more she looked at Zach's face, she remembered everything as her face flushed red.

"....!" Zach Sat up and covered his face with his hands as he yelled inwardly: 'That blushing face is bad news!'

"Umm... thank you for last night..." Ruli said in a meek tone.

Zach looked at Ruli from the corner of his eyes and asked, "You are talking about me saving you, right?"

Ruli nodded in response.

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Rudy sighed in relief after hearing that.

"And also for... what we did after that..." Ruli added.

"Did we... really do it?" Zach asked with an awkward smile on his face.

"You don't remember?"

"It's not that I don't remember, I... argh.." Zach held his head in his hand and muttered, "This headache is killing me. But that's not an excuse."

Zach glanced around the room and said, "Let me recall what happened last night."

Last night, after Zach blasted Minum's head to save Ruli, Zach said he could call guards for help. But, Rilu hugged Zach and didn't let go of him.

It was at this moment when Zach became a little horny. Ruli was half-naked, and her clothes were ripped apart from the right places, making her look hot and sexy.

Of course, Zach knew how to abstain. So he gently pushed Ruli back and made some distance between them.

"I should go," he then said.

But Ruli hugged him from behind and said, "I am scared. Can't you stay for a while until I fall asleep?"

Zach wanted to get out of there as soon as possible because he didn't know how long he would be able to abstain. But he couldn't leave Ruli like that. She was about to get r*ped by her own brother-in-law.

If Zach hadn't saved her or had been a little late or early when he passed through the hallway, who knew what might have happened.

Zach closed the door and agreed to stay with Ruli until she fell asleep.

However, things went sideways.

Ruli kept hugging and pressing her body against Zach, and Zach could barely abstain.

In truth, he had been horny after his fling with Aquarius on the night of her birthday. Then, he couldn't do it last night because he passed out. So, Zach's control meter broke.

Of course, he didn't make any moves on Ruli, but Ruli did.

She kissed him on the lips and started taking off her ripped clothes.

Zach wanted to stop her, but the lust got the best of him.

"Alright..." Zach nodded and said, "I remember everything now. In short, I was seduced by you."

Ruli squirmed and asked, "Was I good?"

Zach face-palmed himself and thought, 'Even though I was able to withstand the aphrodisiac effect, I couldn't resist the charm of a milf.'

Zach got off the bed and said, "We will talk about this later. But first, I have to go before someone sees me."

Zach removed the blanket, and he was about to get off when he caught a glimpse of something.

There was a bloodstain on the bedsheet.

Zach's face turned pale after seeing that.

"Is that... what I think it is?" Zach asked with a curious and anxious look on his face.

Ruli nodded her head in response.

"But... wait a minute..." Zach raised his brows and asked, "But you were married..."

"How long has it been since you got married?" Zach asked.

"Fifteen years..." Ruli replied. "And... three months?"

"So you are saying that in those 15 years.... Your husband never touched you?" Zach asked with a judging look on his face.

Ruli shook her head and said, "No."

"Why?!" Zach exclaimed. "You are so hot that I can... I mean... I could do you all day and night. What was wrong with Maxim?"

"Well..." Ruli averted her gaze and said, "He was... into males.."

"Oh! Oh. Oh... kay..." Zach pondered for a while and said, "That's perfectly fine. Even I know some of my classmates who are like that. But I don't understand why he tried to kill me if he didn't... I mean... if he wasn't close to you?"

"Your marriage was a political marriage, right?" Zach asked.

Ruli nodded and said, "Most likely, he planned to immobilize you in the fight and then r*pe you."

"..." Zach froze after hearing that. "I don't want to say it, but I will say that I am glad I killed him."

Zach sat on the bed to get his thoughts straight.

"So... in other words, I took your V-card... right?" And... you are also Aquarius' aunt. And Aquarius is my future wife, so that makes you my... aunt-in-law."

Zach rubbed his hand on his face and muttered, "This is so messed up. Why do I have bad luck with aunts?"

Ruli rubbed her hand on Zach's back and said, "It's okay. I am not asking you to take responsibility or something. I am just glad that I got to do it with you."

Zach looked at Ruli's naked body and sighed. "You are truly so hot. And you look a lot like Aquarius, but a mature version of her."

After that, they both got dressed up and made their way to the dining hall where the rest of the family was waiting for them.

Chapter 139

Zach entered the dining hall and bumped into Aquarius.

"Oh! You are here," she said with a smile on her face. "I sent guards to wake you up, but they said you weren't responding. So I thought I should check up on you since... You know, it's not appropriate for guards to enter someone's room without permission. But now that you are here, let's eat breakfast."

"Yeah..." Zach averted his gaze and thought, 'I can't even look her in the eyes.'

"Where were you, by the way?" she asked.

"I was... having trouble waking up..."

Zach walked to the dining table and noticed the sixth and Rilu weren't there.

"Where did your father go?" he asked as he sat on the chair beside Aurora.

