GODS' IMPACT 181

Chapter 181

'I thought I was strong. I thought I had a major advantage over the other players. But I guess I was able to make it till here because of my gloves.'

Zach looked at his gloves and thought, 'They gave me unimaginable strength, but now I realized I am nothing without them.'

"Father, why did you make these gloves?" Zach murmured. "You gave it to Xie Lua. Mom also asked Xie Lua for help. It's as though you both know this was going to happen."

"I found it strange when I wore the gloves for the first time. It fit me perfectly, and its benefits were weird too. But these gloves were... they are perfect for me. Perfect for a cultivator class."

If Zach wasn't a cultivator, he wouldn't have the advantage of cultivating infinite MP. And if he didn't have infinite MP, he wouldn't be able to use the gloves as he was.

If his MP was also limited by his stats like all the other players, he would run out of MP within a few seconds if he used the gloves.

Why was everything connected to each other? Was it simply a coincidence? Or was Zach thrown into a death game, knowing well what would happen to him?

In any case, even with all his advantages and benefits, Zach was currently feeling helpless.

His gloves started pulsating even louder as the time limit reached closer. It sounded as though the cloves were alive.

"Argh!" Zach let out a loud groan in frustration and clapped his hands together.

The magic store in his gloves was released on impact, and it formed a sonic wave that sent his surroundings flying.

Luckily, the wave was directed towards the monster in the front, so it didn't affect the other players. But the rocks and ground near him were razed by the high force emitted from his gloves.
However, the monster didn't even budge an inch.
It wasn't as though Zach's sonic wave attack didn't affect the monster. It depleted over 10,000 of its HP, but that was just a fraction of its total HP.
The soul eater was holding its ground using his thousands of legs, making itself impossible to move by others.
The soul eater charged up its mouth to fire another light beam.

He prepared himself to absorb the attack again.

"Aria, take Victoria away from here!" Zach shouted. "And protect her at all costs!"

"Watch out! It's going to fire another light beam!" Zach yelled and warned all the players.

Zach thought the monster was going to attack him, but why would it attack him knowing well that he would absorb its attack again?

The monster fired the light beam at the defenseless guild members who were running here and there to save their lives.

Everything was disorienting.

There was no coordination and formation within the guild members. Everyone was trying to save their own skin without caring about the rest of their guildmates.

Zach rushed towards the light beam to absorb it so he could save the players from getting hit by the light beam. 'It's a duty of the strong to protect the weak.' Zach's father's words rang in his mind. "Shut up, father! I am busy here!" Zach jumped in front of the light beam and began absorbing it. However, the soul eater kept shooting the light beam without any breaks. Zach's gloves reached their absorbing limit and exploded, making a sonic wave explosion. Zach was sent flying to the other side of the floor, but the monster didn't stop firing the light beam. The light beam killed 300 more players. "Munbeta!" Cindy yelled when she looked at Munbeta, whose half body was razed by the light beam in the process of trying to protect Cindy. Cindy rushed to Munbeta and placed his head on her lap. "Munbeta!" she yelled while crying. "Cin...dy..." Munbeta barely opened his eyes and uttered, "I... am sorry..." "What are you apologizing for, idiot?! You saved me!" Cindy glanced around her and yelled, "Healers! Healers! I need help!"

"It... was me..." Munbeta muttered. "Even though we were dating, you never let me touch you. You

even limited the kisses."



His HP slowly increased and healed to max after a few seconds.
Munbeta slowly opened his eyes and looked at Cindy.
"I am alive?" he stuttered in surprise.
"Of course, you are, you dummy!" Cindy hugged Munbeta tightly and rejoiced.
"But I I did something terrible to you" Munbeta muttered. "I don't deserve you"
Cindy looked into Munbeta's eyes and said, "Yes! You took my innocence, so now, you will have to take responsibility!"
"Does thatmean?" Munbeta couldn't dare to complete his sentence. He didn't want to get ahead of himself and assume things, only to be disappointed later.
"Yes, you dummy." Cindy nodded and said, "I still love you!"
"Cindy"
Munbeta and Cindy brought their faces together and kissed, or they would have if they weren't obliterated by the light beam.
Munbeta, Cindy, and 200 more players died in that attack.
Chapter 182 Zach opened his eyes and found himself buried under the rocks and a wall.

His vision was red and blurry, but he glanced around and saw the destruction the soul eater had caused.

It was unreal.

Zach couldn't believe his eyes, and he couldn't comprehend how a level 150 boss could be that strong.

Sure, it was supposed to be strong. But the disparity between the boss of floor 50 (level 100) and floor 75 (level 150) was too much.

Zach's vision finally got cleared, and he could see the destruction clearly, but that didn't make him feel better.

Zach looked at his body and noticed he was missing his lower body. He was bleeding nonstop, and his HP was depleting continuously.

The explosion from his gloves did more damage to him than the light beam would have.

Because of the latest update, players could now feel the pain until they got healed. Not only that, they could die from intense pain and blood loss.

Zach was going through all that, but he felt guilty about the deaths of the guild members.

'More than 1000 guild members died within three minutes...'

"I was supposed to solo the boss yet...." Zach looked at the scene and saw the remaining guild members screaming in pain for help. They were running all around the floor to save themselves from the monster.

He looked at the remains of the corpses of the players and gazed upon the bodies of the players who were injured and bleeding. If it was anyone other than Zach with his injury, they would have died instantly. But Zach's physique helped him reduce the damage from the explosion.

The monster wasn't even moving from its place. It was simply shooting a light beam to annihilate everyone.

'Is... it my... fault?' Zach asked himself.

It wasn't his fault. If Zach hadn't participated in the dungeon expedition, the guild members would still have entered floor 75 to fight the boss, and the outcome would have been the same. Even Victoria's life would have been in danger if Aria wasn't with her.

After watching the scene, Zach lowered his gaze in shame as a thought crossed his mind.

"If floor 75 has such an unbeatable boss... I can't fathom the power of the boss of the floor 100."

Zach glanced at the edge of the floor and saw Victoria dashing at the soul eater with a sword in her hand. She felt despair after losing all her guild members, which she took responsibility for protecting. They were here to level up, not to die.

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Zach tried to move, but of course, he couldn't move without his legs and ended up falling to the sides.

His limbless body rolled on the floor and stopped after hitting a big rock.

'With the rate my HP is depleting... it will hit 0 HP within 100 seconds.'

