

GODS' IMPACT 331

Chapter 331: Living a Lie

The golden energy blinded Misha and enveloped the entire house.

"...!"

Misha opened her eyes and found herself lying on the bed. Confused, she sat up and held her head in her hands as she let out a painful grunt.

She gasped and turned on the lamp light without wasting even a single second. She scanned the room with her eyes and grabbed her sword from the side of the bed before getting off.

p ?? da-n ?v el However, there was no sign of anyone.

"Was that... a dream...?" she asked herself.

She looked at the jar on the table, which was empty before but was now full. But the water inside it was dark.

"It wasn't..." she muttered.

She immediately dashed out of the room with her sword in her hand and turned on all the lights downstairs.

After making sure no one was there, she banged on Kayden's door while yelling, "Open the door!"

A few seconds later, Kayden opened the door with a confused and sleepy face. He was struggling to keep his eyes open.?? ? ?? n ? ???

"What is it? Weren't you the one who said we would talk later?"

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Misha sighed in relief and muttered, "So the conversation really happened!"

"Hmm? What are you talking about?" Kayden rubbed his eyes and said, "Are you trying to take revenge on me or something—"

Kayden's eyes wide opened, and all his sleep vanished when he realized Misha was hugging him. His face flushed red as he stuttered:

"W-What are y-you doing!"

"What's wrong? Weren't you the one who wanted me to hug you?" she asked with a grin on her face.

"B-but... Why so suddenly?! What's gotten into you?!" Kaden tried to hug Misha back and feel her body, but he stopped midway and hesitantly asked, "Can I ask what type of hug is this? Is this a romantic hug or sisterly hug?"

"Sisterly hug, of course," Misha replied.

Kayden grabbed Misha's shoulders and pushed her back while saying, "Then you shouldn't hug me for that long." p??da n?vel

"Okay."

Kayden looked into Misha's eyes and wondered, 'My heart aches so badly, but I can't do anything. Is this how Zach felt every time Misha hugged him?'

"So... what brings you here?" he asked with a judging look on his face. "Waking me up at night and hugging me like this after the heated conversation we had. What are you planning?"

Misha gulped down nervously and placed her hand on her chest before saying, "What I am going to do now might baffle you, but that would answer all the questions you asked me before."

"...?"

Misha stared into Kayden's eyes and spread her golden wings.

"Wha—!" Kayden tried to step back, but he tripped and fell on his butt.

The shock was evident on his face, and he was seemingly scared.

"What is that?!" he yelled in fear.

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"I did expect you to be shocked, but I would never have guessed you would lose your cool like that and act so scared.

Kayden frowned his face and said, "What did you do to 'my' Misha, you imposter! give her back!"

Misha squinted her eyes and uttered, "I thought you gave up on me already."

"Don't tell me... you killed Misha and possessed her body?!" he yelled with a furious look on his face.

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Misha retracted her wings and smacked Kayden's head before saying, "It's me, Misha."

"I don't believe you! And I will never believe you unless you convince me!" he shouted.

"A few months ago, in the real world, you peeked on me when I was taking a bath," Misha sighed in disbelief.

"...!" Kayden's face turned pale after hearing that. He gulped down nervously and said, "That wasn't on purpose! I came to take a bath and saw the lights were off, so I thought it was empty. but I saw you relaxing in the bathtub, and I... watched you for a few seconds before leaving!"

"I do admit it was my fault for keeping the lights off and not locking the door, and that's why I never consulted you about it." Misha shrugged her shoulders and said, "Are you convinced that I am Misha?"

"What if... you gained her memories after possessing her?" he asked with a judging look on his face.

"Look, if you don't want to believe me, it's completely okay. I revealed my identity to you because I wanted to come clean. I am not hiding any secrets from you now," she uttered nonchalantly and turned around to leave the room.

"Wait, wait! I trust you! But you need to tell me more." Kayden sat comfortably on the floor while Misha stood in front of him.

"What are you exactly?" he asked curiously.

Misha once again spread her wings and pointed her gaze at them as she asked, "What do I look like?"

"A... bird? Harpy, perhaps?"

Misha frowned her face and yelled, "I am an angel!"

"Whoa, don't yell. I was just trying to tease you."

Misha's face twitched from the corners as she said, "Don't make jokes in such a serious matter!"

"Okay, okay. Don't get angry." A brief pause later, he asked, "If you are an angel, doesn't that mean your mother is... also one?"

Misha nodded in response.

"Does... my father know about this?"

Misha shook her head and replied, "No. Also, this might surprise you, but my mother and your father aren't actually married."

"What?!" he exclaimed.

"That happened before your father learned about your existence, and he decided to lie to you since he didn't want you to feel lonely. You know he is always busy with his work, so he wanted someone to take care of you, and mother was the best option. She didn't seem to mind either, so they went along with the plan."

"Of course, they never had any intimate relationship either," she casually added. "The only person your father, truly loved was your mother."

"What the... fuck?" Kayden muttered in disbelief. "So my entire life has been nothing but a lie?"

Chapter 332: Same Night

"Do you have anything you want to ask me?" Misha asked Kayden with a judging look on her face.

"I do, actually." Kayden looked at Misha and asked, "Why did you suddenly decide to tell me everything? Until a few minutes ago, when we fought in the living room, you said you can't tell me and how you are doing it for my own good. And then you suddenly banged on my door and told me the things I never knew I needed to know."

