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Chapter 41

[Your MP regeneration will increase with your physique level. However, note that if your cultivation went wrong, your body in the real world would malfunction, and the link between your soul and your body will be severed. Meaning, you will die in both worlds. So don't rush to level up like an idiot, or you will die. Well, you are all going to die in the end, anyway.]

[Your physique points will automatically increase to 800 points. You will need to cultivate 200 points to awaken your cultivation system. You can gain 200 points by the three ways I stated not long ago.]

After insulting the players for some minutes, Gabriel disappeared, and everyone returned to where they were.

The players who were in the dungeon and the tower were teleported back. And because of that, certain players were caught off guard and died from the monsters' attacks.

After Gabriel's announcement, the players who were ignorant and oblivious before started taking the game seriously.

The players now had a reason and incentive to play the game and get stronger. They had a reason to go back to their world. All the players had new hope.

However, what about the NPCs?

Just like the players, they were also trapped in an unknown world, with no memories or life. They only had one goal, and that was to fulfill the role they were given.

It had been a week since Gabriel's announcement, and the lifestyle of the players had drastically changed. However, there were still a few percent of players who didn't care about anything.

To them, the real world was hell. Some wanted to run away with their jobs, some with their family, some with their problems, while some with their lives.

To them, this world was heaven, and they were given a second chance to start over everything from scratch.

Zach was helping out Shay and Kayden with the dungeons from floor 5, and he did that for a week.

Shay leveled up to level 13, and Kayden leveled up to level 11. They were now able to fight alone without any need of Zach's help, at least to the lower floors.

In the nighttime, Zach would go to clear dungeons with Aurora and have a fun time, a pure one. Zach had Aurora had gotten a lot closer, and their Duo was absolute.

They had gotten used to each other's fighting styles, and both of them knew what attack the other one was going to use even before doing it.

Zach and Aurora cleared up to floor 50th in a week.

Zach leveled up to level 21 and Aurora to level 20.

Within a week, Zach had finished a couple of quests and gained rewards.

"Shall we go back now?" Aurora asked with a grin on her face.

"Yeah." Zach nodded and exited the dungeon with Aurora.

On their way back to town, Aurora furrowed her brows and pushed Zach to the side. Zach barely managed not to fall. He then dashed at Aurora and chased after her to take his revenge by pushing her down.

Aurora started running, but Zach tackled Aurora from behind and pinned her down.

Aurora's face flushed as she averted her face to avoid eye contact with Zach.





"No."
"Another country?" Aurora guessed.
"No. She went somewhere far away."
Aurora's face turned pale after hearing that. She slowly gulped down and asked in a trembling voice: "I am sorry. I didn't know she died—"
"She isn't dead," Zach interrupted Aurora and uttered, "She went to mars."
"Oh!"
After that, Aurora didn't ask Zach anything. They went to the restaurant and ate dinner together.
'Now then. It is time to ascend to the first realm.'
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'I am going to ascend to the first realm after eating dinner. I have already informed Shay and Kayden about it, but I haven't said anything to Aurora.'
Zach ate his dinner while glancing at Aurora once in a while.
'I tried my best to stay unfriendly, but we became friends anyway.'
Because of Zach's tragic childhood, he opened up to new people very quickly. Of course, he knew he shouldn't trust everyone and not believe anyone.

Zach was only a kid, and he didn't have any worldly knowledge. But because of his childhood, he couldn't trust anyone. He didn't know who was his genuine friend and who was faking it.

That's why, Zach came up with a solution, and that was to be unfriendly and rude to people. If they genuinely liked Zach, they wouldn't cut out Zach even when he was unfriendly with them. They would eventually get used to Zach's behavior and personality and stay with him.

Shay and Kayden were a few of them, but now, Aurora was the same.

Zach sighed and stared at Aurora with a mixed expression on his face.

Aurora noticed Zach had been staring at her for a while, so she thought of teasing him by joking: "Why are you staring at me. Am I that cute?" she asked with a grin on her face.

"Yeah," Zach uttered instantly with a straight face.

Aurora's grin vanished from her mouth, and her face flushed red. She wanted to tease Zach, but it backfired, and she ended up being teased.

"Do you truly think I am cute?" Aurora asked in a low voice.

"Yeah. And you look cutest when you are eating," Zach replied with a slight grin on his face.

Aurora's face flushed even more as she hid her face with her hands.

"You remind me of my little sister," Zach added.

Aurora's face frowned after hearing that, and she was no longer feeling embarrassed. In fact, she felt angry and disappointed.

After glaring at Zach for a while, Aurora sighed and uttered inwardly: 'I should have predicted that. It's my fault for getting my expectations high.'

"What's your physique right now?" Zach asked suddenly.

"It's 920," Aurora groaned.

Aurora has been trying her best to increase her physique points, but it's hard to grind at them. Zach had been waiting for Aurora to awaken her cultivation, so they could ascend together, but Zach couldn't wait any longer.

'I think it's best if she stays here. The higher realms will be dangerous.' Zach glanced at Aurora, who was eating her favorite crepe with a delighted expression on her face, and uttered to himself: 'I have already lost many loved ones in my life.'

'She will eventually awaken her cultivation and ascend to the first realm. But it would take her a minimum of 2 weeks.'

'Besides, I don't have any right to make decisions about her life. But if I tell her that I am going to ascend tonight, she might feel sad or betrayed.'

After eating dinner, Zach and Aurora walked the same street together.

'I might be thinking too much, but she clearly has feelings for me. Maybe I am mistaken. But if there is a slight chance that she is in love with me, then it's for the best that I don't involve myself with her any longer.'