Zach glanced around with his eyes and saw Aria was running after Victoria to stop her. However, she stopped when she caught a glimpse of Zach, and her face turned pale.

Aria rushed to Zach, but Zach shook his head and pointed his gaze at Victoria.

After seeing that, she felt as though her heart was stabbed with thousands of needles.

The love of her life was severely injured in front of her eyes, and yet she couldn't go and help him because she had promised to protect Victoria. Zach closed his eyes, and Aurora's face flashed before his eyes. He remembered his promise to her. He imagined what would and could happen if he died. Firstly, he would die in the real world too. Ezra and Zoe would get to know about his death, and they would mourn for him. Then the news would go to Aurora if Aria told her, and she would cry too. She might even kill herself after finding out since that's what she tried to do when she lost hope in living. After that, Aquarius and Ruli would get to know about that. Zach didn't want any of that to happen. He wanted to stay alive and live for himself and his loved ones. Zach had a reason to survive. At the same time, Zach heard a notification and the voice ringing in his mind. [The dragon egg has been hatched!] Zach slowly opened his eyes and saw a prompt on the screen that said: [Do you want to open the egg now?] [Yes] [No.] Zach slowly raised his hand and moved it to tap on [yes]. Zach was blinded by the light, but the next time he opened them, he saw a newborn dragon staring right at him.

However, its size was the size of an adult human arm.

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[You look in a terrible state, Master,] the dragon said. However, it was speaking directly into Zach's mind.
'I am having trouble speaking. Can you hear my voice through telepathy?' Zach asked in a low voice.
[I can.]
Zach had received telepathy as a benefit of Aria's blessings, but it only worked with Aria as long as she was in his sight. However, it could evolve and make it possible for Zach to use it on other people too.
It worked on Aria because they had a master-servant contract, and Zach and the dragon had the same pact. That was the reason why Zach could use telepathy with the dragon.
[You should get yourself healed, or you will die at this rate.]
'I know'
The dragon heard the commotion, so it looked at its right to see the soul eater.
[What why is it here?] The dragon was visibly shaken after seeing the soul eater, as though it already knew it.
'Do you know that monster?'
[It is not a monster, it's an abomination]
'I can't count how many times I have heard that word before'

[This monster is known as a world eater, or some might refer to it as a realm eater,] the dragon stated. [It is born from the cosmic energy in the universe, and its existence is to devour everything, even the world order itself. It can eat an entire realm within seconds.]
'So even the name of the monster is false in this game' After a brief pause, Zach said, 'It seems that I underestimated gods' hate. They are trying to perish us for good.'
[I would have provided assistance, but I am not ready yet,] the dragon said in a disdainful tone.
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[Master, do you have MP to spare?]
'I do'
Zach had 11,000 MP left.
[Can you pour some MP inside me?]
Zach slowly moved his hand and pressed his finger on the dragon's body. He poured 500 MP into the dragon and waited for something to happen.
[I can feel my power rising, but it's not enough. I will need time to grow my body.]
'How much time?'

[A few weeks...]

Zach stared at the scene as his HP got closer to 0.

Out of a sudden, an idea crossed Zach's mind. He turned to the dragon and asked, 'Can I pour my MP into any beast?'
[I am not sure, but most likely yes since we beast feed on power too,] the dragon replied in a hushed voice.
'I don't know if this would work or not, but it's worth trying. It's not like I have any choice here'
Zach opened his inventory and selected the red core he had gotten after defeating the secret boss—Lord Abomination.
[Master this core is]
Zach placed his hand on the core and released 500 MP inside it, but nothing happened.
[Process failed!]
[2 attempts left!]
'Why did it fail?' Zach wondered.
[Master, trying releasing more MP,] the dragon suggested.
Zach released 1000 MP, but nothing happened.
[Process failed!]
[1 attempt left!]

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Annoyed and frustrated, Zach released all his remaining MP into the monster core, and he heard a voice in his head saying:

[Congratulations! Your skill 'Tamer' has been evolved into 'Necromancer!']

In Gods' Impact, players got skills based on their talents and requirements to achieve them. Zach had gotten the tamer skill when he took the dragon as his pet.

And now, he used a technique on the core that evolved his Tamer skill into Necromancer.

Zach's HP had reached two digits, and it was depleting at a fast speed.

He closed his eyes and gathered his strength to utter a word:

"...Arise..."

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Zach opened his eyes and found himself on Aria's lap.

Both Victoria and Aria had tears in their eyes, and they hugged Zach when they noticed he was awake.

Zach looked at his body and saw he was fully healed. He glanced at Aria and asked, "Did you heal me?"

Aria nodded and said, "Yes. When I told Victoria about you, we both rushed at you to help you."

"...." Zach wanted to enjoy the softness of Aria's thighs, but he sat up and asked, "What happened? Where is the boss?"

Victoria pointed her gaze behind Zach and said, "You saved us all."

Zach looked back and saw the soul eater was dead, and the Lord Abomination was eating it.

"...it worked...?" Zach muttered. "But how did a level 100 boss defeat a level 150 boss?"

Lord Abomination's true strength was sealed by the gods when Zach had fought it. But now, Zach had unleashed its true power.

The lord abomination's size was the same, but instead of its original lava color, it was now black colored. Its fire was black, and its eyes were golden which represented Zach's soul powers.

Zach's tamer skill didn't evolve only because he tried to revive the core, but it also evolved because he had awakened his soul power.

The necromancer skill used soul powers to connect with the core directly so it could later use his MP without any direct contact.

'Did its fire change to black because of the concentrated fire?' Zach wondered as he looked at the lord abomination's new form.

The normal color of Zach's fire sword was orange. It changed to red when 1000 MP was released, purple when 5000 MP was released, and black when 10,000 MP was released.

However, Zach wasn't sure if that was the reason why the abomination's fire had turned black.

'I didn't even have 10,000 MP since I used 500 on the dragon and a few more on the core.'

[Master, I know this is not the right time. But may I request something?] the dragon asked.

Zach glanced around to find where the dragon was, and it was on Zach's lap.

"You are so light that I didn't even notice when you got here," Zach scoffed with a sigh. He nodded and said, "What do you want to ask me?"

The dragon squirmed and asked, "Can I also eat the realm eater? It will help me grow faster."

"Sure." Zach shrugged his shoulders with a grin on his face and said, "It's not like it matters now."