"He is busy with his... well... Kingly duty and mama went for the tea party with her friends," Aquarius answered.

"I see..."

Aurora was staring at Zach with a curious look on her face as though she was seeking attention.

"Good morning!" she said in a loud voice.

"Don't yell. My head is still aching..." Zach said in a low voice.

"I am sorry I..." Aurora tried to apologize, but Zach stopped her by stuffing the bread in her mouth.

Zach then looked at Aria with a smile on his face and said, "Good morning, my dear wife."

Aria stared at Zach with a confused look on her face. She thought she was hearing things.

She averted her face to the side and thought, 'Only if you greeted me like that every morning.'

After a few more minutes, when they were eating breakfast, Zach asked, "So, what did you girls do last night?"

"We played games," Aquarius answered.

"And we also decided our plans," Aurora replied.

"What plans?" Zach asked with a curious look on his face.

"Aquarius is going to join us after two months, so I am going to take a note of all the beautiful places in the game and take her there to show the beautiful scenery of that world," Aurora replied with a grin on her face.

Zach knitted his brows at Arora and said, "Isn't that my job?"

"Hehe," Aurora giggled. "Aquarius and I have become best friends now."

"So you two are going to team up and then gang up on me now?" Zach scoffed.

"Not two, but we three," Aquarius quipped. "Why are you not counting your wife?"

'I don't think she wants to be included,' Zach thought and glanced at Aria, who seemed interested in that. 'Okay...'

"Aria is my wife, so of course, she would be on my side," Zach remarked and glanced at Aria. "Right, my dear wife?"

Aria shrugged her shoulders and said, "It depends."

As they were all eating, Ruli walked in and sat in front of Zach.

"Hey, there, Aunt Ruli~" Aquarius greeted her and served her breakfast. "You are late today. Were you mourning for your dead husband all night?"

'She was celebrating it,' Zach uttered inwardly.

Ruli smiled at Zach with a flushed face and said, "I was having trouble waking up."

'Don't use the same excuse as mine! And don't say it while looking at me like that!' Zach yelled inwardly.

At first, Zach and Ruli were going to enter the dining hall at the same time, but Ruli suggested they shouldn't go together or the others might find it suspicious.

Of course, Zach thought about it too, but he didn't mind it. He had decided to tell the girls about last night anyway. But Ruli asked him not to tell them until tomorrow.

Apparently, there was a custom in the Sea Realm about the newly widows. Ruli didn't want her image to be defiled in her sister— the queen's eyes.

After eating breakfast, Aurora, Aria, and Aquarius stood up and prepared to leave.

"Wait, where are you guys going?" Zach asked while taking large bites to finish his breakfast so he could go together with them.

Aurora pointed her finger at Aquarius and said, "Aquarius has planned a tea party with her friends. So... we are going to have some 'girl' time."

"..." Zach stared at Aurora in disbelief and then turned to Aquarius to say something, but he sighed and stopped himself.

"Can we go?" Aquarius asked.

"If you have already made plans, I guess you should go," Zach sighed.

"Thank you!" Aquarius, Aurora, and Aria left, leaving Ruli and Zach alone.

Zach didn't stop them because Aurora was looking forward to it.

Maybe hanging out with Aquarius, who was a princess, reminded Aurora of her palace and lifestyle?

Zach leisurely ate the rest of his breakfast and started at Ruli after that.

Ruli caught Zach staring at her, so she asked, "What?"

"I still can't believe that we slept with each other," Zach said with a smile on his face.

"Then..." Ruli looked at Zach with an alluring gaze and said with a flushed face: "Want to do it again?"

"Uhh... are you sure? I am the one who killed your husband and made you a widow, remember?"

"You are the one who freed me from the prison. You are the one who saved me last night. And you are the one who made me realize the pleasure of being a girl." Ruli smiled and said, "You made me fall in love with you."

"..." Zach raised his brows and asked, "Seriously? You fall in love with me because we had sex?"

Ruli shook her head and said, "I fell in love with you at first sight when I saw you at the party."

"Oh?"

"At that time, I didn't know who you were. I didn't even know you were an outsider." After a brief pause, Ruli said, "But then I found out that you were going to be Aquarius' groom."

"I was sad, but I was also happy for Aquarius. Then, I found out that you were already married, so I let my hopes high again," Ruli added with a soft scoff.

"And then you asked me to dance with you?" Zach guessed.

Ruli nodded and said, "You know the rest."

"Well..." Zach pondered for a while and said, "I don't have any plans for today. So I guess.... We can have some fun?"

"Thank you for accepting my offer." Ruli smiled and said, "Please wait for me in my room. I will be there after I finish my breakfast and take a short bath to wash my body."

"I will go take a bath in the meantime too." Zach got up and left the dining hall.

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After taking a short bath, Zach hurried over to Ruli's room and sat on her bed.

He was excited to have a fun time with Ruli.

'Why am I getting excited like a girl on her wedding night?' Zach sighed.

Zach laid on his back and wondered, 'This is okay, right?'

