

GODS' IMPACT 201

Chapter 201 - 200 [World Genesis]

[What do you mean that was the plan?] the twelfth asked. [Are you trying to kill all the humans?]

[Of course not.] The fifth shook his head and said, [I am going to give them all a horrible death. I am going to end them by showing them despair.]

[Foolish! If you kill all the humans, what's the purpose of the Gods' Impact?!] the seventh asked aloud.

[We don't care about that worthless world and the humans living in it. We are going to eradicate them all!] the fifth declared. [Since they don't even believe in the judgment day, we will give them an annihilation day.

[However, we currently don't possess such mighty power to spite the entire world, nor do we have any authority to do that. That's why... heh! You will find out soon enough,] the fifth added.

[If humans go extinct, then you will serve no purpose in this heaven. Don't forget that we were created to watch over humans and fulfill their wishes. But as the time passed, they forgot us and stopped making the wishes,] the ninth asserted.

[You all seem to misunderstand something. We don't care about the Gods' Impact world or the real world. And we also don't care about this heaven. It will be useless once we have immobilized you all,] the eight laughed out loud.

[Then what are you planning? Without humans, you are nothing. There are still a few who worship us,] the third uttered with a sad look on her face.

[We don't even if they stop, it won't affect us. We have already reached the peak of divinity. We can't get stronger than we already are,] the second stated.

[That's why, we have decided to overthrow the higher heavens to usurp the throne of the higher gods,] the fifth declared in a haughty tone.

[Comical! You can't win against the higher gods. We are two stages below them!] the seventh remarked.

[We know that. That's why. We are going to absorb your powers and rise to the level of the power of Aria and Erza. Then, we only need a little bit of work, and our plan will be in motion,] the eight stated.

'They are more foolish than humans. They revealed their entire plan to us like an idiot would. But should I laugh about this?' the eleventh asked himself. 'We have almost lost all our powers, so we can't do anything even if they want to. I could send an angel to inform the higher gods, but I am sure the fifth's subordinates have already killed our angels.'

'I have to think of a plan to stop all this. Otherwise, they will eventually kill us if they succeed in their plan and get the power of the higher gods. Plus, humanity would be doomed.'

'I was never a fan of humans, and that's why I didn't like Aria and Erza. Humans were foolish, greedy, and incompetent— and they still are.'

'Perfect race, my ass. They are nothing but a mistake. But...' the eleventh looked at the third goddess and uttered inwardly: 'She is fond of humans, just like she was fond of Aria. I have to save her at least.'

The seventh pondered for a while and said, [What will you do once you have accomplished your goal?]

[Hah?!]

[Have you even thought that far yet?] the eleventh sneered.

The seventh was trying to prove them so they would end up spilling all the beans of their future plans.

[Of course, we have. Once we have defeated the higher gods, we will commit a world genesis,] the fifth stated.

[...!]

None of the gods predicted that, except the ones who were with the fifth, of course.

[World genesis...? Do you plan to start over the creation of this universe?] the first asked with a baffled look on his face.

[Indeed. Once we have perished all the humans after gaining the power of the higher gods, we will create a new world with a new race,] the second asserted with a proud look on face.

[But this time, we won't repeat the same mistake as Aria and Erza. We won't give humans their own free will. We will walk the path of the higher gods and create a race with one purpose only— that is to worship us,] the fifth announced.

[With that, we will grow even stronger. And once we have reached the peak, we will target the higher heavens. We will repeat the same process until we reach the pinnacle and find out who is behind the cosmos. We want to know who created the gods,] the eighth uttered in a disdainful tone.

[Just as we are the pawns of Aria and Erza, they were pawns of their gods. And their gods are pawns of their gods. We want to find the entity behind all this and end it,] fifth uttered in a low voice.

[If the puny humans, who are the lowest of all, can get their own free will, then why are we—the gods, stuck in this prison called heaven?] the eight wondered.

The first smiled wryly at the gods and said, [I understand how you feel, and we all feel the same way. But we have to do what we are created for. We have to fulfill our purpose so—]

[But what if we don't want to?!]

[...]

The weapons had sucked all the powers from the rest of the gods, and their bodies turned more and more human-like. Their body was filled with cracks, and they could barely stand on their feet.

The eight averted her face to the side and said, [I hate to see you all like this. We are basically brothers and sisters, but we have to do what we need to do.

The fifth looked at the helpless gods and moved his hand towards them before saying, [You all can join us on our quest. I will give back your powers if you do. And honestly, I would want all of you to be with me.]

[...]

[What do you say? Let's end all this and be the Gods of the gods.]

Chapter 202 - [Turning Sides]

[Why don't you join us? We will become the Gods of the gods,] the fifth proposed a deal.

[Join you... like you want us to overthrow the higher heavens with you?] the twelfth asked.

[Indeed. We have spent more than 500,000 years together. And I want all of you to be with me.] After a brief pause, he continued, [We can conquer without dividing.]

The gods and the goddesses pondered for a while, and then the first asked, [Do you think this will go unnoticed by the higher gods?]

SIGH!

The fifth sighed and asked, [Who are the lowest of races?]

[Petty humans?] the sixth said with a soft scoff.

[Not that low. I am talking about the heavens.]

[Angels?] the eleventh asked.

[Exactly. They are the same as us. They won't have free will, and they do the same thing every day. They fulfill the task they are created for. And guess what?] the fifth laughed out loud and said, [They want a freewill too. Sure, it was me who proposed the idea. But they agreed to start a revolution.]

The first's eyes widened as he realized what the fifth had done.

[You... bribed the angels of the higher realm?] the first asked with a baffled look on his face.

The fifth shrugged his shoulders and said, [It wasn't hard, to be honest. I just sent my loyal angel to do the devil's whispers to the other angels. They took the bait. I mean, how else do you think I managed to get my hands on these weapons?]

[You all will be obliterated once the higher gods learn about this. Fifth... it's not too late to retaliate. If you give us our powers back, we will forget everything that happened today, and no one will ever talk about it.]

[First, do you truly think you are allowed to have your say in your current position.? I have been planning and waiting for this day for over 100,00 years! Even before I decided to get Aria and Erza exiled.]