Misha lowered her gaze and answered, "I just thought it would be better if I told you everything. You were going to know everything sooner or later."

"So if you are an angel and your mom is one too, does that mean you are with the gods who made this world?" he asked with a knowing look on his face.

"No. Just because I am an angel doesn't mean I serve the god, at least, not the ones who punished us all for no reason."

"Why is Zach so important to you? Is this somehow related to him suddenly getting so powerful?"

Kayden was asking the questions he should have asked a long time ago. But he never cared to know the answers as he had decided to stop playing the game and enjoy the rest of his life in this world.

However, now he had no reason to relax.

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Misha let out a soft sigh and told Kayden everything, but she kept some things secret as she deemed it improper to tell him without Zach and the others' consent.

"How is that even possible?!" Kayden exclaimed. "I grew up with Zach. We did so many things together. And now you are saying that he is some kind of God?! And Miss Erza is the Goddess who supposedly created humankind?!"

"Yes." Misha nodded and added, "And... Aria is her sister."

"Wait a damn minute!" Kayden took a deep breath and made a disgusted look on his face before asking, "Does Zach know about that?"

"I am pretty sure he does."

"Holy shit! So he is banging his aunt?!" she shouted with varied expressions on his face.

"Don't phrase it like that. And why are you acting so surprised?" Misha furrowed her brows and uttered, "I already told you that Zach is not related to them in any way."

"Still... that's so exciting!" p??da n?vel

Misha squinted her eyes and muttered, "I can't believe you."

She shook her head in disbelief and said, "Do you have an incest fetish or some kind?"

"Don't judge me like that. What's wrong with having such fantasies?" Kayden asked nonchalantly.

"Nothing is wrong, but it's disgusting. And such things never turn out to be true," she stated.

"You never know." Kayden shrugged his shoulders and said, "Mine turned true for a brief while."

"Our relationship was just an act." She sighed and said, "While we are on this topic, let's discuss what we are going to do next."

"What do we have to do? We get divorced,"

Misha's eyes widened after hearing that. "Are you sure?" she asked. ,c,om

"What do you mean? Why should we keep this up any longer? Oh wait... to fool Zach?" he remarked.

"..."

"You know, I won't let you fool him anymore. And you should come clean. I am sure he will accept you regardless of your reasoning," he stated.

"That's not for you or me to decide. I am here on a mission, and I can't fail. Nor will I let you or anyone interrupt it. Not even you!" She frowned her face and continued, "And if we divorce, my mission will fail."

"How?" he asked with a curious yet confused look on his face. "I still don't understand how our 'fake' relationship has anything to do with your mission."

"I have to keep my eyes on him and note everything he does. Give him instructions when needed and help him when he is in a pinch. I am even ready to sacrifice myself for his needs," she stated with an earnest look on her face.

"And where is the answer to my question?" he asked with an annoyed face. "Also, wouldn't it be for the best if you join his party or something? That way, you can keep a close eye on him and enjoy his company. Maybe you will become part of his harem a few days later."

Misha shot a glare at Kayden and said, "I told you before, and I will say it again; I do not love him in a romantic way!"

"Yeah, yeah, whatever. I don't care about all that. So you better tell everything to Zach, or I will tell him myself," he threatened.

"Did you threaten me?!" Misha yelled.

"I did."

"How dare you!"

"How dare you! You played with my feelings for years, even though you knew how much I loved you! And now you want to play with Zach's feelings too? Not on my watch," he smirked.

"Here you say you love me, and the next second you try to sabotage my important mission? Is that your love?" she asked with puppy eyes.

Kayden smirked even wider and said, "Consider it my revenge. Up until now, you have only seen my love, but now you will see my hate."

"..."

"Not that I hate you, but you get what I mean," he added.

Misha looked at the time and left the room after saying, "I will deal with you later."

"..." Kayden shook his head in disbelief before closing the door and hopping on the bed.

When Zach was spending the night with Aurora, and the girls were dealing with the thugs, things got resolved between Misha and Kayden. However, at the same time, something else was happening in the Risen Warrior guild.

Shay and Natasha were sleeping naked next to each other, and they had just finished their fifth round. Shay had fallen asleep, but Natasha was awake.

She smiled while staring at the ceiling and uttered inwardly: 'Even after entering this game and having sex with many men, including Elliott. I even had a few orgies and gangbangs with the guild members to satisfy myself, but by far, Shay is still the best partner in the bed. I can finally say I had a pleasurable night.'

Chapter 333: Natasha's Feelings

It was the same night when everything happened.

Natasha just got out of the bathhouse after taking a long bath to clean her from both inside and outside.

Her hair was still wet, and water was dripping from her body. Seemingly, she hadn't wiped herself after coming out of the bathtub.

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"Stupid pieces of shit! Even though I told them to cum outside, they still creampie'd me. Stained me from their fifth liquid. And because of them, I had to wash myself thoroughly!"

She was on her way back to her room. But she decided to take a detour as the cold breeze made her feel good.

She touched her cave and muttered, "I still don't feel satisfied. I don't know why."

'I thought a gangbang would feel amazing like the rest of the times, but it was overly underwhelming,' she sighed.

"Elliott was also getting suspicious of me and asked me questions about my location. How dare he order me around! Just because I let him fuck me, he thinks I belong to him! He doesn't know that he is my dog and is dancing on my finger!"

Just a few more days, and my plan will be in action. I will soon become the captain and the guild leader of his guild. I have so many things I have planned to do once I become the guild leader. I will have orgies every night and have fun!