The dragon jumped from Zach's lap and flapped its wings to fly, but its wings hadn't developed enough, so it couldn't fly. It jumped and walked to the soul eater and started eating it.

When Zach moved his gaze from the dragon to Aria and Victoria, he found them looking at him with an anxious look on their faces.

"What ... ?"

"I know you were talking with the dragon, but it felt weird seeing you talk with yourself," Aria remarked with a grin on her face.

Zach looked at Victoria and then the destruction behind her.

"This shouldn't have happened...." Zach muttered.

Victoria realized what Zach was thinking. She knew Zach was somewhat blaming himself for the tragedy even though he knew it wasn't his fault. Part of it was because he didn't want Victoria to blame herself.

After Zach revived Lord abomination using his newly evolved skill— Necromancer, Zach passed out.

When Aria and Victoria saw Zach, his HP was almost 0.

If it wasn't for Aria's quick thinking, even in a dire time, Zach could have lost his life.

When Aria realized that, she couldn't help but feel hopeless.

What would she say to Aurora, who was waiting for him to come back from the dungeon raid? Who was supposed to get married?

What would she say to Aquarius and Ruli, who was waiting for his return after two months?

Zach had made so many promises to his loved one, and Aria would be blamed because Zach would have died in her presence.

Of course, Zach would have hated that, and he would never want his harem to fight.

Just like that, all the guild members who died on the floor 75th had their own life. They had also made promises to their loved ones. And they all died.

Victoria felt responsible for all of their deaths, but Aria talked her out of it and explained to her how it wasn't in her, Zach, or anyone's control.

"It wasn't as though they died because they were weak; they died because the boss was too strong," she had said.

Zach clenched his fists and muttered something under his breath with a furious look on his face.

"What was that?" Aria asked. "I want you to share your anger with me."

"The soul eater's real name was world eater. It can literally devour realms within seconds," Zach asserted. "It was born from the cosmic energy of the universe. The first order power of the infinity."

Aria slowly raised her brows, and the expression on her face turned from normal to furious. She frowned her face and said, "There is no way that's possible."
"Oh?" Zach glanced at Aria with a judging look on his face and uttered, "You are a goddess, so you must also know about it."
He squinted his eyes and asked, "Why didn't you recognize it?"
"That's because it's not one," Aria replied.
"How can you be so sure?" Zach asked with a curious yet calm look on his face.
After a brief silence, Aria opened her mouth to say, "Because I am the one who created the world eater And I know what they look like."
"!"
Aria was a goddess of death and destruction, so it was pretty evident that only she could create a monster able to cause such destruction.
"Then why did the dragon tell me that the soul eater was a world eater?" Zach wondered with a confused look on his face. "I highly doubt she was lying; she has no reason to."
Aria shook her head and said, "I don't think she was lying. But I think I know why she called the boss world eater."
"Why?"

"There are chances that the 12 gods tried to copy my creation and created a soul eater based on it," Aria exclaimed with a frowned face. "They copied its power and everything, but since the original world eaters still exist, they couldn't name it the same. Hence, they named it soul eater."

"Wait eaters? As in plural?"
Aria nodded and said, "I think I created seven of them."
"!"
"But don't worry, they are in a deep slumber after my exile from the heavens," Aria reassured.
Zach pondered for a while and asked, "What are the chances that the gods can take over them?"
"None. I have created them, and they only obey me," Aria asserted nonchalantly. "Even if I lose all my powers, they will still obey me."
Zach sighed in relief and uttered, "That's good news."
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Zach turned to Victoria and asked, "How many guild members died?"
"1253," Victoria replied in a disdainful tone. "969 remained, from which 362 were badly injured. It took time, but everyone was healed."
Zach nodded after hearing that and glanced around, but he could only see a few players.
"So they retreated after the floor was cleared?" Zach asked.
"Yeah. I think they are traumatized. I doubt they would even hold a sword in their hands now," Victoria sighed.
"Yeah"

Victoria grabbed Zach's hand and hugged him. She sniffed and said, "Thank you for saving us all."
"It was just a dumb luck." Zach hugged Victoria back and said, "All of us could have died."
"Let's go back now," Victoria said.
"No" Zach placed his hands on Victoria's shoulders and said, "I am going to clear all 100 floors."
"That's impossible at our current level!" Victoria retorted. "It's a stupid move."
"I I want to complete what I came here for. I want to fulfill my commitment, and you know I never back off my commitments," Zach asserted in a solemn voice.
"Now is not the time for all that! You nearly died on this floor! How do you expect to clear the 100th floor? The boss will be crazy strong, you know?!" Victoria yelled vigorously with a concerned look on her face.
"Whatever you say, I am not changing my mind," Zach uttered with a straight face.
"Oh, come on!" Victoria groaned loudly. "Why can't you just listen to me for once?!"
"I am not asking you to come with me" Zach looked past Victoria's shoulder and said, "You all should retreat."
Victoria knew Zach wouldn't listen to her, so she turned to Aria and said, "Aria, you smack some sense in his brain."
"I am going with him," Aria uttered nonchalantly with a straight face.
"" Victoria shook her head in disbelief and let out a weary sigh.

"No, you are not." Zach turned to Aria and said, "You are also retreating with them."
Aria raised her brow at Zach and asked with a knowing look on her face: "Do you plan to clear up to floor 100 by yourself?"
"I know this sounds extremely stupid, but yes," Zach nodded in response.
"Then I am coming with you," Aria said while looking into Zach's eyes.
"Go back to Aurora and tell her—"
Aria interrupted Zach and said, "I was scared when I saw you injured, and I don't want to feel like that again. And I definitely don't want any of the girls to feel the same. I want to be with you until the very end!"
"!"
"I would rather die with you than spend my life with the guilt of not being able to save you," she said in a disdainful tone with a dejected look on her face.
"I already lost my sister. I don't want to lose you too" she added in a low voice.
'That's the weirdest love confession I have ever seen' Zach uttered inwardly.
"Are you sure?" Zach asked with a judging look on his face.
"Are you sure?" Zach asked with a judging look on his face. "Yes," Aria nodded.