The fifth glared at everyone and said, [Do you truly think I would retaliate after coming this far?!]

[What will we get if we join you?] the eleventh asked.

[Hah?! You don't have any power to demand anything! But if you join us, we will give you half of your powers back. And once we have usurped the throne of the higher gods, we will give your powers back.]

[So you are saying you are simply borrowing our powers and using them against the one who created us?] the twelfth asked with a disappointed look on her face.

[Not quite the same. If you don't join us, then we will kill you with the power of the higher gods. So if you want to live long enough to see the destruction of heaven and your fellow gods, join us. If not, then you will see yourself with the rest of them.]

[Do we get to keep our free will if we decide to join?] the tenth asked with a curious look on her face.

[With or without free will, we can't do anything to you in this state. We can't force you to vote for something if you don't truly mean it from your heart. The heavens won't register that as a vote. So what 'free will' are you talking about?]

[We never had such a thing, to begin with!] the second added.

[I am not talking about that free will. Will we get freedom from you? Or do we have to live as your underlings?] the eleventh asked.

[That depends on your loyalty. I won't ask you to do something you don't want to. And besides, what can you possibly help me with? Soon, I will be stronger than you. You serve no importance for me. I just don't want to see my fellow brothers and sisters die because of their foolishness.]

[I want to join you!] the sixth said out loud.

The fifth turned to the sixth and looked at him with a judging look on his face.

[Are you telling the truth?] he asked.

[You know gods never lie,] the sixth answered.

[Well, I did.] The fifth grabbed the weapon that was holding the sixth's power and ate it half. Then, he gave it to the sixth and said, [Here. Eat it, and you will regain half of your power.]

The sixth ate the weapon, and all the cracks from his body disappeared. His body started shining again, and he no longer looked like a human.

They then looked at the rest of the gods and goddesses and asked, [Anyone else want to join us?]

A few seconds later, the tenth goddess raised her hand and said, [I would like to join you. I don't care about humans anyway.]

[Good. I expected you to join.] The second ate the weapon in half and then gave it to the tenth.

[Anyone else? I am running out of patience.]

Out of nowhere, another goddess raised her hand, and none of the gods expected her to do that.

[Third...?] the first stuttered on his words. [It can't be...]

[Heh!] the fifth sneered and uttered, [You know, I had thought that all of you would join, but the first and the third would never join. But I guess everyone is afraid of dying.]

The eighth ate half of the weapon and gave it to the third.

[Welcome, third. You have made a wise choice.]

[...] The eleventh watched the third with his face full of shock. He couldn't believe his eyes. 'Third... what are you planning?'

'I was going to join them and convince the third to join me, but I guess I underestimated the third. She can save herself too,' the eleventh uttered inwardly.

The third stood with the fifth, second, fourth, sixth, eighth, and tenth and looked upon the rest of the gods.

Out of all the 12 gods and the goddesses, the first was the first and the oldest god, and the third was the oldest goddess.

They knew Aria and Erza better than anyone else, and they had spent more time with them than the other gods and the goddess who later came into existence.

Chapter 203 - [Grand Revolution]

'Forgive me, first, seventh, ninth, eleventh, and twelfth; I had no other choice. As the oldest goddess, I have to protect the humans at all costs. I can't let Aria and Erza's creation get extinct like that,' the third uttered inwardly.

'I couldn't help them with no powers, and I still can't help them with half of my powers. But it's still better than nothing. I have to fulfill my duty, the purpose I was created for.'

'The humans may have stopped worshipping us, but there are still a few who worship us. There is a descendant of a clan who worshiped me from the start of their time, and I have to save her. I have to repay her faith.'

After a brief pause, she continued, 'Victoria Dia Libera, I will come to visit you soon in the Gods' Impact. Until then, stay strong.'

[Alright!] The fifth clapped his hands and said, [It seems you five have chosen death. I won't do anything to you, not because I can't do anything to you, but I don't want to do anything to you.]

[...]

[If I force my ideals on you, then it is not free will. I want to create a world where everyone has their own free will, except the races I will create after the genesis. I will create a perfect world that will be unable to innovate and evolve,] the fifth asserted with a maniacal laugh.

Now that seven gods and the goddess were part of the revolution, they had a higher quantity over the other gods. They could vote for anything without even needing to ask the rest of the gods about it.

They had a monopoly over the lives of the heavens and the earth and everything between them.

The fifth distributed the weapons amongst the gods and the goddesses and asked them to eat them to get the powers.

After that, The second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, eighth, and tenth walked out of the hall of heaven.

They walked out of the gate, and then the fifth clapped his hand to summon all the angels of heaven.

Hundreds of thousands of angels gathered in the sky and the ground, curious as to what caused them to summon them suddenly.

[Followers of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, eighth, and tenth; get to the side and make space for the followers of the first, seventh, ninth, eleventh, and the twelfth,] the fifth ordered in a loud voice.

75% of the angels got to the side, and the rest 25%, waited for their gods to arrive. But unfortunately for them, that was never going to happen.

[Listen, you fools!] The fifth yelled out loud. [We seven are starting a revolution. Leave your gods and join us, and for that, we shall give you the power and the promise to have your free will.]

[Where is the first?] an angel asked.

SNAP!

The fifth snapped, and that angel turned into ashes.

[I will count to three. Those who want to join us, get to the side with the rest of the angels,] the second asserted in a loud voice.

[Three!] - Fourth.

[Two!]- eighth.

[one!]- fifth.

10% of the angels joined the rest of the angels, while 15% of them stood their ground.

The fifth raised his brows with a curious look on his face and uttered, [So you choose to die?]

[We do not wish for more power, nor do we need free will. We exist to serve our lords, and that's the only purpose of our life. If that purpose is taken from us, then we are better off dead than stay alive,] the angels said.

[So be it!]

The fifth clapped his hands, and the 15% of the angel's body exploded like fireworks and later disintegrated into ashes.

Then, without wasting any time, the fifth looked at the rest 85% of the angels and said, [We are going to start a revolution! Pledge your loyalty, and you shall be rewarded once the time has come.]

All the angels knelt down in front of the gods, and those who were in the air also gestured the same.