Zach looked at Aurora and clenched his fists with a painful expression on his face.

'Who am I kidding?' he chuckled. 'She thinks she has feelings for me, but she probably doesn't. It's because I am the only boy she has been friends with, and we have been spending lots of time together, including near-death situations. Those emotions and feelings have an effect that makes people mistake it for love. But it's not love. It's just a temporary state.'

Zach raised his eyes and wondered, 'Maybe this is the best way to know it. If I stay away from her for 2-3 weeks, her feelings will die if it is a temporary state. But if she is truly in love with me, then... then what?' Zach asked himself.'

Zach was a denial of Aurora's feelings even when he was aware of them. Due to Zach's childhood, he was pessimistic about love. It was the same case with his now ex-girlfriend.

Zach thought if he kept his distance from Aurora, she would run out of love for him— if her love was temporary. It was a perfect chance to test her love. But he didn't know that it was also the test for his love for Aurora.

Zach was trying to push Aurora away, but he might just make them get closer than they already were.

After walking for a while, Zach and Aurora reached Aurora's house.

Aurora turned to Zach and waved at him. She entered her house after saying, "See you tomorrow!"

"...."

'I wish I could say the same.'

Zach made his way to the center of the town, where he had to activate the portal to ascend to the first realm. The center of the town happened to be Zach and Aurora's favorite place, the garden and the portal was near the gazebo.

When Zach reached the garden and stood at the center, he saw there were other players who were passing through the portal.

"I am telling you, you haven't awakened your cultivation yet, so you can't ascend," a man said to his party member.

"But what if I simply pass through the portal with you? How would the game know?" the party member said.

The man shrugged his shoulders and said, "Do what you want. I won't take responsibility for anything."

The party member tried to pass through the portal, but as soon as half of his body entered the portal, he was reduced to ashes.

"...!"

'Idiot,' Zach uttered to himself and sat under the gazebo.

'Now then... since I am ascending, I should buy something useful from the magic shop.'

Zach summoned a magic shop, and a purple portal appeared in front of him.

'Oh...! So it's in another dimension.' Zach stood up and entered the portal.

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Zach entered the portal and stepped into the magic shop dimension, where it was evening time. The sun was peeking from behind the clouds, and it was emitting a red color. The clouds looked a mix of orange and purplish-pink color. While the sky was in gradient color from red to green to purple.

There were various types of awe-rora all over the sky. Some were short, while some were long.

After seeing that, Zach let out a chuckle and muttered, 'They are called aurora at some places. It's funny how I am already missing her even though I haven't ascended yet.'

The sky of the magic shop dimension was limitless, but the surface was limited. There was only one round 10-meter surface, and the magic shop was located on edge.

The rest of the dimension had space, and debris were moving here and there in the sky.

"That's not the type of shop I imagined..." Zach muttered as he walked closer.

One would expect a shop to be a proper building or a room, but it was a stall. Candles were lit around the booth, and the fire was blue-colored.

Zach could see someone standing at the other side of the stall, but the top of the booth was covering their face.

"Here goes nothing..." Zach stood in front of the stall and saw a woman humming a tune.

She was wearing an eastern dress, covering certain parts of her body. Her dress was sleeveless, and it was black and white with golden embroidery. She was wearing high black gloves. She has long white hair and red eyes. She was gazing up at the sky and while smoking from a thin smoking pipe.

Zach tapped on the stall with his finger to make his presence known.

The woman gazed at Zach from the corner of her eyes and choked on her breath.

COUGH! COUGH!

It was as though she was surprised to see Zach.

"What are you so surprised about?" Zach scoffed. "Are customers that rare here?"

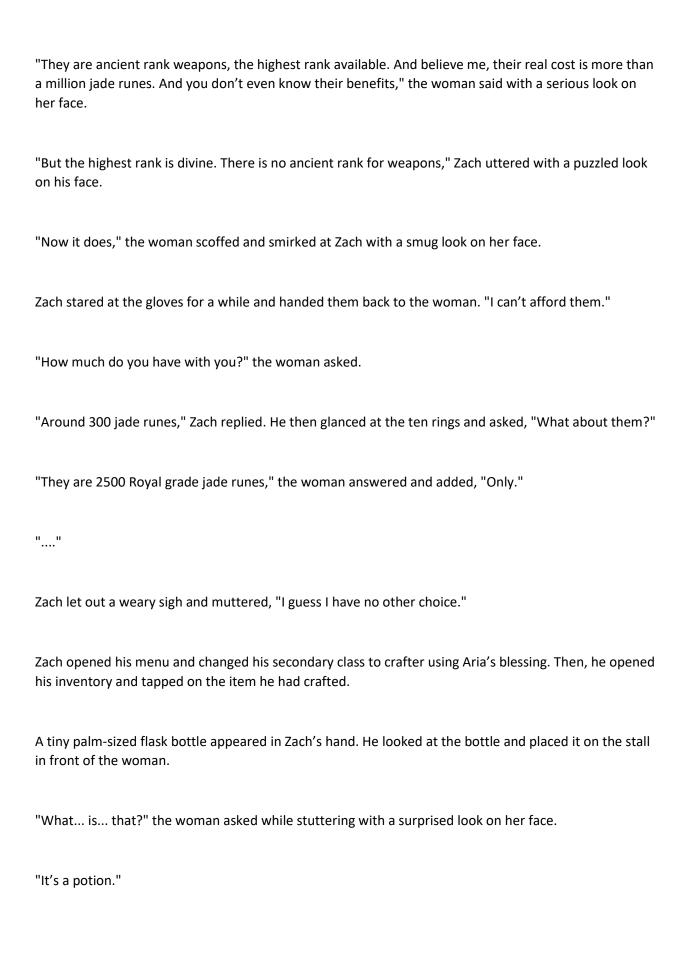
The woman laughed after hearing that and tapped the smoking pipe to take out the ashes. She grabbed her hair from behind to create a bun. Then, she used the thin smoking pipe as a hairpin to hold the bun.