"" Aria bit her lips and thought, 'Don't make that face. You have no idea how much I love that smile of yours!'
Zach caressed Aria's face and rubbed his thumb on his cheek before asking, "Aria, do you love me?"
Aria's face flushed a little as she nodded and said, "Yes."
"Can you say it?"
After a brief silence, Aria looked into Zach's eyes and said with a smile on her face: "I love you, Zach."
Zach closed his distance from Aria and kissed her on the lips.
Sure, Zach had kissed Aria a couple of times before, but during those kisses, Aria never kissed back. She simply let Zach kiss her and enjoyed the pleasure.
However, this time, Aria kissed Zach back. Now that all the walls and barriers between them had broken, neither of them had any need to hold back their feelings for each other.
After one kiss, they both looked into each other's eyes and kissed again. Aria wrapped her hands around Zach's neck and kissed him passionately.
They both played with each other's tongues and exchanged their salivas.
'I am kissing my aunt'
"Ahem!" Victoria cleared her throat to make her presence known.
Zach and Aria stopped kissing and looked at Victoria.

"I can't believe you seriously made her confess her love and started making out in front of your ex." Victoria raised her brows and squinted her eyes before saying, "I am not Aurora, and I definitely don't like this." Zach puckered his lips and moved his face closer to Victoria after saying, "Come here, I can give you one too." Victoria stropped Zach by placing her hand on Zach's lips and said, "No, we can't." "Come on, just one. Please?" Victoria sighed and placed her finger on Zach's lips. Then, she moved her face closer and kissed the finger that was on Zach's lips. The kiss was between the direct and indirect kiss. Victoria's lips did touch Zach's lips, but they couldn't kiss properly because Victoria had placed her fingers on Zach's lips. After a while, Lord Abomination and the dragon approached Zach and stood in front of him. Zach looked into the Abomination's eyes to see if it was hostile or not. Out of a sudden, the Abomination threw something out of its mouth on Zach's lap. "This is ...!" Chapter 185 Lord Abomination threw something out from its mouth on Zach's lap. "This is..." Zach looked at the weirdly shaped thing and muttered, "Is this what I think it is?"

[Indeed,] the dragon said. [This is the core of the world eater.]

Zach inspected the core and uttered, "None of the bosses so far had spawned a core. Now, this makes me wonder if the soul eater was truly supposed to be the level 75th boss..."

"What do you mean?" Victoria asked with a confused look on her face.

"I think Zach wants to say that the boss of this floor was supposed to be something else, but it was replaced by a soul eater by someone." After a brief pause, she added, "Well, in this matter. It was the gods' doing, of course."

"Yeah. I wouldn't be surprised if this boss or floor was supposed to be a secret or bonus floor or something. But since it is still called the 75th floor, there are chances that the soul eater ate the original boss of this floor," Zach asserted.

It took a while for Victoria to process what Zach and Aria told her. And after pondering for a while, she turned to Zach and asked, "Do you think the same would have happened with the floor 100?"

"I don't think so." Aria shook her head and said, "The gods did this on the 75th floor to take the players by surprise. And now that the players are aware of it, it's highly unlikely that they would pull the same move again."

"But then again, we are talking about the petty gods here, so who knows what goes in and out of their brains," Aria added with a scoff.

"Yeah." Zach nodded and said, "To be honest, I don't think anyone in this game made it past the floor 75th. Of course, some would have, but that's when the boss was the original boss, not the soul eater."

"Possible." Victoria pondered for a while and uttered, "So do you think the boss of the 100th floor wouldn't be as hard as the soul eater?"

"There are chances that the gods could pull the same trick again, so I can't be sure about this. But let's go with the 50/50 chance, so we don't get surprised or disappointed by it. But wait"
Zach turned to Victoria and raised his brows as he asked, "Why are you asking all this? Surely, you don't plan to come with us, right?"
Victoria nodded and said, "I am coming with you."
"No, you are not. It's so dangerous!" Zach retorted.
"I can say the same to you. And besides, you don't get to decide what I have to do. You are only a friend of mine," Victoria remarked in an annoyed tone with a furious look on her face.
Even though Victoria said that she didn't truly mean it, she simply found it annoying that Zach didn't listen to her when she was preventing him from proceeding to the next floor. Now, he was expecting Victoria to listen to him.
"Come on, Victoria" Zach groaned with a sigh and said, "Please."
Victoria squinted her eyes at Zach and asked with a judging look on her face, "Did you listen to me when I asked you to retreat?"
"" Zach didn't say anything because he had nothing to say.
"Fair enough." Aria scoffed and said, "I don't see why you don't want Victoria to come with us when there is a high possibility that we wouldn't encounter yet another unbeatable boss again."
After a few seconds, Zach sighed and groaned, "Fine."
"Of course."

"But you will retreat if the floors get difficult, okay?" "If I feel like I can't go further, I will retreat with my guildmates," Victoria nodded in agreement. "Wait, they are coming too?!" Zach exclaimed in shock. "Yes. They are a few of the best players in the guild. I had brought them here as a backup for the emergencies, but the last emergency was more like a..." "Like tragedy..." Zach completed Victoria's sentence. "Yeah..." Victoria muttered in a disdainful tone after remembering the deaths of the guild members. She also remembered Cindy and Munbeta, who constantly fought all the time. "Say, Zach..." Victoria looked at Zach with teary eyes and asked, "Did we avenge them?" "Yeah, we did." Zach pointed his gaze at the soul eater's core and said, "We did." "No, we didn't," Aria quipped and continued, "We didn't avenge them. We didn't avenge anyone. There are hundreds of people dying every day, and it's all those gods' fault. We have to end them before it's too late."

Aria looked at Zach and Victoria with a furious look on her face and said, "That is the true avenge.; that is the true vengeance."

Aria's feelings were mixed regarding the Gods' impact. First, she simply connected her domain with the Gods' impact out of curiosity to see what the gods had done. But then she met Zach, a life, after thousands of years.

Sure, their first meeting didn't go as it should have, considering they were officially lovers now, and Aria was part of his harem.

Aria later managed to get access to the game, but not as a goddess, as a player whose powers were limited by her stats.

Aria had grown weak since her prime after. After the exile, she lost her other half, her sister— Erza, who was life, and death was nothing without life.

Aria slowly lost her powers, but she still had a tremendous amount of power left compared to everyone else. But it wasn't enough.

Aria was in Gods' Impact with 10% of her soul, meaning her power was at 10% than her true powers. And even that 10% of her power was limited by her stats as a character in Gods' Impact.

Now that she had fallen in love with Zach and made a few friends, who were also her first friends in her life, Aria was even more furious at the gods.