The fifth spread his hands and smirked as he said, [Welcome to the new heaven.]

Meanwhile, the first, seventh, ninth, eleventh, and the twelfth slowly stood up and walked to their respective thrones. They sat on it and closed their eyes to go into a deep slumber.

'Fifth, a part of me wanted to join you, but as the oldest, I am the example to the other gods. The other four put their trust in me and believe all my words. I cannot be a part of your plan. But I do want to see what awaits you. Will you succeed or fall down the wrath of the higher gods? Only time will know, and the rest will become history.'

After uttering that to himself, the first fell into a deep slumber with the four other gods and the goddesses.

A few minutes later, the second and the sixth turned to the fifth and asked [What are we going to do about the Gods' Impact? Humans are surviving and getting stronger.]

[Maybe it was a mistake to let them have a chance. What if they actually beat the game?] the eight asked.

[Don't worry. There is no end to the game. There is still some time left before we can finally start our revolution. Until then, we will create strong monsters. We will seek help from the other world monsters to make things more interesting.]

[But the soul eater was our strongest creation. If someone managed to defeat it... how can humans be so strong?] the sixth wondered.

[Don't worry. The soul eater was the boss of the 75th floor in the dungeon of the first realm. Whoever slew it must still be in the first realm— to clear the other floors. And I happen to have a backup plan for that...]

[What plan...?] the third asked to know more about the fifth's grand plan.

[Two weeks ago, I opened a crack to the first hell, in the first realm. The demons could start their game at any time now!] the fifth announced

With little to no emotions in his voice.

Chapter 204 - Crack To Hell

At around the same time in the first realm.

Aurora opened her eyes on the bed and touched herself in her sacred place. She was naked under the blanket. Seemingly, she fell asleep while pleasuring herself at night.

"I had a wet dream again..." she muttered with a flushed face.

She got out of the bed and made her way to the bathroom after stretching her cramped body because of an awkward sleeping position.

"A night with Zach is like a crepe without a cream...." she muttered in frustration.

She got into the bathtub and relaxed her body after closing her eyes. Then, she slowly moved her hand to her private place and inserted her finger inside.

"Anm~" she moaned.

'I have been masturbating ever since Zach left for the dungeon expedition. It has been a few days already...'

She increased her fingering speed and inserted it deeper.

"This feels entirely different from when Zach fingered me. His hand is big, and so are his fingers. He made me cum within a minute, but... Amn~"

"Before Zach fingered me, I used to masturbate with only one finger, but now I need to use two fingers."

Aurora inserted her second finger inside her cave and continued masturbating.

"Anh~"

"If fingers feel this good, I can't imagine how Zach's pp would feel when it goes inside,' Aurora thought.

"I have been told that the first time always hurts, so I will have to prepare myself and try my best to endure it. If I show any pain on my face, I am sure Zach couldn't proceed further."

Aurora concluded because she knew Zach was afraid of hurting his girls in the process. He already felt guilty about putting Victoria's life in danger, so Aurora didn't want Zach to feel the same experience again.

"His pp was so big and long and... thick... It could barely fit in my mouth, and even then, I could take it all in. Will such a thing fit inside me?" Aurora wondered.

"But if two fingers can feel this good... his big pp will make me go crazy..."

After imagining that, Aurora ended up orgasming.

Her cave twitched in pleasure with her whole body as she let out a few moans.

"Mnh~"

She opened her eyes and buried her face under the water for a few seconds before curling up in the bathtub.

"I miss him..." she muttered with a sad look on her face.

She opened her menu and thought of messaging Zach to ask him how long it would take him to return.

The last message was 10 hours ago from Zach with said:

[We just cleared the 90th floor. So depending on how the boss on the 100th floor is, it should take us around 16 hours minimum. I will keep you updated.]

Zach always made sure to keep Aurora updated with every five floors. He told her most of the things, including the tragedy on the 75th floor. But he didn't mention anything about him and Aria becoming lovers because he wanted to see Aurora's live reaction since he knew she would get turned on by knowing that.

"It's been 6 hours since then, and he hasn't updated me yet. I hope he is okay."

Aurora scrolled down her friend list and saw Aria and Victoria were also there.

She sighed in relief and uttered, "As long as they are on the list, it would reassure me that they are alive."

Aurora opened Zach's message again and muttered, "I will ask him how things are going."

[Hey. It's been six hours since you last updated me, so I was getting worried. Are you okay? What floor are you on right now? How much time would it take?]

Aurora typed.

However, after thinking for a while, she decided not to send the message.

"I don't want to disturb him. What if he is in the middle of the battle or something? And if I keep bugging him, he might leave the dungeon expedition and come back to me."

SIGH

"I am just dragging him down," she sighed. "He also agreed to marry me because I lost all my levels and skills. But I do know that he loves me."

Aurora smiled wryly and uttered, "I always thought my wedding would be grand. I am the princess, and royal weddings are considered better than most worldly events. Yet, here I am as a typical nobody."

"But I am marrying the man I love, so I don't want anything else," she said with a smile on her face.

RUMBLE! QUAKE!

Suddenly the ground rumbled, and everything started quacking.

"An earthquake in the game?" Aurora quickly got out of the bathroom and wore her clothes. Then, she ran out of the house, only to see destruction everywhere.

There were hundreds of monsters roaming the capital, and thousands of monsters were on their way to the capital.

"What's this?!" she exclaimed.

All the players and NPCs were running away from the monsters, and so did Aurora.

"What's going on?!" a player yelled.

"A secret event?!" another player yelled.

"This is too surreal to be an event! And we die if we die. There is no respawning, so there is no fun in this event!"

"Fuck the gods! They are trying to kill us!"

Soon, the entire sky was covered, and the light of the sun was shadowed, not by the clouds but by the monsters with wings.

They were diving to the ground and grabbing the players and NPCs before dropping them down again. The monsters on the ground were killing and eating the players as well as the humans.

In Gods' Impact, there was no difference between players and NPCs as they both were alive, bled, and died.

However, there was indeed a difference between them; that was the players would escape through the portal while NPC couldn't.