I will make my reverse harem of cute and hot guys with big dicks. That would be so awesome! It was my dream, and I am so close to fulfilling it."

She kept walking while murmuring to herself and enjoyed her walk.

She turned around after saying, "I should go to my room and—"

She stopped when she saw Shay standing on the cliff of the flying castle while looking up at the sky.

'What is he doing there all alone?!' she wondered. After looking at him for a few seconds, she thought, 'Should I go talk to him?'

'No, no. That would be a bad idea. He would misunderstand me and think I am... sigh!'

In the end, she decided to approach Shay.

She quietly walked to him and stood beside him without saying anything. She looked at him, and her eyes widened in surprise as her face flushed.

'Was he... always this handsome...?' she asked herself.

Shay noticed Natasha standing beside him and asked without looking at her:

"What do you want?"

"Nothing. I just came to enjoy the breeze and the night view of this world, which is surprisingly fascinating," she replied calmly.

"..."

"What about you? Why are you standing here like a lonely introvert?" she asked with a soft chuckle.

"Same reason as you, I guess," he replied with a smile.

"...!" Natasha gulped down nervously and placed her hand on her chest. 'What was that?! Did my heart just skip a beat?! Was it because of the cold?!'

Natasha had never been in love with anyone and never trusted anyone in her entire life. She was a stranger to emotions and feelings other than greed, envy, and revenge.

"What's wrong?"

"Nothing." She shook her head and said, "When did you return from your secret task?"

"A while ago..."

After a brief silence, Natasha asked, "What is that secret task anyway? Is it given by Elliott or someone else?"

"No, it's just a personal task."

"Hmm? Is it a personalized quest?" She asked curiously. "I have them too, but I never bothered to complete them as the rewards were useless."

"No, it's not a personalized quest. It's something I am doing for myself," he responded in a low voice.

α??α-?????? "Can... I ask what that is...?"

Shay furrowed his eyes and asked, "Why do you want to know that?"

"Come on~ I am just curious. You have been acting so strange lately. I am just worried about you," she replied with a gentle smile on her face.

After pondering for a while, Shay let out a deep sigh and said, "I go to clear the dungeon."

"Huh? Why would you do that?" she asked with a confused look on her face.

"I want to reach floor 75..."

"Why...?" she asked with the same expression.

"I... loved Bianca...." he muttered with a painful expression on her face. "I want to pay a visit to her grave and tell her my feelings."

'Who the hell is Bianca?!' She yelled inwardly. 'And what the fuck?! Did he just say he loved her? When did that happen? Well, who cares! I am glad that bitch died! How dare she steal Shay's heart! It belongs to me! Shay belongs to me!'

"Whenever I close my eyes, I see her face. Every night, I get nightmares. I see her dying in various horrible ways, and all I can do is watch her die. I wish I was there when she needed me. I wish I had participated in the dungeon expedition that day. Maybe... just maybe she would be alive..."

Tears rolled down Shay's cheeks as he said that.

'What the hell?! Is he seriously crying over some girl?! What happened to him?!'

"Or perhaps... I would have died with her that day." Shay scoffed softly and sadly and muttered, "Maybe that would have been better. Maybe that would be a happy ending for my story..."

"....!" Natasha frowned her face after hearing that. She clenched her fists and thought, 'What the hell are you talking about?! You can't die. Your life belongs to me, and you are not allowed to do something I don't want you to. And again, I am glad that bitch is dead! If she wasn't, I would have killed her myself!'

When Natasha was cursing Bianca, she recalled Shay talking to a girl who was also his trainer.

'I see... so that was Bianca. But why?! She looked plain as fuck! I am a hundred, no, a million times more beautiful than her! Instead of falling in love with someone like her, fall in love with me!'

Natasha pulled Shay close to her and kissed him on the lips.

Chapter 334: Clever Predator

Shay's eyes widened as Natasha kissed him, but he managed to push her back and made some distance between them.

"What are you doing?!" Shay asked with a surprised look on his face.

Natasha lowered her gaze and replied, "I just felt like doing it after seeing you sad."

"What's that supposed to mean? Now I am sure you will blame me for it too, just like how you—"

"Why did you love her?" Natasha asked without wasting any time.

"Why... are you asking something like that?"

"That girl was a number one slut of this guild," she said with a furious look on her face.

Shay frowned her face after hearing that he choked Natasha with his hands. However, she didn't try to fight back.

"I am... telling the truth..." she managed to utter.

"..." Shay reluctantly let her go and turned around, seemingly not wanting to see Natasha's face.

"I saw her being intimate with the guild members many times," she said.

"You must have seen someone else!" Shay retorted.

"No. I knew Bianca even before you met her." After a brief pause, she uttered, "She was Elliott's whore."

"...!" Shay clenched his fists and said, "You... are lying..."

"I am not. Did you forget that I am Elliott's secretary? I saw Bianca come into Elliott's office almost every day and night, and Elliott would ask me to leave for a while. I always saw her coming out of his office

with messy hair and clothes. If that's not enough for you to get convinced, then maybe you are not as smart as I thought you were," she remarked with a smirk on her face.

Shay was facing his back to her, so he couldn't see her face. And she just told him the things and just changed her name with Bianca's.

"I don't believe you! I may not have known her well, but she wasn't that type of girl!" Shay kept retorting as it was the exact opposite of how he thought Bianca was.