She wanted to end all of them for good and undo their creation since she and Erza were the ones who created them in the first place.

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Victoria pointed her hand at her guild members and introduced them.

"There are 60 members, and all of them after above level 50," she said.

Zach looked at them and asked, "What's their classes?"

"10 of them are Healers (evolved to Pope), 10 are Witchers (evolved to Warlock), 10 are Bandits (evolved to Assassin), 10 are Bowmans (evolved to Gunslinger), and 20 are swordsmen (evolved to Paladin)."

"Highest level of each class, step forward and introduce yourself," Zach uttered in a solemn voice. Six guild members walked forward and stood in front of Zach. The Paladin nodded at Zach and said, "My name is Huralk, and I am level 67." The gunslinger walked forward and said, "My name is Kecocan, and I am level 65." The Warlock stepped forward and said, "My name is Nero, and I am level 51." The Assassin looked at Zach and said, "My name is Darrel, and I am level 63." The Pope walked forward and said, "My name is Patrick, and I am level 61." Another pope stepped forward and said, "My name is James, and I am level 61." Zach nodded at all of them and said, "I hope you are strong enough to protect yourself." The Paladin— Huralk, who was the highest level of all, shook hands with Zach and said, "We all are indebted to you." "Don't be..." Zach sighed. "If it weren't for you summoning that beast, we all would have died. I can't thank you enough," Huralk said with his utmost sincerity. "I was just trying to save myself, and my..." Zach glanced at Aria and Victoria and said, "And them." It has only been a few minutes since the floor was cleared, so there was still some time left before the

floor reset and the boss to respawn again, the original boss in this case.

The guild members decided to prepare themselves for the next floors while Zach talked with Aria and Victoria. Lord abomination bowed down to Zach and said, [Please, name me and take me as your servant.] Zach raised his brows with a curious and judging look on his face. He shot a glance at Aria before turning to Abomination again and said, "Are you sure?" [Indeed. It would be my honor to serve you,] it replied. Zach pondered for a name for a while and uttered, "I know it doesn't quite fit the description, but I will go with the legend and name you 'Cerberus'." The moment Zach named Abomination to Cerberus, it vanished into thin air. Zach glanced back and forth at Aria and the dragon, hoping they would know what just happened. "Did it die?" Zach asked with a baffled expression on his face. "When you named it, it was registered as your servant," Aria uttered. [Unlike me, who is your pet, Cerberus, is your servant,] the dragon said. "What... the difference?" Zach felt stupid asking that question, but he truly couldn't understand a thing.

[How much MP do you have?] the dragon asked.
Zach looked at his MP and said, "Zerooh!!"
That was enough for Zach to realize what the dragon was trying to say.
"Could it be that summoning it takes MP?" Zach asked the dragon to confirm.
The dragon nodded its head and said, "Just like you summon your magic weapon, and they take 10 MP per second, summoning any monster would take the same amount of MP.
[You can summon it again when you have enough MP, but I would suggest summoning it only when it's necessary,] the dragon added the last part in a little annoyed tone.
"I see" Zach rubbed his hand on his chin and muttered, "Interesting."
'But when did I tell you about my magic weapon ability?' Zach asked the dragon via telepathy.
[Do you remember the masked man I told you about?] the dragon sked with a hint of curiosity in its voice.
'Yeah, the one who killed you and many other players,' Zach nodded as he said that.
[He was also using the same technique. However, he had a physical sword which he used with the technique.]
'Oh. Well It's not surprising since there can be players in this game who are not human like me. But I would rather not encounter them to avoid unnecessary trouble,' Zach uttered with a soft groan.
[I see] the dragon muttered in a low voice.

Zach could easily feel the disappointment from the dragon's voice.
'Don't worry, I will find the masked man and avenge you,' Zach said with a grin on his face.
[Thank you, master.]
Zach turned to Aria and Victoria while grinning, and they gave him a weird stare.
"what?" Zach asked. "You said I looked stupid talking to myself even though I was talking to the dragon. So this time, I decided to talk without speaking."
"Yeah, and that's even more creepy," Aria remarked.
"Agreed," Victoria nodded and seconded Aria. "People grinning for no reason always freaks me out."
"Wow." Zach clapped his hand and shook his head in disbelief as he said, "You two already teamed up, huh?"
"Since I am not the official member of your harem, it is my duty to mess with you to keep our relationship healthy and spicy, right?" Aria said with a mischievous grin on her face. "That's what Aurora had told me when I asked her why she messed around with you so much."
Zach facepalmed himself and rubbed his hand on his face before saying, "Don't teach them weird things, Aurora."
Zach felt like taking revenge on Aria, so she smirked at her and said, "Yeah, we are lovers now."
Aria still felt strange and embarrassed by that. She couldn't believe that she was truly a couple with Zach.

"Say..." Aria kissed Zach on the lips and said, "Since we are lovers, and I am now in your harem, how about you marry me too?" "...!" - Victoria was visibly surprised after hearing that. "You are already going to marry Aurora after the raid, so marry me too," Aria said while hugging Zach. Chapter 187 Aria asked Zach to get married together with Aurora. "But... we are already married..." Zach uttered. "Yeah, but it's different. I want to have a wedding ceremony," Aria uttered in a muffled voice. "That's not what I meant." Zach stroked Aria's hair and said in a gentle voice: "We are already married, so what would happen if we marry again?" "Oh..." Aria looked into Zach's eyes and nodded, "You are right." "But if you do want to follow the custom and have a ceremony, then I don't mind. We can have a double ceremony with Aurora," Zach stated. "Ahem!" Victoria cleared her throat to make her presence known. "How kind of you to plan out your wedding in a dire moment like this." Zach looked at Victoria from the corner of his eyes and said, "How about we also get married? It will be a triple ceremony." "Not happening." Victoria sighed and said, "I already told you that Aurora and Aria have a different

mindset, and I respect that. For them, they are happy as long as they get your love and get to be with you. But for me, it's different. I want your love, and I want to be with you, but I have to take proper

steps."