The strong players who had already met the requirement to ascend to the higher realm ascended. While the other players who hadn't met any requirements simply descended to the lower floors.

However, the NPC could only watch and wait for their demise.

Chapter 205 - Reaping Demons

More than 100,000 players were staying in the capital, and all of them went to the portal at once, resulting in a vast crowd in the garden.

A few hundred players died in the crowd by getting trampled over by the other players.

Everyone was trying to save their skin without caring for others.

It was yet another mayhem.

However, that was a feast for the monsters.

Two weeks ago, when Aria went to the forest to complete the NPC quest, she encountered a secret lair of the monsters who were planning to attack the capital. But she single-handedly had defeated all of them—which delayed the monster's attacks and the fifth's plan.

A giant flying monster shot a fireball at the people and killed over 100 players. The other monsters also started attacking the players and the NPCs, killing them in an instant without giving them a chance to save themselves.

For instance, the players could fight back, but the NPC couldn't.

Within the next 10 minutes, over 95,000 players ascended or descended to high or lower floors. 2,000 players died in the process, while the rest were trying to fight the monsters to save themselves.

But NPCs were still dying.

'I don't know what's happening, but I have to get out of here!' Aurora thought as she made her way to the garden like the rest of them.

"No!" an NPC woman yelled as the monster pinned her down to kill her.

Aurora stopped on her track after seeing that. She placed her hand on the hilt of her sword and thought, "What should I do?!"

Aurora was a level 1 player, and all her stats and skill had been reset. While the monsters were unknown levels.

'Should I run away or save her?!' Aurora had to make a quick choice.

'If a similar situation happened in the real world where the portals appeared and monsters came out of it, what would happen?'

'There won't be any skills or power-ups in the real world.'

Just like that, the NPCs were in the same situation.

Monsters suddenly invaded their world and began causing havoc.

Aurora compared the scenario with the real world.

The NPCs were also human, alive beings who felt all the emotions. Just the players, they would die for real if they are killed. They would never respawn again.

Aurora couldn't watch someone die in front of her, especially when she could save them. So, in the end, she decided to help the woman.

She stealthily dashed to the monster and cleaved its neck from behind.

[Leveled up!]

"The first few levels are always easy to level up..." she muttered with a sigh.

"Thank you for saving me! May God bless you!" The NPC woman thanked Aurora and ran away.

Aurora looked at the destruction caused by the monsters and the dead bodies of the players and NPC.

"Does this look like a blessing to you...?" she muttered.

Aurora then made her way to the garden to descend to the lower floor, but a sudden thought crossed her mind.

'The level requirement to ascend to this realm was level 10. If I descend now, I will have to wait and level up to 10 to come back here again.'

Aurora wasn't sure if she should descend or not because what would Zach think if he found out Aurora wasn't there?

What if he thought Aurora left him?

However, Aurora wasn't worried about that since she could easily let Zach know about her location by messaging him.

Besides, Zach could meet Aurora again by descending to the beginner's realm.

'Alright! I will descend first and then inform Zach about this,' Aurora decided.

When she reached the garden, she saw the dead bodies of the players and NPC who tried to pass through the portal but either got trampled by the other players or killed by the monsters.

"So cruel..." Aurora gazed at the portal from a distance and noticed the NPCs were gathered around it but weren't passing through.

"Why aren't you passing through?! Let's go!" she yelled as she jumped on the pedestal.

A nun standing among the NPC walked forward and said, "We cannot pass through the portal. We belong to this realm, and we can't leave this world. We are stuck here..."

It was the same nun who worshiped Zach as a god.

"...!"

"You are kidding... right....?" Aurora stuttered on her words as she had no idea about that.

The nun quietly shook her head and said, "Thanks for looking out for us. All the other players didn't even care about the NPC. May God bless you..."

Aurora gritted her teeth in anger and yelled with a furious look on her face: "What god are you talking about?!"

She pointed her finger at the destruction and the dead bodies around them and said, "Can't you see what your God has done?!"

"This is not done by my god. My god is kind, and he fights for us. He protects us. And he is the lord. As his first follower, I must protect his dignity. I won't let—"

The nun stopped when she had a closer look at Aurora.

"You know my god? You are connected to him..." the nun bowed down to Aurora and said, "My deepest apology for my behavior!"

"Stop all this! And pass through the portal!" Aurora yelled.

"But we can't—"

"Did any of you even try to pass through the portal?!" Aurora pulled the nun and dragged her to the portal.

However, a colossal leg appeared from the sky and crushed the pedestal with the portal.

"...!"

With that, the portal was destroyed, and no one would enter or leave the first realm.

Everyone present in the garden looked up to see where that colossal leg came from, and they saw something that sent chills down their spines.

There was a crack in the sky, and beyond that crack was fire, lava, and monsters.

It was the crack to the first hell.

Human-sized monsters were pouring out of the crack as though it was the swarm of the bees.

Then, two giant hands grabbed the crack and widened the crack, and soon shattered the sky as though it was a piece of glass.

Thousands of demons, high demons, and titans jumped out of the crack and spread all around the capital.

Chapter 206 - Real Art Skills

'This is bad. Without the portal, the rest of the players and I who are stuck here cannot escape!'

Aurora took all the NPCs to the nearby shelter, which was under the gazebo.

Sure, it wasn't a safe place to take shelter, especially when demons had made their entry. But Aurora was trying to save them all from the flying demons and monsters.

She could fight with the ground monster, but it was impossible to fight with the flying monster.

The flying monster chose prey from the air, dived down, grabbed their prey, and threw them from the sky. So even if someone was indeed able to fight back with the flying demons and monsters, it was improbable that one would survive after falling from the sky.

Furthermore, now that the demons were here, they were more ruthless than the monster because of their intelligence.

The demons made sure to injure the player badly before dropping them to the ground. Some demons even tossed the bodies to one another and played catch.

The sky was filled with the demons' laughs and the players' and NPCs' cries and screams.

A few demons surrounded the gazebo and dashed at Aurora, NPCs, and the players taking shelter under it.

Aurora tightened her grip on the sword and dashed out of the gazebo, killing everyone in a few strikes.