"Indeed." The woman nodded, "Your types are rare."



"Hmm~ A real cultivator," the woman hummed in excitement.
Zach furrowed his brows and asked. "Did you just invade my privacy?"
"I thought we ended the gig," the woman remarked.
"I am being serious here," Zach retorted.
The woman sighed and shrugged her shoulders.
"You would be surprised to know that there are players who don't know what class they are and what weapon they should use. So I have the ability to see the player's stats menu."
Zach was running impatiently, so he looked at the weapons in the shop and said, "Now that you know my class, give me a weapon."
"I have weapons for martial arts. They should fit your physique." The woman at Zach with a curious look on her face and asked, "You do know martial arts, right?"
"Show me the weapons." Zach searched for martial arts weapons on the stall, but he couldn't stop one. "I can't see them."
The woman clapped, and a magic-type hologram appeared between Zach and the woman. There were dozens of weapons for martial arts, but Zach couldn't find what he was looking for.
The woman pointed her finger at a certain weapon and said, "How about these? I think it will suit you perfectly."
The weapon was ten rings.
"" Zach smiled slightly and uttered inwardly: 'Father had one similar to this.'

"I want to buy them, but I am looking for gloves. Do you have one?" Zach asked curiously.
"Unfortunately, no. No one uses gloves as a weapon anymore." The woman squinted her eyes and asked, "Why do you want gloves? They aren't even beneficial in most cases."
"I used them as my first weapon" Zach let out a weary sigh and said, "If you don't have them, then give me the ten rings."
"Actually" The woman looked at her hands and said, "I do have gloves."
"Where?"
The woman showed her hands to Zach and said, "The one I am wearing."
"But they are used ones"
"If you don't want them, then it's okay—"
"I will buy them!"
The woman scoffed and took off her gloves. She handed them to Zach and said, "That will be 1000 Royal grade jade runes."
"That's too much for a second-hand weapon!" Zach exclaimed.
The magic shop only allowed jade runes as a currency. Coins and other currencies were useless here.



"But there are no potions in this world!"
"Now it does," Zach scoffed and smirked at the woman with a smug look on his face, seemingly imitating the woman.
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The woman slammed her hands on the stall and said, "I am being serious here! How did you manage to get a potion?!"
Zach scoffed and shrugged his shoulders with a smirk on his face. "A magician never reveals his secret."
"Do you have any idea what you have done?!" the woman said with a furious look on her face.
"I do."
"There is a reason why potions don't exist in this online world. You are going to destroy the economy of this world!"
"Quite the contrary." Zach casually yawned and said, "I am going to bring a revolution to this game."
The woman sighed and asked, "What type of potion is this?"
"It's an MP potion," Zach replied and added, "50 MP potion."
The woman held the bottle in her hand and looked at the shiny yellow liquid inside it.
"So, what is your plan, and why are you showing this to me?" the woman asked with a curious look on her face.

"Uhh can I ask for your name?"
After a brief silence, the woman said, "It's Lua, Xie Lua."
"Xie Lua, I was to propose a fair trade," Zach uttered with a serious look on his face.
"Oh? So you are asking me to trade this potion with the gloves?" Xie Lua asked with an amused expression on her face.
"No." Zach shook his head and said, "I will be getting your gloves for free."
"!" Xie Lua's face showed clear shock. She furrowed her brows and asked, "I think you don't know the terms of the trading, young man."
"Oh, I do. And you are going to agree to my terms, soon." Zach took a deep breath and said, "I am giving you this potion, not to sell, but to bid."
Xie Lua nodded in amusement and said, "Go ahead and tell me more. But first, what is the lowest bid?"
"Only 1 Royal grade jade one."
"Only 1?! Isn't that way too cheap?!" Xie Lua exclaimed.
"I think you don't know the terms of the bidding, young woman," Zach said, seemingly imitating Xie Lua once again.
"Oh, you flatter me. I am not young. Uhh Let's say, I might be 1000 times older than your father."
Zach immediately furrowed his brows and uttered with a furious look on his face: "Don't mention my father. You don't even know him."

"I was simply giving an example... anyway, are you sure you want to sell it at one royal grade jade rune?" Xie Lua asked again.

"I have no intention of selling it. You have to keep it as an exhibition." Zach shrugged his shoulders and said, "I honestly don't know its value. They might not exist in the game, but in the end, it is just a potion. So I want to put it on the bed and see how much one is willing to pay. Then, I will make an average of all the bids and set the price according to that."

"I see." Xie Lua chuckled and uttered, "You seem to have been trained at trading."

"My family runs a cake shop... um, a bakery," Zach uttered with a soft smile on his face.

Xie Lua quietly nodded and said, "I think it's an amazing idea. The magic shop only uses jade runes as currency, which is non-transferable from one player to another. So, the players who are strong or have enough Jade runes will be able to buy the potion. It has both advantages and disadvantages for players. But at least, they won't abuse the real-world currency because they happen to be rich in the real world."

For some reason, that statement reminded Zach of Shay.