"Sadly, there are no cameras or phones in this game. Otherwise, I would have shown you the proof," she stated with a proud face.

Shay slowly turned around with a gloomy face and asked, "Are you really telling the truth?"

"Why would I lie to you? I only wish for your well-being, and after learning that you loved a slut like her, I felt disgusted. I would have minded my own business if I wanted to, but I told you the truth. There is no gain for me in that," she replied with a gentle smile, completely different from the face she was making before.

"I..." Shay let out a deep sigh and dropped to his knees in despair.

Natasha covered her face and nearly snickered, but she managed to hide it by sneezing. Then, she hugged herself and rubbed her hands before saying:

"It suddenly feels so cold here."

"She seemed so innocent and kind to me...." Shay muttered. "But even if she was that type of girl, I still don't regret falling in love with her."

After hearing that, Natasha bit her lips before gritting her teeth and said, "Do you want me to tell you more tales about how she became this guild's number one whore?"

"No. I don't want to—"

"She used to take part in orgies and gangbangs almost every night!"

Shay covered his ears and said, "I said I don't want to hear it."

"Not only that, some of the survivors of the floor 75th told me that even during the dungeon expedition, she was in the backlines hand fucking every guy she saw. She was nothing but a slut who was after your money!" Natasha yelled near Shay's ears.

Shay raised his head and glared at Natasha with tears in his eyes. He bit her lips and hugged Natasha's legs as though he needed a shoulder to cry on.

Natasha smirked widely and uttered to herself: 'Heh! I can't believe I got such a golden chance to get close to Shay. This is seriously a jackpot! A few more emotional torture, and he will be mine!'

Shay calmed down a few minutes later and stood up on his legs while using Natasha as support as his legs had become numb and weak.

He raised his brow at Natasha and asked, "How do you know about all this?"

'Oh shit! I totally forgot about that!' Natasha gulped down nervously and responded: "I heard about it from the guild members."

"Then it could be a lie as well, right? Maybe someone was trying to defame her or something?" Shay asked with a knowing look on his face.

'Dammit! I let my guard down, thinking he would be distraught! But he is still as clever as ever in a state like this!'

Natasha quickly thought of an excuse and uttered: "Don't tell anyone, but our classmate, and a friend of mine, also took part in those orgies. I won't tell her name for obvious reasons."

"..." Shay raised his brow in suspicion but didn't say anything.

"It's up to you to believe me or not. I just wanted you to know the truth as I love you, and I can't see you in pain," she lied without flinching.

Shay's eyes widened as soon as he heard that. He squinted his eyes and asked, "What... did you say?"

"I.. love you..." she said while squirming to make it sound convincing.

"Really...?"

She nodded meekly and uttered, "I have always loved you ever since I met you in the first year of our high school. But I knew you were out of my reach. You were rich, and you had a reputation of being a playboy, so I... I never tried to approach you!"

She suddenly hugged Shay and continued, "But I can't hide my feelings anymore. I don't even hate you even though you r*ped me! Will you love me back?"

"..." Shay hugged Natasha back in response.

"...!" Natasha's face was red as a beet. 'What's going on? Why is my heart beating so fast?! I don't understand!'

She looked up at Shay and quietly whispered in his ears, "Can we go to your room?"

After that, they had five rounds of fun. Shay fell asleep, but Natasha remained awake. However, she was satisfied.

πα??α-?????? 'I should go back to my room before anything happens!' She quickly got off the bed and left Shay's room while fixing the clothes on her way.

Unbeknownst to her that Elliott had seen her leaving Shay's room.

Chapter 335: Formidable Foe

Natasha was on her way to her room, which was in the opposite quarter of Shay's room. She had to walk all the way to the other side of the flying castle.

'I left in a hurry and did wear my clothes properly. Gladly, no one is around, but not that I care if someone sees me. I can shut them with my beautiful body,' she uttered inwardly.

While walking, she touched her cave as her face flushed for some reason.

'I don't understand. This was my second night with Shay. While the first night was when I drugged his drink and r*ped him, it still felt better than my other sessions with other boys. But what we did just now was the most satisfying and pleasurable sex I have ever had in my entire life.

Why did it feel so much better? Shay sure has a lot of experience in pleasuring the girls. I mean, he is not a playboy for no reason. But still...

His dick is just a little bigger than average, and I have had bigger ones. However, Shay's feels satisfying for some reason. It's like his dick is made especially for my pussy.

And...'

She placed her hand on her chest and thought, 'I still can't understand why my heart was beating so fast! This has never happened before, and I have noticed that it only occurs when Shay is around! But why?!

Could it be that I...'

Natasha's face flushed even more as she shook her head in denial.

'No, no, no! It can't be! There is no way I am in love with him! Why would I love someone like him?! The only thing I want from him is sex, money, and attention...'

GASP!

She suddenly gasped and covered her mouth.

'Is that what every girl wants from the guy she loves?! Wait... do I really love Shay? That would explain why sex with him feels so much better...

I don't understand...

Up until now, I have never believed in something like love. I always thought love wasn't real. I mean, surely, one person wants something from another, and the mutual sensation and feeling of wanting something from one another can be considered love.

So... if I really love Shay... does that mean I will have to confess my love— wait...'

Natasha covered her face with her hands to hide her embarrassment and muttered, "Didn't I already confess to him?! Oh shit! How did I manage to do something so bold?!"

GASP!

'Wait a damn minute...!' Natasha's eyes widened in realization as she thought, 'I confessed to him and had sex with him. Does that mean we are going out now?'