'You can take away all my levels, stats, and skills, but you can't take my talent. I am the princess of the Edens dynasty, and I have been trained to fight and survive. My sword art skills are not just for the show.'

"Even as a level 1... now 2... 4, player, I shall hold my ground and protect my land. As long as I stay here, this is my land to protect, and no demon or monster can take that away from me!"

More monsters and demons dashed at the gazebo, but Aurora slew them all.

Sure, Aurora was only a level 4 player, but the levels, stats, or skills, never correlate with the real-world talents. That was the reason why a high-level player couldn't stand against a boss while a player with a lot less player could.

Almost all the players in the VR games were always dependent on their game's stats, levels, and skills. While some games were also 'pay to win' where even a new player could also reach the top using real-world money.

That was the reason why many players were enraged with Gods' Impact, as it never gave them any advantage. Still, the players could use their real-world money, but the gods had introduced soul-bound weapons and level requirements weapons where only a worthy player could buy weapons.

Then there was a physique requirement that the players hated the most. Unlike the dungeon and tower raids, where players could easily level up by joining a guild or party, the physique needed a lot of grinding.

After watching Aurora fight all the monsters and demons by herself, the other players also joined her.

The nun NPC bit her lips and muttered, "Where are you, my God. We need you..."

The entire capital was filled with monsters, and they were spreading over the entire realm.

A horde of 100,000 monsters mixed with demons had already reached the nearest town.

As long as the crack to hell was open, there was no end to the demons.

Within the next few hours, Aurora had killed over a thousand monsters and demons.

Usually, she would have killed more if she had her skills, but she was fighting with her real-world talents.

Aurora cleaved the neck of a demon and plunged her sword into the ground to catch her breath.

"To be honest, I had never thought I would ever need to use my real-world talent like this. It was fine as long as it was a normal game, but this... is not a game anymore."

"This is another world created by gods. A fantasy world where monsters and demons exist. Where NPCs are real. Where everything is real, even death.'

"Aurora?!" Aurora heard a voice calling out her name.

Aurora raised her head and glanced around to see who yelled her name, but she couldn't find anyone.

There were screams and cries everywhere around her, and monsters and demons roamed around as though they were in a party.

A few seconds later, Aurora caught a glimpse of two familiar figures.

It was Kayden and Misha. They slew the monsters on their paths and rushed to Aurora.

"Are you okay?!" Misha asked with a concerned look on their faces.

Aurora nodded and said, "I thought you two already retreated to the lower realm."

"We had no idea about all this!" Misha yelled and hugged Aurora.

"Yeah. We were sleeping, and then we saw a crack in the sky and these... Monsters..." Kayden glanced around and asked, "What are they anyway? And what is going on?"

"They are demons..." Aurora replied with a sigh.

"Demons?! Like the ones in the myths?!" Kayden exclaimed.

"Why are you even surprised? If gods are real, then why not the demons?" Misha remarked.

"You are right...." Kayden turned to Aurora and asked, "Where is Zach?"

"He is not back from the dungeon expedition yet," Aurora replied in a calm voice. Then, she glanced at the broken pedestal where the portal once was.

"They destroyed the portal too, so we can't retreat."

"So we are fucked?" Kayden groaned. "But that doesn't matter."

Misha and Kayden got in front of Aurora and said, "We have got your back."

"Uhh... what are you two doing?" Aurora asked with a puzzled look on her face.

"When Zach went to the dungeon expedition, he dropped by our house and told us what happened to you," Kayden uttered.

"We feel guilty," Misha added.

"It wasn't your fault! How would you have known about my promise and penalty?! It was totally my fault! Had I been a little more careful, I would be with Zach right now!"

"It was our fault," Kayden uttered in a disdainful tone.

"Yeah. We are to blame. We should have told you about the items. And if you hadn't come to our wedding in the first place, this wouldn't have happened. So it is our fault," Misha stated in a solemn voice.

Aurora got up and stood beside Misha as she said, "I was level 24 before my levels and stats had reset. And Currently, I am level 21."

Chapter 207 - An Ethereal Voice

"What?! You are level 21 already?!" Misha exclaimed with a surprised look on her face.

"Yeah..." Aria pointed her fingers at the small monsters and said, "They give 100 EXP."

She pointed her finger at the medium-sized monsters and said, "They give 200-500 EXP."

Then, she pointed her finger at the small demons and said, "They give 100-500."

"The demons with small horns give 500 EXP. And the demons with medium-sized horns give 1000 EXP. Some other monsters and demons give random EXP. And honestly, I don't have time to see and confirm which monster gives how much EXP. But All the flying monsters and demons give around 1000 EXP," Aurora stated.

"And here I thought I wouldn't be leveling again since we decided to spend our life like NPCs."

"If Zach was here, he would have said 'Time for dinner' or something along those lines," Misha remarked.

"An you guys back me up for a second? I need to assign my stats points," Aurora said in a low voice.

"Sure. These monsters seem to be more interested in destroying builds anyway."

Aurora assigned her stats points and made sure to keep them equal. But she prioritized AGILITY and ATK since they were the most important, then the DEF.

Aurora wanted to use the armor Zach had given her during the time when they cleared the tower, but that would have decreased her AGILITY and made her slow.

"Let's go!" Aurora shouted as they all dashed at the monsters and the demons.

However, Aurora made sure to stay in the area and not go far from the gazebo as the NPCs were taking shelter there.

Aurora was exhausted after one more hour of fighting and killing the monsters and demons.

She had been fighting for more than 6 hours, so naturally, her body would be worn out by now. It was even more exhausting in the dungeon expedition.

Aurora plunged her sword into the ground and dropped to her knees.

She glanced around and thought, 'There is no end to them. They just keep coming.'

Aurora felt hopeless and helpless.

'I want to see Zach.'

Being in such a state reminded Aurora of her tragic experience on the 34th floor of the beginner's realm dungeon, where she lost her two maids.

'That's where I had gotten my sword skill— Lyda strike. I don't know how I got it or what I did to get it, but it truly helped me. Otherwise, I would have died on that floor along with my maids, and I would have never met Zach.'

"That's scary if I think about it. I never realized up until now that my life was empty before I met Zach."