"That's my plan," Zach nodded in agreement.

"So..." Xie Lua tossed the bottle to Zach and asked, "What's in it for me? And why should I give you my precious gloves for free?"

"I will make you the exclusive seller of the potions once it gets enough attention."

"How much % will I get from that? And what are my benefits?" Xie Lua asked curiously.

"10% of each potion sold. I am also thinking of creating 100 MP and 500 MP potions in the future— once I get used to making them."

"10% is too little! Make it 30%," Xie Lua insisted.

"No can do. You are not doing any work here. You just have to sell it. Even the appearance of the magic shop is rare, so your customers must be limited right now." Zach tossed the potion back to Xie Lua and asserted, "But once you start selling my potions, I am damn sure you will get tons of customers daily."

"O~Kay~" Xie Lua then pointed her gaze at the gloves and said, "And why should I give you my gloves for free?"

"As proof of our trading relationship?" Zach replied with a grin.

Zach needed Xie Lua to sell his potions. In short, he needed the magic shop. He couldn't sell his potions directly to the players even if he wanted to. Of course, that included using them too.

The potions could only be used by the player who had them. That was the reason why Zach never used his potion on Aurora because he couldn't use it on her.

The potions were non-transferable, meaning Zach couldn't sell them to the players in exchange for coins or items. And that's why, he needed Xie Lua and her magic shop.

"Hahaha!" Xie Lua began to laugh out loud after hearing Zach's reasoning. She handed her gloves to Zach and said, "Pleasure to have business with you."

Zach took the gloves and shook hands with Xie Lua to end the deal and begin a new one.

[Congratulations! Your Class 'Crafter' has evolved to 'Trader.'!]

'Nice. Now my plan is in action.' There was one thing Zach didn't tell Xie Lua.

Once Zach would trade enough potions, his Trader class would evolve to the max and become 'Merchant.'

The merchant class would give Zach the ability to sell anything in the game, including potions. Then, he would no longer need Xie Lua. Zach wanted to open his own magic shop, so in the end, Xie Lua would be essential to him.

After that, Zach left through the portal and went back to the garden.

Meanwhile, Xie Lua pulled out the smoking pipe from the hair bun and tapped it on the stall. Smoke came out of the pipe as a cold breeze swayed her hair left and right.

She smoked from the pipe and exhaled sharply. Then, she looked in the direction Zach went and muttered, "Like father, like son."

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Zach came out of the portal and stood in front of the gazebo.

SIGH!

"I changed my secondary class, so now I can't change it again for the next 24 hours." Zach sighed and muttered to himself: "Should I stay here and ascend tomorrow?"

After pondering for a while, Zach shook his head and uttered, "No. I am just delaying the inevitable."

Zach looked at the gloves in his hands and smiled. "Let's see its benefits," he chuckled.

Zach wore the gloves on his hands, and much to his surprise, it fit him perfectly.

No, Zach's hands weren't girly, nor Xie Lua's hands were manly. But for some reason, the gloves fit Zach perfectly as though they were made for him.

Zach opened his menu to see the gloves' benefits, and he was baffled after reading the first benefit.

«1) Multiplies physical stats by 2.»
Zach's stats, excluding his mental stats, were doubled. However, he wanted to confirm something.
He immediately sat down on the grass in a lotus position and started cultivating. After five minutes, when he checked how much he cultivated in five minutes, instead of cultivating 30 MP, he cultivated 60 MP.
"Even this is doubled" Zach gazed at the gloves with a shocked expression on his face and muttered, "Their value is certainly too cheap for 1000 royal grade jade runes."
'There are two more benefits.' Zach read the second benefit and raised his brows with a mixed expression on his face.
«2) Gives Heavenly Massage.»
"Let's read the third one." Zach read the third benefit, and his face showed visible confusion.
«3) Makes you look cool.»
Zach took a deep breath and face-palmed himself. Then, he rubbed his hands on his face in frustration and uttered, "Is this some kind of joke?"
Zach was frustrated, but the first benefit alone was worth it enough to wear them.

Zach was using gloves as a weapon, so he couldn't equip another weapon at the same time. However,

'They are not that bad...' Zach thought to himself.

Zach did not need another weapon.

Zach leveled up to 21 and cleared 50 floors of the dungeon using the default sword, which was useless for players higher than level 5. If he had used another sword, he could have performed better.

In the past few days, Zach had been saving and cultivating his MP as much as possible. He didn't want to solely rely on his DT skill, but it was the only option for Zach now. It saved him time and unnecessary fights.

Why would he choose to fight when he could simply destroy any living being by touching them? When he was out of MP. He didn't want to run out of MP, so he has saved 6009 MP.

Zach stood up and activated the portal to ascend to the first realm. He walked closer to the portal and stopped.

'Never ignore or leave behind the person who loves you, cares for you, and misses you. Because one day, you might wake up from your sleep and realize that you lost the moon of your life while counting the stars.'

Zach remembered something his father had told him when Zach was angry at his mother because she was giving all the attention to Zoe— Zach's little sister.

At that time, Zach couldn't understand what his father meant, but now, he does.

"Heh..." Zach scoffed with a painful expression on his face and muttered, "Father always used to say weird things, but in truth, they were life lessons. It's as though he was telling me the way of life. It's as though... he knew he was going to die and won't get a chance to see me grow up."

Zach let out a deep sigh and muttered, "Why am I having second thoughts again?"

"I want to go tell her, but... it's too late now. Only if she was standing behind me right now, glaring at me with a furious look and teary eyes. And then say—"

"How dare you leave without telling me?!"