But he didn't accept my confession nor turned me down. Oh... I didn't even ask him out!

But we had sex, so doesn't that mean he is okay with me? I will have to ask him tomorrow.

What if he turns me down or says, 'It was a one-time thing' or something?! That would be heartbreaking!

α??α ?????? Natasha was acting like a pure maiden in love even though she was far from being a maiden.

'But my heart is beating so fast just thinking about it! So this is what it feels like to be in love?!

I hate to admit it, but it's so thrilling! But wait, so if I genuinely love Shay, and we someone managed to date, does that mean I can't have sex with other guys?

Eh... I don't want that. Sure, Shay might be enough to satisfy me in bed, but that doesn't change the fact that each and every dick feels different. And I never said that they don't feel good.

Gangbangs feels awesome! The best thing in the world. But they are not just as satisfying as having sex with Shay.

Hmmm...'

After pondering for a while, she nodded and thought, 'I have decided. Even if Shay agreed to date me, I would still have sex with other guys. Who cares if it's considered cheating? It doesn't matter as long as you don't get caught.

And if that really happens, doesn't that mean I can have sex with Shay almost every day and night and whenever I want?! That's like living in a dream!

Once I have succeeded in my plan, I will become the guild master of this guild and form my own harem of handsome and hot men. Don't worry, Shay! I will make you the king of my harem, and you will have all my attention!

Seriously, this game is such a paradise. I can do and become everything I couldn't in the real world. Thank the Gods! I won't ever worship you cuz I don't like looking up to someone or praising them, but I am grateful for you to make this game!'

While Natasha was enjoying her victory, she heard footsteps behind her and looked back, only to see Elliott standing in front of her with a furious look on his face.

Natasha's face immediately turned pale, and she gulped anxiously as she thought, 'What is he doing here?! Moreover, did he hear me?! But I am sure I was saying all that in my thoughts and didn't say anything out loud! But still... did he see me or something?'

She panicked.

"What... were you doing in Shay's room?" he asked with a frown.

'So he did see me! Oh shit, what should I do?! Wait, there is no need to panic. This is Elliott, and he is a stupid beta cunt! I can fool him easily with some stupid lie!'

"I... have no idea what you are talking about..." she said meekly.

"Don't lie! I saw it with my eyes! You came out of his room while fixing your clothes!" Elliott grabbed Natasha's shoulder tightly and asked, "Tell me! What were you doing with him?!"

'You have got to be kidding me! I was so careless about my surroundings. Dammit! Why now of all time? I was so close to fulfilling my plan, but it's all ruined now! No... I can still do it. I just have to come up with a better and conceiving lie!'

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Natasha sobbed as tears rolled down her cheeks. She hugged herself as her body trembled and muttered, "Shay... he... r*ped me..."

Chapter 336: A Distant Voice

Aurora opened her eyes to find Zach had already left. But to make sure, she sat up before glancing around and calling his name and realized that he had indeed left.

She puffed her cheeks and muttered, "Couldn't he have waited until I woke up? It's been so long since I last woke up beside him and greeted him good morning."

She looked in the distance to see Milo doing her regular stretches, including her wings and tail.

"Good morning, Milo~!" Aurora greeted her cheerfully.

"Lady Aurora! You are awake!" Milo stopped doing her activity and flapped her wings to fly to the throne.

"You have grown big enough to fly freely, huh?"

"No. But I can fly a few meters, which is the height of the throne," Milo responded.

"When did Zach leave?" Aurora asked curiously.

Milo slapped her tail and replied, "Uhm... about 5 minutes ago, I would say. He woke up a few hours ago but waited for you to wake up."

"Oh! So he did wait for me...."

"How are you feeling, Lady Aurora?" Milo asked curiously. "You ate another essence pill, right? Do you feel any change in your body?"

"Well..." Aurora looked at the visible cracks on her hands and thighs and uttered, "From the outside, nothing has changed, but I can feel a lot stronger from the inside. And did you not notice that I only slept for 12 hours compared to my daily more than 18 hours of sleep?"

"I did. And that's why I asked."

"I see..."

Things got awkward real quick between them, but Milo decided to make it more awkward by mentioning what Zach and Aurora did last night.

"I was..." Milo murmured.

"Hmm?"

"Master Zach told me to give you two some alone time, so I left to walk around. And since he usually leaves after spending two to three hours with you, I expected the same.

However, when I returned, you two were... I mean... he was fingering you, and you were moaning...

Of course, I immediately left and didn't return until the morning, but still... I never expected to see something like that. But I guess that was normal. You two are lovers, after all."

Usually— no, Aurora acted like a pervert most of the time. However, she easily used to get embarrassed after getting caught by someone. She liked to act like a princess when she was in public, but she always acted like a pervert whenever she was alone with Zach.

When Milo mentioned she saw everything, Aurora's face turned red as a beet. She wanted to run away from there, but her body didn't allow her to. So she covered her face with her hands and laid down on the throne, facing her back to Milo.

"I suddenly feel sleepy, so I will sleep for a few more hours!"

After saying that, Aurora drifted to sleep, completely unbeknownst to the voice telling her something in her dreams, if one could call it.

'He was a cheerful man who always liked to pass comments and make jokes even in serious situations. But as the time passed, he changed.

His face was always brimming with excitement and happiness, and the wide smile on his face, which was pure bliss to my eyes, slowly changed too.