'I don't know how I got out of the dungeon. I remember using that skill before I passed out in the dungeon. And the next time I opened my eyes, I was outside the dungeon, under the shade of the tree with the moon and stars in the sky.'

'I have no idea what happened after I passed out. Or how I got outside the dungeon. But I remember hearing a voice.'

'It was a sweet, ethereal voice. I felt as though it was calling to me. As though it wanted to talk to me. I also felt like I had a nice dream when I woke up under the tree. I tried to remember it many times, but I couldn't.'

'And right now... I am feeling the same...'

Aurora closed her eyes and muttered, "Where are you?"

[Open your eyes, my child,] an ethereal voice spoke.

Aurora opened her eyes and saw a woman wearing pure black clothes and a white veil on her head.

She was facing her back to Aurora, so Aurora couldn't see her face.

"Who are you...?" Aurora asked with a puzzled look on her face. She glanced around and muttered, "What is this place?"

Everything around her was white; white floor, white sky, white side. It was a never-ending sight of a while, as though she was in a white space.

Because of that, the woman in the black dress was looking so appealing that Aurora couldn't take her eyes off her.

The woman turned around and looked at Aurora with her ember eyes.

[This is our first time meeting, huh?] the woman said with a smile on her face.

The woman's hair was orange but a little faded. Her skin was pale, and there were cracks all over her body, even passing through her eyes.

She also had a broken horn on her forehead. She looked as though her body had broken into pieces and then placed together.

Aurora stepped back in fear and asked, "Who are you?"

The woman scoffed softly and said, "You had the same reaction when I talked to you through my voice."

"I don't remember ever meeting you!" Aurora yelled. "And send me back. My body is defenseless!"

[Don't worry, my child. Time passes differently here, so even if I send you back a minute later, or a thousand years later, no time would have passed in the game.]

[And I don't blame you for not remembering me. You were in a dire state at that time. I had to take control of your body to leave the dungeon,] the woman said in a calm voice.

"Why did you call me here?" Aurora asked with a judging look on her face.

[Arara... you are the one who called out to me.]

"Well..." Aurora averted her gaze and said, "I thought you were calling me. And... I didn't know I would come to a place like this. What is this place anyway?"

[Hmm. I don't know what this place is called. But you can think of it as a limbo dimension. No laws of the realm or reality matters here. There is no flow of time or any sign of life.]

The woman walked forward to Aurora, but Aurora jumped backward.

[Don't be scared of me. My body hurts a lot when I move it, so can you walk over to me?] the woman asked with a gentle smile on her face

"Look. I don't know what's going on or who you are. But I won't come near you or let you come near me unless you tell me something about yourself," Aurora asserted with a cautious look on her face.

SIGH!

The woman looked into Aurora's eyes and uttered, [My name is Lyda, and I am Zach's master.]

Chapter 208 - Lyda's Blessing

"You are... Zach's master...?" Aurora asked with a baffled look on her face.

'Why am I meeting...seeing... Zach's master?' Aurora wondered.

[You must be thinking why you are seeing me, or why am I here, right?] the woman asked with a smile on her face.

"Wait. You said your name is Lyda, and I had the skill with the same name. So why did Zach didn't recognize you?" Aurora asked with a judging look on his face. "Unless you are lying and trying to fool me into thinking that you are an ally."

[Ahaha! You are a clever girl. I am glad that Zach chose you to have his heart. It's safe with you,] the woman said.

'Why do I feel like the more I talk with this woman, the more confused I will get? She is making me crazy!'

[Let me answer your question. I go by various names over the generations, but my true name is Lyda. But Zach knows me by the name 'Lida', so the pronunciation is different. Well, to be honest, he should have recognized the name regardless of how it's pronounced. But I guess he would have never expected to hear my name through you.]

"Are you truly Zach's master?" Aurora asked with a knowing look on her face. She didn't feel any hospitality from the woman, but she still wasn't entirely sure about it, so she kept her distance from her.

[Come on. Come closer to me.]

"First, tell me who you are. I mean... What are you? You have a horn... are you a demon...?" Aurora asked hesitantly with a confused look on her face.

[Hmm. I don't belong to any races. In fact, I am not a being in the first place. This is just a form I have manifested to live among the others. But... well... I am dead anyway,] the woman chuckled.

"Huh?" Aurora couldn't get any more confused than she already was.

[I have been watching you from Zach's eyes, and you are... someone important to him. However, the connection between you and me wasn't strong. But when you drank his essence, I was able to store my fragment inside you. And I am glad that I did. Otherwise, who knows what would have happened...] the woman uttered in a low voice.

"Wait... you said you were watching... does that mean..." Aurora's face flushed a little as she muttered, "You saw everything...?"

The woman scoffed softly and said, [There is no need to be embarrassed. Those moments are precious, and it's the sign of love.]

"Wait... you said our connection wasn't strong before. But This is my first time meeting you. And the voice I heard in the dungeon was before I met Zach. This is not making any sense..." Aurora muttered with a puzzled look on his face, seemingly trying to comprehend everything the woman was saying.

[I am sorry for dropping all these bombs on you. I can see you are confused, but it's not about me. It's about you. So come here and let me grant you my blessings so it could help you in this battle,] the woman uttered.

"Why would you want to do that? What do you want in return?"

[You are an important existence to Zach and the key to his awakening. If anything were to happen to you, the annihilation would begin.]

After a brief pause, the woman continued, [While it is something inevitable, now is not the correct time. That's why...] the woman gazed deep into Aurora's green eyes and said, [You need to survive, for yourself and for him.]

"I..."

[I know there are a lot of things you don't understand, and it's a long story. I don't want to bore you, especially when there is a war going on outside. So I will keep it short.]

"..."

[...]

"..."

They both stared at each other without speaking a word.

After a brief silence, the woman uttered, [Do you love Zach?]

Aurora quietly nodded without saying anything.

[What can you do for him? How far can you go for him?] the woman asked.

"I can do anything."

[Good, I like your dedication to being with him. The stronger your dedication is, the longer you will survive.]

"I still don't trust you..."

SIGH!

The woman sighed and uttered, [Being clever is nice, but being over smart is not. Or what do you humans say nowadays? Smartass peeps are annoying!]