"..." Zach raised his brows with a puzzled look on his face and looked back to see Aurora standing behind him with a furious look on her face and a fierce glare in her teary eyes. "How... dare... you..." Aurora looked out of breath, and she was gasping for air as though she had run all the way to the garden. "What... are you doing here?" Zach asked with an anxious look on his face. Chapter 46 Some minutes ago. Aurora dashed out of her house and hurriedly made her way to Zach's inn. "I am so stupid..." she said while stomping on the ground in frustration. "Why did I not realize it before?" she asked herself. "He has been asking me every day about my physique..." Zach always asked Aurora about her physique because he wanted to ascend with Aurora, but it was taking more time than he thought. "And why did I forget that he said he would ascend when he reaches level 20! He is level 21 now! He must be wanting to ascend," Aurora groaned in frustration. "I will go and tell him to ascend without me. I am sure he was waiting for me so we could ascend together..." Aurora stopped on her words and doubted herself. "I am talking about Zach here. He always disappoints me and betrays my expectations. I shouldn't expect that he wanted to ascend with me." Aurora was right and wrong at the same time. She was wrong because Zach was indeed thinking of ascending with her, but she was wrong because he was certainly going to ascend without her.

"No." Aurora shook her head and muttered, "I should think about myself right now."

Aurora increased her pace and started running.

'I will go and tell him to ascend without me. I don't want to drag him down. I don't want to be a burden for him. I don't want to be a useless person to him.'

"But..." Aurora stopped in front of the inn and clenched her fists.

'Why is it so hard to say goodbye to him? It's not like we will never see each other again. I will work hard and ascend within a week.'

'Still... my heart stings. Maybe I should tell him my feelings before he ascends? But... what if he doesn't feel the same way?'

Aurora gasped and wondered, 'What if he rejects my feelings? Then it would be so awkward to see him again. Or... what if he still has feelings for his ex?'

Aurora slapped her cheeks and muttered, "Be optimistic, Aurora. You are cute and beautiful. There are so many players who asked me out. And all the males stare at me whenever I pass by somewhere. And even Zach stares at me sometimes."

'Yes. I am sure he feels the same way about me. Otherwise, why would he keep asking me about my physique? That's right! He wants to be with me.'

"But... if he truly feels the same, then he would want to be with me. I will eventually drag him down..."

Aurora was having a major dilemma in front of the inn. Luckily, it was a late night, so most of the players were sleeping, and no one was outside to see Aurora.

'Alright. I will not confess to him, but I will tell him to ascend without me. I will tell him to... wait for me...' Aurora's face flushed when she thought that.



"There is no one here. I just got this room an hour ago," the woman informed.
"!" Aurora quietly left the room and dashed to room number 72 at the end of the hallway.
She knocked on the door, and Kayden opened the door.
"Uhh what?" Kayden was surprised to see Aurora on his door.
"Where is Zach?" Aurora asked impatiently.
"Huh? He didn't tell you?" Kayden wondered. "He was going to ascend tonight."
"Why he didn't tell me"
Dejected and disappointed, Aurora left the inn and walked towards her house.
"What was I thinking?" Aurora muttered in a disdainful tone. "Just because we spent some time together and cleared dungeons and towers, doesn't mean we had a relationship."
"I doubt he ever thought of me as a friend"
[DING!]
[You have received a special quest!]
[Reward- 100 physique points!]
"And that's what happened," Aurora told the entire story to Zach, who was listening to her with mixed expressions on his face.



"..." Zach face-palmed himself and muttered something under his breath.

After seeing Zach acting like that, Aurora bit her lips and asked, "Do you hate me so much that you don't want to be with me?"

"It's not like that. I am angry because you acted so reckless." Zach let out a weary sigh and moved his hand towards Aurora.

"..." Aurora stared at Zach's hand with a confused and puzzled look on her face.

"Let's go," Zach said in a calm voice and grabbed Aurora's hand.

"...!" Aurora's face flushed, but she didn't stop Zach. She held his hand tightly and followed Zach's lead.

Zach and Aurora stood in front of the portal and glanced at each other. They nodded with a smile on their faces and entered the portal to ascend to the first realm.

'Father. You said I shouldn't lose sight of the moon of my life while counting the stars. However, father, my sky has no stars. There is only one moon, and it's right within my grasp.'

Chapter 47

Some hours ago, in the real world.

A white-haired woman and a 10-year-old girl who had dark purple hair were watching television. Suddenly, the content on the screen changed, and a voice followed.

[This emergency meeting has been broadcasted live in the entire world,] the reporter on the television uttered.

Several faces appeared on the screen, and they all looked worried.

[What are your thoughts on the recent tragedy in the VR market? And what do you think caused it?] the reporter asked.
[We don't know,] one president replied.
[We have little to no information regarding this,] the second president replied.
[I I think it's done by the foreign technology,] the third president replied. [By that, I am referring to the aliens. After all, VR technology was created based on their technology.]
[But weren't we on good terms with the aliens? We have made mutual benefit deals, so why are they doing it?] the reporter asked.
[I don't mean them. There are many alien species out in our universe. We don't know them all yet. We have asked them, even the ones who we don't get along with, but none of them have any idea about this,] another president replied.
[So, you are saying that whoever did this, their technology is more advanced than the aliens?]
[No. It's not about who did it. We should be wondering why they did it? What will they gain after this?]
[I think I know who did this,] a man wearing a face mask uttered. He was speaking from the other planet.
[Who?!] everyone present there asked at the same time.
[First, let us talk about the earth's condition. How many years have left until it gets destroyed?]
[We still have 50 years left. We are evacuating humans and animals each week to the nearby planets,]

the governor of the galactic force replied.