Day by day, his charming smile decreased. Slowly and steadily, it vanished. I can't remember when was the last time I saw him smile. He would still often smile once in a while, but that would be a wry smile with nothing but pain behind it.

His innocent smile that I loved was gone until I ever realized how much I yearned to see it.

I failed to notice everything. The pain he was enduring, the suffering he was going through, the challenges and the hurdles that stood in his way, he kept everything inside him.

He never let anyone know about it and took the responsibility to save us like a hero. He was my hero, but before I had realized it, that hero had succumbed to darkness that could put the void to shame.

Was it my fault? Maybe. Perhaps... if I had noticed it sooner, I would have saved him.

Would that have changed anything? I don't know, but I am sure he himself tried to change and failed miserably. I am sure of it. I knew him better than anyone, or did I?

I ask myself that question every time.

Do I still love him? Absolutely. I promised him that I would love him no matter what happened, no matter what he did or what he became.

My love for him would never die. For instance, the abyss may come to its end, and eternity may reach its limit, but the love I have for him will remain the same until the day I die. No, until this world exists.

I don't know if you are hearing this, nor do I know if you will ever remember this, but please, I beg you, please save him before it's too late.

Then again, this is not the first time I am saying this to you. Every time I fail to reach you, and every time you fail to notice his pain.

However, I will not stop. I will keep reaching you until you have saved him. Goodbye, Aurora. I will contact you soon, once again.'

Aurora slowly opened her eyes, and a trail of tears rolled down her cheek.

"Huh?" She sat up and glanced at Milo, only to see her staring back at her.

"Lady Aurora? Why are you crying?! Is everything alright? Does your body hurt? Do you miss Master Zach? I will contact him through the shadows if you—"

"Milo..." Aurora interjected and muttered, "Why did you take Zach as your master?"

"Why are you asking this so suddenly?"

"I... nevermind. I must have had a bad dream or something. I don't remember anything, but I feel sad. I feel... sad...."

Outside Aria's domain, everyone was having breakfast, but Zach wasn't there.

"Is Zach still with Aurora?" Aria asked Victoria.

"Well, if we don't see him here with us, then he is obviously with Aurora," Victoria replied with a shoulder shrug.

Chapter 337: Ascendance

[Warning! You have killed a player!]

[Leveled up!]

[Warning! You have killed 7 players!]

[Leveled up!]

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SIGH!

Zach opened his menu and assigned the points to his stats.

"Level 91, huh?" he muttered. "I remember reading in the journal that the system changes after crossing the level 100."

'To be honest, the levels in this game are useless to me. I am only trying to level up so I can ascend even higher. The only thing I care about now is my soul power, and it's increasing as my worshippers increase.

There is a summit later today, and I will try my best to get the players to worship me. If everything goes well, my soul powers would probably be double what they are not.

But the real problem is retaining the worshippers. I cannot tell how many are joining and leaving my religion.

It's not really a big deal, but it affects my soul power.'

Zach gazed at the dead bodies of the players he had just killed and shook his head in disbelief.

"Cerberus, are you hungry?" Zach asked calmly.

[I... am not, my liege,] Cerberus replied from Zach's shadows. Cerberus wasn't hungry as he had eaten the thugs from last night at the church.

"Oh.. okay then..." Zach moved his hand to the corpses and burned them until they turned into ashes.

"Now then..." Rudy walked to the portal in the middle of the forest and muttered, "Time to ascend. Once I reach level 100, I can challenge the angel, who will be the realm boss of the first five main realms and 15 sub realms. I don't care about the rewards, but I want to send a message to the gods through that angel."

After leaving Aria's domain in the morning, Zach went to the garden and ascended to the highest possible realm he could with his current level. The portal opened in the middle of the forest, and after walking for a while, he was attacked by a pandit party of eight players with a red name tag.

Zach had no other choice but to kill them as the players deserved to die for ambushing players like that.

"Not going to lie, killing players is indeed the easiest way to level up, especially for someone like me whose physique is already max. It's truly tempting.

I think most players would turn to the dark side once they learn the secret to leveling up by killing the players. No one would want to risk their lives in the dungeon for hours only to barely level up when they can just level up by killing the players.

However, I am glad to see not many know about it. Although I am worried about what would happen if this secret gets out. By the looks of it, it would be safe to assume that 5% of the players already know about it.

To be honest, I have thought about it. What if I go killing the players to level up? ρ???-
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Of course, I would only kill the players with red name tags, but after interrogating them and making sure they are not innocent.

Obviously, not every player that has a red name tag is evil. Some might have killed someone in order to protect themselves. There is no real way to know about it."

SIGH!

Zach let out a weary sigh and passed through the portal.

[Welcome to the fifth stage of the first realm- Bone Fortification!]

"I am sure many players have ascended this far. But this is the top stage of the first realm, and the requirements to enter this realm are level 90 and at least the fifth stage of the physique cultivation, which is the Limit Surpassing Stage.

Come to think of it, the requirements to ascend to the higher realms decrease as we ascend. The level requirement is 90, but the physique is high as always.

That makes sense as one needs too many EXP to level up, and it's exhausting," he murmured to himself.

He opened the map of the realm to look for the dungeon.

"Wow... it's so far— what the fuck! I have no intention of sightseeing the realms, no matter how unique and beautiful they are. It's no fun when Aurora and the girls are not with me."

[My liege, may I propose an idea?] Cerberus asked from Zach's shadow.