"I want to marry you too." She smiled wryly and said, "Believe me. There is no one in this world who loves you more than me." "I wouldn't say that if I were you," Aria quipped. "You don't know how much I love him or how much Aurora loves him. On what basis are you claiming that you love him the most?" "My love for him is natural," Victoria stated. "My love is also natural." 'Stop it, Aria. You don't know Victoria very well yet. If you make her angry, then she is going to say something that would bring tears to your eyes,' Zach said to Aria using telepathy, but it seemed that it didn't work since Aria didn't stop glaring at Victoria. Victoria furrowed her brows and said, "I am the only girl who knows him in real life. I am the only girl who has touched his real body. I am the only girl who has sucked him off in the real world. I am the only girl who had sex with him in the real world." Victoria smirked and said, "No girl can compare herself with me. I have taken all the firsts of Zach, except kiss. I am Zach's number one. So learn your place." Zach shook his head with a sigh after looking at Aria and Victoria. 'What did I say?" Zach said after looking at tears in Aria's eyes. Aria and Victoria glared at each other for a few seconds and then averted their faces to the opposite sides after saying, "Hmph!" "Great. They were getting along just fine not long ago, and now they are fighting...' Zach sighed.

Aria glanced at Victoria from the corners of her eyes, and Victoria did the same.

"You live in the past, while I am his future," Aria remarked.

"Past makes the future," Victoria asserted.

They both turned to Zach and said at the same time: "Zach, you say it. Who do you love more? Me/Aria or Victoria/Me?"

"Uhh.." Zach wanted to avoid answering that question at all cost since he himself had no idea about it. He loved everyone equally, and there was no way he would grade his girls.

"Let's not talk about who is in the past and who is the future. This is present, so let's enjoy it," Zach said with an awkward smile on his face. And surprisingly, it worked.

Aria and Victoria stared at each other for a few seconds. Then Aria said, "It's going to be fun when you join the harem."

"I am already in his harem," Victoria asserted. "But I am the exclusive harem member."

Victoria turned to Zach and said with an anxious look on her face: "I know you might find me annoying because I am not letting you make moves on me, and yet I am demanding attention. But please, try to understand me. It's not easy."

"Don't worry." Zach shot a smile at Victoria and said, "I rather find it amusing to see you act like that. It's like I am seeing a new side of you that I had never seen before."

When Zach and Victoria were dating, they fought on every small thing and made a big deal out of them. There was no understanding between them, which made them think that they didn't love each other and their relationship wasn't going well.

Victoria was currently anxious because she was being selfish. If it was old Zach, he would have started yelling at her, but Zach had changed now. Both Victoria and Zach had matured enough to understand how the relationship worked.

Victoria hugged Zach and said, "We are going to clear this game and go back to our world, right?"
"Obviously," Zach responded in a calm voice.
"But the real world doesn't allow polygamy" Victoria uttered in a low voice.
"Fuck that. Who cares about worldly rules when we are fighting against heavens here?" Zach scoffed softly and said, "I won't be the first one to have a harem in the real world."
After seeing Zach hugging Victoria, Aria got jealous and hugged Zach from the other side.
Of course, Aria had always gotten jealous whenever a girl got close to him, but she couldn't do anything because she had no right to. But now that she was his harem member, she could show off her feelings and emotions openly without needing to hide them.
This was what Zach wanted. He wanted Aria to live her life as a normal girl.
After a short hug, Zach, Aria, Victoria, and 60 guild members passed through the portal and entered the 76th floor.
However, Zach was out of MP, so he couldn't partake in the fights. Instead, he went to Aria's domain and cultivated his MP.
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SCREECH!
The colossal Scorpion with seven tails, three mouths, robust scale, screeched as it shot venom from its tails at the guild members.

"I have got this!" Nero yelled and cast a magic attack that trapped the colossal scorpion in the ring made of fire.
"Huralk! Your turn!" Darrel yelled.
"I know!" Huralk dashed at the monster and said, "Kecocan! I am ready!"
Kecocan shot a cannon ball-sized bullet from his gun that hit and exploded the scorpion's one tail.
Darrel caught up with Huralk and cleaved two more tails of the scorpions.
"Now!" Nero yelled.
All the other nine mages fired their most vigorous magic attack at the same time.
The scorpion was severely injured and stunned for a few seconds. All the knights and rogues dashed at the scorpion and dealt as much damage as they could before the scorpion regained its senses.
The archers shot on the fatal parts and kept the scorpion stunned for a few more seconds.
Suddenly, one of the scorpion's tails, which they all thought was cleaved, moved and shot venom at the knights and rogues.
"Healers!" James called out for the other healers as he healed the injured players.
"Don't worry about getting injured! We have got you! Just focus on the Scorpion!" Patrick reassured the injured players.
The other eight healers also focused on healing and watched all the players closely.

their friends.
"Don't be too harsh on them, Patrick," Nero quipped. "Since they can feel the pain, you can't expect them to focus on the monster. That's pure sadism."
"You are not wrong, but as long as they don't die, we can heal them. If you think about it, healers would be useless if no one got injured," Patrick responded with a shoulder shrug.
SIGH!
James sighed and facepalmed himself as he said, "And he is at it again."
"You guys should focus on the monster!" Darrel yelled as he threw one of the cleaved scorpion's tails at James and Patrick.
All the scorpion tails were cleaned, and only two of its heads remained.
Everyone frowned their faces and said, "Time to end this annoying pest."
All the mages once again fired their strongest attack, but this time, the archers also fired with them at the same time.
The scorpion stumbled upon impact and got stunned.
"Vice-Capita—"
Victoria dashed between the players and passed through the knights and rogues. She pulled out the sword from the sheath and dash-jumped at the scorpion.

SLASH!

She landed a few feet away from the scorpion and placed her sword back in the sheath without looking back.

She didn't even confirm if the scorpion was dead or not.

[Floor 90 has been cleared! Proceed to the portal to enter the next floor!]

However, it was only because Victoria was confident in her strength.

Even though she was only level 52, and compared to the other top players in the guild who were above level 60, Victoria was still stronger than them in real-time skills.

Sure, their stats were high, but they lacked the intelligence and precision of mastering the sword art skills. Victoria could easily learn new things thanks to her photographic memory.

Victoria was the topper in high school, and she was ranked second smartest in the country. She was born a prodigy, and her intelligence was beyond extraordinary.

That was the reason why Victoria thought of herself as someone special. She wanted special treatment from everyone. She had great pride and ego, which was normal for a girl like her.

Even in school, when other students confessed their love to her, she not only turned them down, but she humiliated them when she rejected them.

That was a huge turn-off for a few of the students who had a crush on her, and they started hating on her. That also included the teacher who spread the fake porno.