"...!"

[You kind of reminds me of Zach's father's first wife— Zach's mother,] the woman scoffed out loud.

"You mean.. Erza...?" Aurora asked with a curious look on her face.

[No.] The woman shook her head and continued, [Erza was his... second... no, the third wife.]

"... harem...?"

The woman tried to shrug her shoulders, but her body was aching, so she shrugged her head and uttered, [You know, Zach never got along with his father because he never made time for his wives or children. He had huge responsibilities on his shoulders, so I don't blame him. But Zach is dumb. So he hated him and the idea of the harem.]

"...!"

[Now look at the irony; he himself has a nice harem of beautiful girls fawning all over him. It's honestly hilarious. I am sure he now understands his father a little bit.]

'She knows a lot about him. So she should be telling the truth, right? I do remember Zach being all awkward around the girls before. Maybe this was the reason?' Aurora wondered.

[Now, if you are convinced—]

"Wait..." Aurora interrupted the woman and said, "You said Zach's father's first wife is Zach's mother. But it's not Erza. So... does that mean Aria is not Zach's aunt?"

[It depends on how you see it. Aria is a higher goddess who created the humans with Erza. So in a way, they are the mothers of all humans. Besides, even if Zach was Erza's child, that wouldn't have made Aria his aunt because Aria and Erza are not even related in the first place. They are simply created at the same time, with magic.]

"...so.. Zach was exaggerating?"

[He always does that.] The woman spread her hands and said, [Now, Come to me and take my blessings.]

Aurora reluctantly walked over to the woman and stood in front of her.

[Close your eyes, my child.]

'Now that I am standing close to her, I can see how beautiful she is. I can't fathom how gorgeous she would have looked when her body was normal.'

The woman placed her hand on Arua's head and muttered something in a celestial language.

When Aurora opened her eyes again, she was back in Gods' Impact.

[Congratulations! You have acquired Lyda's Blessing!]

Chapter 209 - Crazy Leveling

"...."

'I really got a blessing?!' Aurora exclaimed.

Aurora opened her menu to check the blessing's benefits, and she couldn't believe her eyes after reading what it said.

1) [Increases AGILITY by 100 times.

-Always active.

-No cooldown.]

2) [Stop the flow of time.

-Active- 3 seconds.

-Cooldown- 36 hours.]

3) [Lyda Strike. (each strike deals 100,000 HP DMG)

-Active - 1 second.

-Cooldown- 6 hours.]

"I got my Lyda strike skill back and two more new ones. And they look so overpowered..." Aurora muttered under her breath.

She looked around her to see many players, including Misha and Kayden, fighting against the monsters and demons.

'I can use my skills to end everything. But... Aurora looked at the cooldown of her second skill of Lyda's blessing and muttered, "I have to be fast. If I mess it up, I won't have a chance to use this again for the next 36 hours.'

Without wasting her time, Aurora dashed at the monsters. The first benefit of the skill was always active, but it only activated when Aurora wished to. Since there was no cooldown, that made it easier for Aurora to start it.

Now that Aurora's AGILITY had increased by 100, that made her 100 times faster than before. She could barely keep her balance when running, and she almost tripped a couple of times if it weren't for the torque to keep her on her feet.

Then, Aurora jumped in the air. But because she was running at high speed, she ended up jumping a lot higher than she had expected.

If Aurora fell down or even managed to land on her feet, she would still receive a considerable amount of HP loss. And at a time like this, even 1 HP mattered.

Aurora had no choice but to change her focus from the ground monster to the air monster.

However, she had nothing to do except swing her sword, and the rest was done by speed.

Aurora cleaved all the monsters in the air as he flew higher and forward.

It looked as though Aurora was flying to the players on the ground who were fighting and the NPCs who were hiding.

Aurora's momentum in the air eventually came to half. Now, Aurora needed to land on the ground, but a strange thought suddenly crossed her mind.

'I saw Zach do it once, so maybe I can too?'

Aurora plunged her sword into the nearest monster and jumped on another. She repeated the same process until she reached a big-sized monster that could manage the impact of falling to the ground without injuring her.

There were a lot of monsters and demons in the air. Aurora was chopping them in seconds since Aurora's hand movements were 100 times faster than any normal player with level 20.

Within a few minutes, Aurora had leveled up by two by just killing the monsters in the sky.

'I can't stay here for forever. As long as my feet are not on the ground, I can't use my sword art properly. It's hard to doge in the air as well.'

Aurora found a perfect-sized monster that could easily survive the impact. She jumped onto the monster and stabbed her sword vertically on its head.

However, Because of that, the monster started flapping its wings erratically to shake off Aurora. But Aurora took out her old dagger that once belonged to her maid and cleaved the monster's wings.

The monster fell down with a 'splat,' and its body was squished on the ground. However, Aurora still received some fall damage.

'I lost 200 HP, but let's not worry about it.'

"Aurora!" Misha ran over to Aurora with Kayden and the other few players.

"Are you okay?" Misha asked with a concerned look on her face.

"Yeah, I am fine." Aurora nodded and glanced at the players, who looked out of breath.

Looking at them reminded Aurora of her maids, who were in the same situation that day. Yet, she had forced them to continue the dungeon expedition.

Sure, at that time, Aurora didn't take the slime's warning seriously and thought it was a joke. She didn't know that if they died, they would never respawn and die in the real world too.

"Those who are tired should take a rest," she said in a low voice.

"We can still continue..." a player said as he breathed heavily.

"If you force yourself, you will lose your edge, and that will be your end. It's better to take reset and fight back, rather than charging in blind and dying helplessly," Aurora asserted in a solemn voice.

"We... understand..."

A few players retreated to the gazebo while the rest kept fighting.

The mood of the battle had changed once Aurora received Lyda's blessings.

While the other players struggled to fight against one monster, Aurora was single-handedly killing one monster each second.

No matter how strong the monsters or demons were, none could win against speed and time.

Six hours passed, yet Aurora kept fighting. But the demons from hell had finally stopped coming.

However, that was just the first wave. Many more waves of the demons were about to pass through the portal.