"I didn't do it with Aquarius on the party night because I hadn't talked it out with Aurora. And later that night, I was going to do it with Aquarius when we came back from the Sea Goddess. But I passed out due to my exhaustion."

Zach still felt bad to leave Aquarius hanging like that, but it wasn't something he could control.

"And then I ended up doing it with Ruli," he added. "Although I don't remember everything. But now, I am going to do it again."

'What's with this headache? I have been having them ever since I entered the Sea Realm.' Zach then remembered how his father and masters never took him near the Sea.

"Can there be a reason for this?" Zach asked himself. "Well... if father was having a fling with the current Sea Goddess, that would explain why he didn't want me near the Sea. But what does my headache have to do with it?"

Zach stared at the ceiling for a while and decided to tell Aurora about this before doing it again.

'I just feel like she should know about this.'

Zach sent, [Hey.]

After a few seconds, Aurora replied, [Hello.]

[What are you doing?] Zach asked.

[I am having a tea party.]

[Where are you?] - Zach.

[I told you I am at the tea party.]- Aurora.

[Yeah, but where is the tea party?]- Zach.

[Actually, currently, we are visiting Aquarius' friends' houses. And after meeting all her friends, we are going to take them to the cafe and have a tea party.] - Aurora.

[There... is a cafe here...? I don't remember seeing them when we looked around the kingdom.]- Zach.

[Surprisingly, yes. To be honest, there are many things similar to our real world. It's like they have taken inspiration from there. Besides, this kingdom is so big, and we haven't seen it entirely yet.] - Aurora.

'It should be good now, right?' Zach asked himself.

[Listen, I have something to tell you,] Zach said.

[Can't it wait?]

[I slept with Ruli.]

After that, Aurora didn't respond. Zach waited for a few seconds and sent another message.

[I had sex with her,] he said.

[You had sex with Aquarius' mother?!] Aurora replied with two exclamation marks.

[No. Her name is Rilu. I am talking about Ruli. She is Aquarius' aunt.] -Zach.

After a few seconds, Aurora said, [Tell me the details later.]

[Okay. And one more thing.]

[What? Don't tell me you slept with someone else too...!]

[Uhh.. not exactly. But I am going to have sex with Ruli again. I will probably spend my entire day with her.]

A few more seconds passed, but Aurora didn't say anything. But it showed 'typing', so Zach assumed Aurora was typing something.

'It seems that she is writing something big,' Zach thought and patiently waited for Aurora's reply.

[Okay.]

"..."

[You were typing for one minute and only sent 'Okay'? Are you angry or something?] Zach asked with an anxious look on his face.

[No. But the girls keep asking me what I am talking about. I am not telling Aria and Aquarius. That's your job to tell them. But I will let you know when we are on our way back to the palace. So if possible, complete your business with Ruli by then.]

[...] Zach sent three dots in response.

[What's wrong? Do you want more time? We will be back by evening. Also, we are eating lunch outside. So that's like 6-7 hours. Surely, you can't do it straight for 7 hours, right?] she asked.

Zach scoffed and replied, [It depends on the girl. Ruli is hot as hell, so I can do her all night, to be honest.]

[What about me? How long would you last with me?]

[How about you guess it?]

[10 hours?] Aurora guessed.

[You should add two more zeros.]

[There is no way you can last that long! That's like 41 days!]

[I am joking. But I will make you satisfied until you say, 'Let's take a break.']

[Bye.]

"..." Zach raised his brows and thought, 'I wasn't being creepy, was I?'

Zach closed his menu and then closed his eyes.

He imagined a future with Aurora and the rest of the girls, where they all were together, smiling and happy as though they had no worries in their lives.

Zach opened his eyes with a slight smile on his face and muttered, "That's enough motivation for me to beat this game and get them out of here."

"You look cute when you smile," someone said to Zach.

Zach sat up in surprise and glanced around to see Ruli was standing in front of him.

He sighed in relief and asked, "When did you come?"

"When you were smiling with your eyes closed," Ruli replied with a smile on her face. "What were you thinking of?"

"Umm.. a life goal...?" Zach replied with a scoff. "I never had a life goal until now. But now I do, and I will make sure I achieve it."

Ruli was wearing transparent lingerie, but her body was covered with a towel as though she was embarrassed to show it to Zach.

"Come on. I already saw your naked body last night and this morning. Why are you ashamed now?" he asked.

"You won't believe me, but you are the only one who has seen my entire naked body. I grew up with my sister, but I haven't shown my naked body to her either," Ruli responded in a calm voice with a flushed face.

"I am... thrilled to know that." Zach got up from the bed and removed the towel from Ruli's body, revealing her mature beauty.

"How do I look?" she asked.

Zach pointed his gaze down at his little brother, who got hard upon seeing Ruli.

"Do I need to say anything?" Zach remarked with a grin.

"Umm... I know this is late, but.. Be gentle..."

Zach pulled Ruli close to him and kissed her on the lips.