A few days before that incident, the teacher confessed to Victoria, and obviously, she rejected him and humiliated him. It was not only immoral for the teacher to have feelings for his students, but he also tried to force himself on her by blackmailing her.

When he spread the porno, all the students believed it was real, and Victoria's fame dropped. No one talked with her, and her friends and classmates ignored her. They called her slut and what not.

Even the school officials had started researching the video to inspect it so they could take action against Victoria in case it turned out to be true. So they gave it to an expert to check it.

Victoria's life had become hell, and she wanted to prove her innocence.

That's when the teacher came in and said if she slept with him, he would delete the video. He blackmailed her and threatened her to post more videos like that.

Victoria was enraged, and she wanted to file a complaint against him. However, she couldn't.

The school officials had asked the person (expert) to check the footage was none other than the same teacher. He could tell them that the footage was real and it would have destroyed Victoria's social life.

Victoria's parents aimed her to become an idol and surpass them both to achieve what they couldn't. If the footage was proved to be real, Victoria's whole life would have turned upside down.

Of course, she wasn't going to keep quiet about it, but she couldn't tell that to anyone.

Luckily, she had already met Zach during that time. And as they got closer to each other, the teacher got angry and released another porno with Zach as a male and Victoria as a female.

It was when Victoria hinted that the teacher did it. Unfortunately, Zach didn't get the hint, but Shay did, and he told Zach about it.

After the teacher went missing due to some 'unknown' reason, Zach and victoria started dating.

By that time, Victoria had fallen in love with Zach because he was with her in dire times. She confessed her feelings to Zach even though her parents warned her not to date anyone. She went against her parent's order and dated Zach, but her ego and pride remained the same.

Zach was the same, and that resulted in them fighting a lot.

But fortunately, they patched up, and both of them got together again.

Chapter 189

It has been more than 20 hours since Zach, and the rest decided to proceed further after the tragedy on the 75th floor.

But soon after, Zach had to go into Aria's domain to cultivate his MP.

After a few hours of cultivating and fighting on the floors, Zach realized something.

His gloves were malfunctioning.

Zach assumed it was because of the third ability of the gloves, which was overcharged and caused a massive explosion that left him on death's door.

However, his gloves were working mostly fine. He could use his DT skill which was not related to his gloves in the first place. But the gloves helped Zach to control his DT to use a specific amount of MP to deal a certain amount of DMG.

But now that the gloves were damaged, he couldn't control them properly.

Zach could also use his first two abilities of the gloves, which were to summon magic weapons. But he couldn't release his MP in them to make them stronger.

However, Zach mostly used his DT skill to clear the floors with Victoria and the rest of her guild members.

Zach had already decided to visit Xie Lua in her magic shop dimension and ask her to repair the gloves since she had told him that his gloves would get damaged down the line in prolonged use.

Xie Lua had given Zach a token that allowed him to summon the magic shop at any time. He didn't want to waste any time since they were slowly getting near the 100th floor, which was also the last floor of the dungeon.

However, Zach couldn't summon the magic shop.

[You cannot summon the magic shop in the dungeon, tower, labyrinth, or between duels.] The prompt had said.

Zach decided that he would summon the magic shop once he had cleared all the 100 floors. But he found it weird at first since he could summon the portal to Aria's domain anywhere at any time. But then he recalled that the first time he entered Aria's domain was through the dungeon.

Currently, Zach was in Aria's domain, not to cultivate or rest; he was making out with Aria on her throne.

Zach was sitting on the throne with his back leaning on the slat of the throne, while Aria was sitting on Zach's lap facing face to face with him.

She was kissing him passionately without any care in the world. It was as though she was catching up to all the kisses Zach had received from the other girls. Especially from Aurora.

Zach was enjoying the new side of Aria, and he was glad that she was finally honest with herself and her feelings.

Since Zach had nothing to do, he decided to mess around with his crafter class that later evolved into a trader and was now part of his alchemist class.

His skill tree had grown a lot, but the class tree had a slow growth which was understandable since Zach hadn't worked much on his class.

Zach decided to do something new since the seal from his blessings had also been removed.

He decided to create a blessing tree to keep track of his blessings. But as expected, he messed up and ended up creating something similar—that was 'evolution tree'.

It wasn't much different from what Zach aimed for, but it was more than he had expected.

The skill tree and the class tree also merged with the evolution tree.

Zach liked it better that way since everything was arranged in a single space.

He played around with the evolution tree and found the blessings.

Active blessings- [Sea's Blessing. Aria's Blessing. Phoenix's Blessing.]

Zach had three active blessings. He knew about the Sea's blessing and Aria's blessing, but he couldn't find the information about the Phoenix's blessing.

Since all this wasn't part of the game and was never meant to be accessed, it didn't work properly with Gods' Impact.

Zach had to find out everything on his own. He could have fooled around more with the evolution tree to find out more about it, but he couldn't focus because Aria's kisses were getting more and more aggressive as time passed.

"Say..." Aria kissed Zach on the lips before saying, "Even though I already kissed you hundreds of times, why am I not satisfied?"

"That happens..." Zach didn't know what to say, so he decided to give a vague answer.

"I also feel weird down there..." she said in a low voice.

"Define weird," Zach scoffed with a grin.
"Like itchy, maybe? I have an urge to rub something on it"
"Why are you acting like an innocent girl?" Zach asked with a puzzled look on his face. "You already know about sex and how it works, so if you are horny, you should know it."
"Of course, I know about all that. But I have never experienced it myself, so this is my first time," Aria retorted.
"Oh? Don't tell me you have never masturbated before?" Zach asked with a surprised look on his face.
Aria shook her head and said, "I never had to. I never felt any need to do that."
"Wow" Zach was genuinely surprised by that. "You know, you are the most innocent person in my harem."
"Am I?"
"Aurora is a pervert, Victoria obviously knows, Aquarius and Ruli too." Zach scoffed softly and said, "I never expected you to be so pure."
"Don't get me wrong. I do think sex education is necessary," he added.
Aria kissed Zach, but it lasted for a minute. After the kiss, she asked, "Do you like pure girls or naughty girls?"
"I think innocent girls," Zach answered. "Because it's fun to corrupt them and make them naughty."