[How many are still left on the earth?] the man asked.

[All the celebrities and rich people have left the earth. But those who can't afford it have to wait until they get their access pass. However, worry not. We will make sure to evacuate every single human and animal within 49 years.]

[I asked you how many are still left on the earth. Give me an approximate number.]

[30% are still left.]

[Increase the capacities of the spaceship. We will send our spaceships for aid. Remember, it is not given that the earth will be destroyed in 50 years. It can explode in 30 years, it can explode tomorrow, it can even explode right now. You have to put your citizens before anything else!] the man shouted.

The man was the first interspecies between humans and aliens, and he was the chief executive of the intergalactic navy.

[Yes, sir!]

To keep the citizens at ease, all the presidents and ministers were ordered to stay on the earth.

[So, you were saying you know who is behind the VR tragedy?] the reporter asked in a calm voice.

[Do you remember how you all nuked a planet of the species who were inferior to humans?]

One of the presidents slammed his hands on the table and said, "We have already talked about this. That was needed! The planet entered our orbit, and it was going to collapse with the earth. We did that to save the earth.]

[The planet was six months away, and the scientists were still calculating the trajectory. They weren't sure if it was going to hit the earth or not. Yet, you all nuked the entire planet, which was more prominent than the earth in value.]

[Just get to the point, chief. We are here to talk about the VR tragedy. If you know something, then please provide us with the necessary information. If you don't, then I don't think we have time to waste.]

[I just received a message from my subordinates. The species I was expecting to be behind this is apparently not involved with this. I will contact you when I get some reliable information.]

After that, the connection of the man was cut off.

The reporter didn't waste any time and asked the ones present there: [So far, nearly 100000 players have died. Even the ones who were monitored closely suddenly died.]

[What can we do about this? Is there any hope to bring back the players who are still unconscious?]

[I do not have knowledge of VR games, so we the developers with us to answer those questions.]

[I am extremely sad and disappointed to be here. The first thing I want to make clear to the families of the victims is that the VR games are not responsible for this. Please stop blaming us.]

[But only the players who had and have played the games are getting unconscious. Why is that?] the reporter asked.

[If VR games were truly the cause of this, then they would have woken up when they were removed from the VR headsets. But that's not the case. However, the governments of all the countries have banned VR headsets and games, so at least we won't have any more casualties.]

[I will ask the same thing I asked before; What can we do about this? Is there any hope to bring back the players who are still unconscious?]

[Well... all I can say is... hope for the worst.]

After that, the broadcast ended, and a song started playing on the television.

The purple-haired girl turned to the woman beside her with a concerned look on her face.

"Mama. What will happen to brother Zach? Will he wake up?" she asked.

The white-haired woman patted the girl's head and said, "Don't worry, Zoe. Your brother is strong. Nothing will happen to him."

Zoe started crying and said, "You said the same thing about father, but he never came back. I don't want to lose brother Zach!"

The woman bit her lips and softly stroked Zoe's hair. She wiped Zoe's tears and said, "I will make sure nothing happens to your brother."

The woman then gave Zoe her favorite crepe and said, "Eat this. I will go check up on your brother."

After that, the woman went upstairs and entered the first room by the stairs.

Zach was sleeping on the bed with his lower body covered with a blanket.

"It's been two days since his body was delivered. When I first looked at him, I assumed he was in a deep sleep until I watched the news."

The woman sighed and walked to the bed. She placed her hands on Zach's chest and uttered, "I can force his soul back to this world, but..." She moved her hand to Zach's face and opened his eyes using her thumb and finger.

"He still hasn't awakened his soul powers..." she muttered. "Even if he had, it is precarious to force his soul back to his body."

"..." The woman clenched her fists and uttered, "Foolish gods and their petty games. They are going to regret messing with 'him' and his son."

The woman pressed her thumb on the ring on her right hand and muttered something.

A bright light shined in front of her, and a magic circle appeared on the floor. Soon, a woman with white hair and red eyes was summoned into the magic circle. She was carrying a smoking pipe with her, and she was wearing black gloves in her hands.

"Xie Lua..." Zach's mother uttered.

Xie Lua opened her eyes and looked at Zach's mother in surprise.

"I thought you lost your powers 20 years ago," Xie Lua uttered in a respectful manner.

"I did. And I just used up the powers remaining in the ring."

"So, why did you summon me?" Xie Lua glanced around and asked, "Has my master finally returned?"

"No." Zach's mother pointed her finger on the bed behind Xie Lua and said, "This is his son."

Xie Lua looked back and saw Zach. She was surprised at first but shook her head and uttered, "He looks a lot like my master. Is he Zach? He has grown so much since I last saw him."

"I am leaving him to you," Zach's mother uttered with a solemn look on her face.

"What do you... wait! Is this a marriage proposal?! I need time to think about it," Xie Lua uttered with a flushed face.

"It is not. I want you to—! What's happening?!"

Xie Lua's body suddenly started fading.
"I think you ran out of your powers," Xie Lua replied as she disappeared, leaving Zach's mother with an open mouth.
"Wait!"
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In Gods' Impact, magic shop dimension.
"I can't believe I am finally getting married!" Xie Lua said cheerfully with her voice full of excitement.
She began to dream about her marriage with Zach and imagined what their honeymoon would be like. She even went as far as naming their kids.
She was lost in her thoughts that she started humming a tune and didn't realize she had a customer.
The customer tapped his finger on the stall to make his presence known.
When Xie Lua came back to her senses and turned to look at the customer, she choked on her breath after seeing Zach.
"What are you so surprised about?" Zach scoffed. "Are customers that rare here?"