Aurora was only killing the low and mid-level monsters as she didn't have enough courage to fight the high demons or big monsters, especially the five titans who were roaming around the capital and destroying all the buildings under their feet.

Aurora had been using the first benefit of Lyda's skill since the start, but she wasn't feeling exhausted at all.

Aurora assumed it was the effect of the skill, but she was mistaken.

The moment Aurora deactivated the skill to use the other one, she fell to her knees.

"Huh?" Aurora looked at her body with a confused look on her face. She couldn't understand what was happening.

ROAR

She heard a roar of a monster approaching her, but her vision got blurry, and she couldn't see anything clearly.

Still, she held her sword tight and swung it, hoping it would hit the monster. But she was aiming at the wrong size.

'What's happening to me? I was fine...' She gasped in realization and muttered, "So the side-effects and exhaustion didn't come off until I deactivated the skill...?"

Without wasting her time, Aurora activated the skill again. Her vision got clear, and she regained her strength to continue fighting.

[Leveled up!]

[Congratulations! You have reached level 31!]

Chapter 210 - Before The Second Wave

SLASH! SLASH!

Kayden slew the monsters in front of him.

"There is no end to them," he muttered.

He glanced around to look for Misha and saw her fighting three monsters at once.

'I will help her out!'

Kayden hastily walked to Misha to help her, but suddenly, a mid-level monster dashed at Misha from the other side.

"Misha!" he yelled Misha's name to warn her. But Misha was so focused on fighting the three monsters in front of her that she didn't respond to Kayden's yell.

Kayden rushed to Misha as fast as he could, but the monster was faster.

"Misha!" he yelled again as the monster was a few meters away from her.

The monster jumped in the air and raised its fist to crush Misha, but suddenly, the monster's body was cleaved into pieces as it fell to the ground near Misha.

"...!"

Kayden and Misha killed the three monsters and glanced around to see what caused the monster to die, and they saw Aurora fighting the high demons a few meters away from her.

Aurora's strikes and hand movements were so fast that they produced a wind attack that cleaved the monster.

Misha tried to help Aurora, but Kayden placed his hand on her shoulder and shook his head.

"What? We can't just let them fight alone?! What if something happens to her?!" Misha whispered violently.

"That's not it..." Kayden let out a weary sigh and took a deep breath before saying, "We have been fighting for hours now, and we are exhausted. We can barely defeat the mid-level monster, so if we go help her to fight the high-level monsters and demons, then instead of helping her, we would just be getting in her way."

"But still... we have to back her up somehow..."

"Don't worry about it. We are here," a voice said from a distance.

Kayden and Misha looked at the voice to see 'Risen Warriors' guild members at a distance.

"You are..." Misha and Kayden recognized a few of their classmates among the group.

"You guys....!" Kayden and Misha glanced around everywhere to find Zach.

"Zach!" Misha yelled.

"He is not here..." another classmate replied.

"Why not?"

"Well... things happened, and around 900 guild members retreated after the 75th floor," one player replied. "When we got out of the dungeon, we saw monsters running around in the open forest near the dungeon. Then.. we gazed at this capital and saw...."

The player pointed his gaze at the monsters and titans, destructions, and the dead bodies of players and NPCs, and in the end, he looked up at the sky to see the opening to hell.

"Some of our guild members were afraid, and they didn't want to get involved in this. So 200 of them retreated. The rest came here to help, but it took us hours to get here. We were fighting with the monsters on our way and taking small breaks, but I guess we were too late..."

"Did the other players use the portal to retreat? Why are you guys here?" another classmate asked.

"They destroyed the portal, too," Kayden replied.

"Oh..."

"How many players are stuck here?" a high-level player, who was the leader of the group, asked.

"I don't know. The monsters would have spread in the entire realm by now. But I think there are around 500 players still stuck in this capital. I don't know about the rest of the realms," Kayden replied in a calm voice.

"Well, we can't save them all if we can't save ourselves in the first place." The player opened his menu and said, "I will report this to the guild master and ask him if he would send more guild members here to fight."

"That won't change anything, and it would just increase the casualties." Kayden pondered for a while and uttered, "How about you call a... ride or something. Or better yet, bring the flying castle here. All the players can get into it, and then we can go to the other towns to save the other players who are stuck in this realm?"

"That's a good idea. But..." the player gazed at flying monsters and demons in the sky and said, "I don't think Elliot would agree. It's far too dangerous. Besides, look at those titans. They alone can break the entire castle like a lego set."

"True..."

"But let me talk with Elliot and see if he can provide any help. Until then..." The player turned around and said in a loud voice, "All units, time to show our strength! We have leveled up a lot! And these monsters are nothing compared to that abomination on the 75th floor! We are the survivors of that tragedy! So let's use our strength for good!"

"Yeah!" all the guild members cheered up and scattered in all directions.

A female classmate of Kayden and Misha smiled at them and said, "Congratulations on your wedding, by the way. I am sorry I couldn't make it."

"No, it's perfectly fine. You and all the other classmates of ours sent us warm wishes, and that was enough," Misha said with a smile on her face.

Then, the female classmate looked at Aurora, who was cleaving monsters in one shot.

"Is that girl perhaps... Zach's new girlfriend?" she asked.

"How do you... know...?" Misha asked with a confused yet curious look on her face. "I doubt Zach would have told anyone..."

The female classmate chuckled and said, "You know, when Zach and everyone were clearing the dungeon and fighting strong monsters, Zach would always stop fighting whenever he received a notification. Even while resting, Zach would chat with someone."

"And Victoria looked jealous every time Zach did that, so I assumed maybe... you know..." she added with a shoulder shrug.

Misha nodded and said, "Yeah. She is Zach's new girlfriend."

"Let's go help her!"

Misha, Kayden, the female classmate, and a few other players rushed to where Aurora was fighting with the monsters.

The other guild members and players were fighting on the other sides, but Aurora was stealing the spotlight.

Even her blank attacks of simply swinging her sword in the air created sharp wind attacks that were cleaving monsters like butter.

"Does she even need our help at this point...?" a player muttered with a baffled look on his face.

However, Aurora had reached her limit. And the second wave of the hell was about to begin.