"I already know what you will suggest, and the answer is yes," he uttered nonchalantly. "Let's clear the dungeon of this realm and go back. The girls are waiting for me."

Cerberus came out of Zach's shadow in his mighty form and bowed down in front of Zach.

[It's an honor to be able to use,] he said with the utmost sincerity.

Zach stepped on Cerberus' leg and climbed on top of it.

[Are you comfortable, my liege?]

"Yes. You may start running."

[There is no leash on me for you to hold. So I apologize in advance if you accidentally fall of—]

"How bold of you to assume I will fall off. It seems I need to discipline you."

[Please forgive me, my liege!]

"Hmm~ I may consider it if you can take me to the dungeon within five minutes. Remember that it's on the other side of the map, and this realm is big. Almost ten times big as the first sub-realm."

[I will try my best!]

Cerberus began to walk, and soon his steps picked up speed. A few seconds later, he started running at a crazy speed, but Zach didn't budge from his position.

He enjoyed the wind hitting his face and making it numb as Cerberus increased his speed even more.

They reached the first town and crossed it within a second. And the NPCs and the players that were staying there didn't even see them. They all thought it was a gust of wind.

They passed through various towns and cities. Luckily, the bigger cities like the capitals and such, where most players and NPCs resided, were not in their way.

Cerberus took the route of the forest and mountains, and they reached the dungeon after six minutes and nine seconds.

Chapter 338 - Ascendance

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Chapter 339 Passive Leveling

"We are here..." Zach muttered as he gazed at the entrance of the dungeon.

[Why did you skip the dungeon of the lower realms, my liege?] Cerberus asked.

"They would have given me less EXP than this dungeon. Today, I want to hit level 100 at any cost, so I can open the quest to challenge the realm boss. It is time for the gods to know that I am after their neck," he replied in a lifeless voice.

[Does that mean that we wouldn't be able to partake in the dungeon fight?]

"Well, yeah. If you guys kill the monsters and clear the dungeon on my behalf, I only get 10% of the EXP. Maybe I will send you all to clear the dungeons of the lower realms.

Hmm..." Zach placed his hand on the chin and nodded, "That's actually a good idea. While I am clearing this dungeon, I will send the rank 3, 4, and 5 demons to clear the dungeons of the lower realms. Even if I get a low EXP. I would at least get something. It's like passively leveling."

Zach ordered all the rank 3, 4, and 5 demons to come out of his shadow, and they emerged within a second.

They all knelt down in front of Zach and waited for their next order.

"I want you to go to the lower realms and clear the dungeons. Protect each other and watch your back. Don't die on me, it's an order," Zach asserted.

"And you are going to clear the mixed dungeon, so there are chances that you will run into other players. If you do run into them, don't engage with them. They will most likely try to attack you thinking you are the monsters. In such cases, hide in the shadows.

Listen carefully, this is an important mission, and I don't want you guys to screw it up. I will be outraged if I get to know that you did something stupid like the last time.

I will punish everyone accordingly upon failure and praise you upon a successful dungeon expedition. The punishment will be that I will 'release' you— meaning death. And the reward will be that...'

Zach pondered for a while and asserted loudly: "I will name the one with the most kill count. Three of them. So go all out, but make sure to look out for each other. If any of you die, I will hold all of you responsible for it."

The army of the undead demons nodded and stood up. One of the rank five demons stared at Zach and then moved its gaze to Cerberus.

[Don't stare at me! I will gobble you up!] Cerberus yelled in anger.

However, the rank five demon kept staring at him.

[You dare!] Cerberus charged at the demon to crush him, but it disappeared into the shadows like the rest of the undead army.

[My liege!] Cerberus turned to Zach. [Please do something about them!]

"Even if you ask me that, what am I supposed to do?"

[They always annoy me even when I am resting in your shadow, they make noises. And when I sleep, they use my body as a punching bag and try their newly learned attacks.]

"Wow. Their bullying has increased a lot, huh?"

[Please allow me to kill them all!]

"I can't do that. I need them, you know?"

[Why? I am enough for you! I am thousands of times stronger than them, and I can do what they can't do. I can even speak and have normal conversations with you while they can't even utter a word!]

Cerberus' fury was over the roof. His rivalry with Zach's other undead army was inevitable, and each and every one of them was trying to prove that they were better than the other.

'It seems he has reached his limit.'

"I will talk to them and warn them not to disturb you next time, okay?"

[What if they still continue it? Can I kill them?]

"No, stop talking about killing your teammates. And they won't annoy you. If they do, you may inform me, and I will punish them," Zach stated with a sigh.

[Teammates? They are nothing but burdens! I hate sharing my space with them!]

"Alright, that's enough. Let's proceed with the dungeon," Zach ordered.

"Yes, my liege."

Zach raised his brow and said, "You need to change your form to mini Cerberus. And don't you dare interfere in the battles or try to steal my EXP, got it?"

[But what if you are cornered, or you need my help?]

Zach's face twitched repeatedly as he glared at Cerberus and uttered, "How dare you think I will get cornered?"

Cerberus ran inside the dungeon after saying, [We are getting late, my liege.]

Zach shook his head in disbelief and let out a weary sigh as he muttered, "He is getting more and more brazen lately."

Zach entered the dungeon and began the expedition on the first floor.

Every realm had different types of monsters in the dungeon, and less and less players knew what kind of monsters they would fight next.