Chapter 48 Zach and Aurora came out of the portal in the middle of the town of the first realm.
The moment they stepped out and glanced around, Aurora let out a deep sigh.
Zach glanced at Aurora with a confused look on his face and asked, "What's with that sigh?"
"I am just glad that the portal opened up in the middle of the town, not in some forest or somewhere far away from a town," Aurora groaned.
"Right"
Zach was still holding Aurora's hand, and he was aware of it. He wanted to let go of her hand, but Aurora was gripping it tightly, and she had forgotten that she was holding Zach's hand.
Zach wanted to let her know, but he knew Aurora would get embarrassed, and it would take 5 minutes for her to calm down.
'Let's save her from the embarrassment and keep acting like everything is normal,' Zach thought. 'She would realize it sooner or later,'
Zach took a deep breath and opened his mouth to say something, but Aurora spoke before him.
"Now that we are here, let's go eat something."

Aurora looked at Zach and said." What? Why are you looking at me like that?"

"..."



Aurora ordered normal food because she couldn't eat a crepe, but Zach, however, ordered crepe and ate it in front of Aurora to teach her a lesson. That night, Aurora decided that she wouldn't mess with Zach anytime soon. Once they finished eating, Zach and Aurora strolled through the town to find the exact replacement for Aurora's house in the beginner's realm. They stood before a house, and Aurora checked whether it was eligible for the free replacement or not. "Yup. This will work," Aurora nodded and looked at Zach. "So... this house is yours now?" Zach asked. "Yeah." Aurora walked back to Zach and said, "Now, let's go and look for a room in the inn for you." Zach raised his brows and looked at Aurora from the corner of his eyes. Then, he grinned a little and asserted, "I thought we were going to stay together in your house." Aurora froze for a second before her face turned red. She was feeling many emotions at once. "Are.. are you sure?" Aurora stammered. "You can't back down now."

Aurora's face flushed even more when she heard, 'We are going to do everything together.'

as well live together to save ourselves some time."

"Well..." Zach shrugged his shoulders and said, "Since we are going to do everything together, we might

'What does he mean by together?" Aurora wondered. 'Does he mean we will do that?' Aurora was losing her dignity as a princess. "So... are you going to invite me, or shall I go find myself a room in the inn?" Zach asked with a knowing look on his face. "No, let's go!" Aurora exclaimed. She unlocked the door and went inside. Zach slowly followed her while glancing around and taking notes on the surroundings. Aurora turned on the lights in all the rooms and made her way to the living room. It was a decent size house with three bedrooms, one bathroom, one kitchen, and some empty area for the decorations. "So, how does this... replacement work?" Zach asked curiously. He noticed that the house already had the furniture and the decorations. He already assumed that the stuff belonged to Aurora's house in the beginner's realm, which was transported in this house. "It's simple," Aurora answered. "When I buy the house, it shows me my properties in this game." Aurora glanced at Zach, and his face clearly showed he didn't understand anything. "Uhh... it's like... right! Do you know you get an 'exchange' option when you buy electronics from ecommerce sites?" "I have never bought anything online," Zach answered nonchalantly. "You are kidding, right?! We live in an era where everything works digitally. You would have at least bought games and stuff, right?"

"I have never played games in my life," Zach replied with the same expression on his face.
" so sad" Aurora uttered with her face full of pity.
Zach's face twitched after hearing that, but he let it slide because Aurora was letting him stay at her house.
"So, what's my rent?" Zach asked Aurora.
Aurora shook her head and answered, "There is no need to pay anything."
"You know I don't spend money on useless things, right? So you should realize that if I am asking for rent, it means I want to pay it," Zach asserted with a serious look on his face. "Now tell me the rent, or I will go live in the inn."
"Fine~" Aurora groaned and said. "You are going to pay me with your body?"
"Huh?" Zach was surprised after hearing that. He never expected a direct approach from Aurora.
"That's"
"Wait!" Aurora realized what she said and rephrased herself. "I mean, you are my knight, so you have to protect me with your body."
'I don't know if I should be happy or not' Zach thought to himself with mixed feelings.
After that, Aurora showed around the house and told Zach to take whichever room he wanted. Zach took the room nearest to the door, and Aurora took the one beside it.
They both wished each other good night and went into their room.

Aurora was too delighted to sleep, but she fell asleep anyway. However, when she opened her eyes in the middle of the night, she saw Zach standing next to her bed, looking at her with a rather alluring gaze in his eyes.
"Zach what are you doing here?"
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Aurora sat up and asked with her voice full of confusion: "Zach, what are you doing here?"
Zach didn't reply and sat on the bed in front of Aurora.
"Say something" Aurora was feeling anxious.
"I am here to have fun," Zach replied.
"What fun" Aurora stammered on her words.
Zach closed his distance with Aurora and said, "Don't play dumb. You know what I am talking about."
"I don't—" Before Aurora could say anything, she was stopped by a pair of soft lips.
Zach kissed Aurora on the lips, and he was going to kiss her again, but Aurora pushed him back and glared at Zach with a rather flushed and furious expression on her face.
"Stop!" Aurora yelled and placed her hand on her lips.

"Why? Weren't you the one who has constantly been making moves on me and trying to seduce me?"

Zach asked impatiently.