"Will you make me naughty too?" Aria asked with a mischievous grin on her face.
"Yeah." Zach squeezed Aria's breasts and said, "Once I inject you with my divine sword, you will get infected by a disease called pervertness."
They continued making out for a while until Zach got a notification.
DING!
[Cerberus wants to come out of your shadow! Press 'Yes' to accept. And press 'No' to reject.]
Zach wanted to ask a few questions to Cerberus, so he clicked on 'Yes' and accepted.
Cerberus came out of Zach's shadow and bowed down to him.
[My liege.]
[Congratulation! Your skill 'Necromancer' has evolved to 'Summoner'!]
""
Chapter 190
Victoria and the rest of the guild members were resting after clearing the 90th floor.
'This floor took us nearly 2 hours to complete, but it wasn't tough,' Victoria thought.
'Since the previous five floors also had scorpions as monsters, we got used to fighting them. Although the boss was much bigger, and there were five of them,' Victoria sighed.

"Zach would have cleared the floor within a minute as he did on the last boss floor," Victoria muttered.

The boss on the 85th floor was the skeletal spider from the previous floor, but there were three of them.

The guild members were wary of it since it had so many legs, and it could move each of them with precise control to stab anything within a certain range. And since the guild member's formation was totally dependent on melee attacks after stunning the enemy with magic and ranged attacks, they couldn't fight the skeletal spider.

That's when Zach used his DT skill on them and cleared the floor within five seconds, but that also used up nearly all his MP that he cultivated for 14 hours.

Aria glanced at the portal of Aria's domain, which was at the corner of the floor, and bit her lips. She was feeling left out.

"I also want to get pampered by Zach..." she muttered in a low voice.

She stood up and walked to the portal while saying, "I am not going there to get his attention; I am going in to tell them the floor is cleared."

Victoria entered Aria's domain and shivered in fear.

'I have already come here a couple of times, but the scenery still sends chills down my spine. It's horrendous!' Victoria cursed inwardly.

Victoria glanced around to look for Zach and Aria, but she couldn't see them anywhere.

"Weird. They are usually cultivating or resting. Where did they go?" Victoria wondered.

She walked forward and came across the giant pointy stone hovering in the air. The lava was dripping from it was falling into the river of lava that traveled in the entire domain.

"I better stay 10 feet away from there.'
Suddenly, Cerberus landed in front of Victoria and scared the living hell out of her.
'For a moment, I thought it was a monster. But it is still a monster, though.
Cerberus walked to the rock and rolled on the floor below it.
"" Victoria watched Cerberus with an amusing look on her face.
Cerberus opened its mouth and waited for the lava to drip from the rock.
""
Cerberus was drinking lava with a delighted look on its face.
KASHAK! SHALAK!
Victoria heard a weird noise coming from her right. She looked there to see the dragon coming out from the lava river.
The dragon flapped her body with a satisfied look on its face, and it almost looked as though it came out after taking a nice bath in the lava river.
'I think I should ask them where Zach and Aria are. They should know since they both are his pets.'
"Umm" Victoria wanted to ask them where Zach was, but she was afraid to approach Cerberus.

'The dragon looks cute and less dangerous. I would ask it... or her...' Zach had told Victoria and Aurora about the dragon and how he got the egg. Victoria approached the dragon and asked, "Do you know where Zach is?" The dragon ignored Victoria as though she didn't exist. "..." Victoria assumed the dragon didn't hear her. So she said in a loud voice: "Do you know where Zach is?!" Still, the dragon ignored her. "Could it be that it can't understand human language?" Victoria wondered. "I never saw Zach speaking directly... wait, I think Zach did speak in human language." The dragon could hear and understand every word Victoria said, but she didn't want to answer Victoria because Zach didn't order her to do so. Victoria asked the dragon a couple of times, but she ignored her and didn't reply. With no other voice left, Victoria reluctantly decided to approach Cerberus, who was busy drinking the dripping lava. 'I am honestly scared because it's so big that it can literally crush me under its feet, and I won't even get a chance to defend myself!' Victoria cried out inwardly. After gathering up her courage, she stood in front of Cerberus and asked, "Do you know where Zach is?" Cerberus turned its head towards Victoria and said, [You want to meet my liege?] 'It replied!' Victoria never expected Cerberus to actually respond to her.

Victoria nodded and said, "Yes. Can you take me to where Zach and Aria are?"

Cerberus turned around and stood up. It walked forward and said, [Follow me.]

Victoria followed Cerberus, while the dragon slowly followed Victoria with its small body.

After walking for a while, they reached their destination— the throne area, only to see Zach and Aria making out on the throne.

"..." Victoria furrowed her brows and folded her arms below her bosom. She shook her head in disbelief and sighed.

"This is the fifth time I caught you two making out behind my back." She frowned her face and said, "While me and the others are fighting out there and putting our lives in danger, you two are indecently making out like rabbits in heat. What, are you newly dated couple?"

"First of all, rabbits don't make out. And second, we actually 'are' a new couple," Zach remarked.

Aria locked eye contact with Victoria and said, "Want to join?"

"I am not going to make out with him, but I am interested in sitting on your throne," Victoria answered in a calm tone.

Since the throne itself was hovering 25 feet above the ground in the air, Aria got off Zach's lap and prepared to jump down so she could carry Victoria up the throne. But Zach stopped Aria by pulling her on his lap again.

"...!" Aria was left baffled and speechless. She couldn't believe Zach didn't want Victoria to join them.

However, Aria was mistaken.

Zach simply stopped Aria because he had already ordered Cerberus using telepathy to help Victoria out.

Cerberus placed its tail— which was a snake— on the ground near Victoria.
Victoria glanced at Zach with a confused look on her face and asked, "Won't the fire burn me?"
Since Cerberus' body was made with fire and lava, it looked intimidating.
"Don't worry. His fire won't affect you."
Victoria got on top of Cerberus' tail without asking any question because she trusted Zach more than anyone in the world.
Cerberus raised its tail to the throne and helped Victoria get on it.
Victoria jumped on the throne and landed on Zach's lap beside Aria. But Victoria immediately got off Zach's lap and sat beside him.
Aria continued kissing Zach and ignored the fact that Victoria was watching them. She looked at Victoria from the corner of her eyes while kissing Zach and smirked at her as though she was asserting her dominance.
Victoria furrowed her brows and glared at her in return since she couldn't do anything else other than watching them.
"Want to join?" Aria asked Victoria.
"" Victoria gulped down after looking at Zach's lips and slowly got on his lap.
"!"