Fortunately, few of the explorers have made a realms' journal that had all the information about the realms, including its physical map drawn with certain secret locations which were not available on the menu map.

Not only that, it had recommendations of the gear according to the player's level. It also had everything about the dungeons, and it was regularly updated with new types of monsters they encountered.

It had monsters sorted out with floors and difficulty levels with its weaknesses and critical hit spots.

There were many recommendations and suggestions for the players that helped them level up faster and better.

It was a bible for the players, and they even published it for the players. It was also copied and distributed to the guildhall of all the realms, but they had to pay for a personal copy, although it was totally worth it.

Chapter 340 Struggles to Reach Level 100

[Congratulations! You have cleared the 50th floor! Proceed through the portal to enter the next floor or retreat!]

SIGH!

"I just soloed 50 floors and barely level up by 2. EXP gain in this game is truly broken," Zach groaned.

[My liege, what level do you think you will reach by the end of this dungeon expedition?] Cerberus asked.

"Judging by the EXP distribution so far, I am leaning on maybe 3 more levels," Zach responded.

[You are currently level 93, so 3 more levels would make you a level 96. Didn't you say you want to reach level 100 today?]

"I did. What of it? I don't know the EXP gain, and the EXP bar is ridiculously long. No wonder the gods gave up after level 100. Not going to lie, I am excited to see what comes after level 100 since they said they were going to get rid of the EXP in the latest update," Zach muttered.

When Zach was in a slumber, the gods pushed another update to the game that made the game even more realistic and added many limitations to the players by removing the automatic game mechanism.

Now, they had to do everything manually that would consume their time, such as taking a bath was no longer available on the menu. They also need to go to the toilet to relieve themselves from worldly matters.

The update wasn't a big deal for Zach as he already used to do everything manually, and he was, in fact, happy after seeing the changes in the leveling up system.

That was the reason why Zach had decided to level up suddenly before the gods pushed another update and messed up the leveling system again.

"To be honest, I hope I can level up 5 in the next 50 floors," Zach wished and proceeded to the next floor.

[Still, you would be level 98 after that.]

"Stop it, Cerberus. You are not helping by mentioning it again and again."

Zach conjured a bow and arrow and charged it. He waited for the monsters to spawn and began shooting them as soon as possible.

The monsters were wolves with horns and wings and bigger in size. But it only took one arrow for Zach to hunt them down. However, they could dodge in the air at high speed since they had wings.

The numbers of monsters were also high, and unlike the dungeon floors on the lower realm, these dungeon floors spawned monsters in waves. So technically, one floor of the dungeon of the higher realm was 5 floors of the lower realms dungeon, but with deadly monsters and higher difficulty.

However, Zach was, of course, unfazed by all that. He had grown strong enough to shoot any monsters except the bosses. He had filled his MP by cultivating, and he could use his DT skill to turn anything into ashes.

If he was cornered, he could use the blessings, which allowed him to wield an unfathomable amount of power. He had nothing to worry about except the EXP gain from each floor which was frustrating.

ZAP! ZAP!

Zach loaded the arrows with lightning and shot the wolves at a crazy speed, which was faster than an assault rifle. And Zach's hand movement was inhumane in every way.

Cerberus, who was waiting for a chance to aid Zach, slowly stepped back and hid in the corner in fear of getting hit by one of the arrows.

Within five minutes, Zach defeated over 500 wolves and cleared the floor.

SIGH!

"I could clear the entire dungeon again, but the freaking gods decreased the EXP gain to 10% of the EXP gain compared to the first time, in the first update."

Zach absorbed the weapon and stretched his hands in the air.

YAWN~

He then opened his menu and looked at the time.

"Hmm~" He hummed in amusement and muttered, "Nearly an hour has passed since we entered this dungeon. By now, there will be boss floors every 5 floors, so they will take more time."

"Cerberus, what do you—" Zach glanced to his side to ask Cerberus, but much to his surprise, he wasn't standing there. "Hmm?"

He turned around to see Cerberus hiding behind the block.

"What are you doing...?" Zach asked with a confused look on his face.

[I was afraid of getting shot by one of those arrows,] he replied as he came out from hiding.

"Why would they hit you?"

[Since you were shooting them down so fast even when they were also fast and leaping on you, I expected a possibility of you accidentally shooting me down.]

"Ahaha!" Zach laughed out loud and uttered, "That won't happen. Your color is different from them, and even if I somehow shoot you, you won't die."

[I am aware of that, but I would get hurt.]

"Oh?" Zach smirked from the corner of his lips and teased, "So you are afraid of the pain? Getting hit by one of my arrows would be like getting pricked by a needle for you."

[I... am not afraid of the pain. But if I get hurt, I wouldn't be able to assist you in the battle when you need me,] Cerberus replied in a remorseful voice.

"..." Zach felt a little guilty for making fun of Cerberus.

SIGH!

"Your loyalty sometimes makes me question my authority on you. I am delighted to have a pet like you," Zach said with a smile on his face.

[Pet?] Cerberus bowed down and uttered, [My liege, I am but your humble slave. Please do not feel any—]

"I consider you as my pet," Zach interjected.

[...]

"..."

[And I consider you as my God, My liege. Your words are my order. So please, use me.]

Zach patted Cerberus on the head and said, "If you feel frightened, you can hide in my shadow."

[Yes, my liege.]

Zach glanced at the two portals and uttered, "Alright. The break has ended. It is time to proceed further!"

[Yes, my liege!]

Zach and Cerberus entered the next floor.