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Aurora sat up on the bed and glanced around with a confused look on her face.

"Where did... he go?" she muttered to herself.

Zach was nowhere to be seen, and her room was locked from the inside. In fact, Aurora had a blanket on her body.

"So... it was a dream?" Aurora wondered. "I kind of wanted it to be real..."

Aurora moved her hand down and touched her sacred place between her legs. Her face flushed as she pulled her hands back and muttered, "It's wet..."

'Is this what they call a wet dream?' Aurora covered half of her face with a blanket and uttered, "So if I hadn't woken up, I would have seen more..."

Aurora's face turned more and more red as she imagined the possible outcomes. She imagined Zach doing various indecent stuff to her, including some questionable stuff.

In the end, she fell asleep due to over-excitement.

When she woke up a few hours later in the morning, she found herself more wet than she originally was.

"I should take a bath..." she muttered and got off the bed.

The game had the option to take a bath and do daily mundane things, but it was optional. A player could choose to take a bath to wash themselves or simply clean themselves by pressing a button on the screen.

The players who were lazy to bathe chose the latter option. However, players like Zach and Aurora, who loved to do mundane things which made them feel close to home, chose to do stuff the old-school way.

Aurora rushed to the bathroom before Zach woke up and got herself ready. Then, she made her way to the kitchen and began to make breakfast.

'This somewhat feels like I am newlywed to Zach, and I am making breakfast for him. And...' Aurora's face flushed as she muttered, "And last night was our wedding night."

Aurora was a princess. While she was modern, she was raised in a fairly traditional and strict way. She wasn't allowed to do things like other normal girls. That included her lifestyle.

She didn't even have her own smartphone or any other personal devices. She didn't have friends, let alone close friends.

In short, her life was pretty much hell for her. She would get happy and sad over small things. She was used to being disappointed and disrespected by those who were of a higher standard from her.

However, her tie with Zach was different. Maybe that's the reason why she fell in love with him. Perhaps, it was a normal thing to happen.

But, Aurora did have fragments of happiness. Her three maids, out of which two of them died while protecting her. Aurora considered them as her friends, her only friends. They would often let Aurora watch rom-com animes and drama when no one was around.

'Don't lose your hopes, Aurora!' Aurora reassured herself. 'Now that you are cohabiting with him, you will have many chances to make him fall in love with you.'

'Just like how the main character and female lead cohabitate together and some lucky moments happen, where they run into each other in the bathroom, or run into the room while changing clothes, or netmix and chill.'

Aurora was losing her remaining dignity as a princess, which was a good thing. She could now dream and live as a normal girl.

However, they were in a survival game, and they had no time to fool around.

After making breakfast, Aurora decided to enter Zach's room to wake him up. But before she could even finish making the breakfast, Zach was already awake and ready for yet another day in Gods' Impact.

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Aurora expected her relationship with Zach to advance because they started living together, but nothing happened.

It has been ten days since Zach and Aurora ascended to the first realm and started living together, but they did nothing at that time.

Aurora would often go out to stroll around the town and shop for groceries, but Zach never got out of the house. Zach would only come out of his room to eat.

On the morning of the eleventh day, Aurora dashed into his room to see what he was doing, and much to her surprise, Zach wasn't there.

'Where did he go?' Aurra asked herself. 'I didn't see him leaving.'

She got out of Zach's room and searched the entire house to find him.

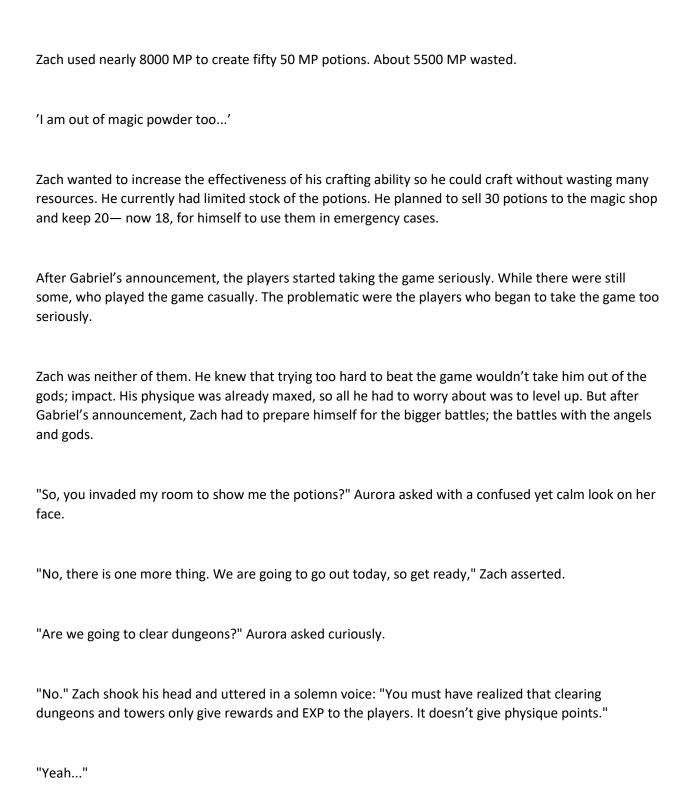
'Did he leave while I was bathing? But I didn't hear the sound of the door opening.' Aurora assumed Zach left the house to do something.

She was certain that Zach didn't leave her behind as his belongings, such as his sword and dagger, were still in his room.

"Well, I will go check the market. I also need to buy stuff for dinner" Aurora walked to her room to get her weapon.
When she entered the room, she found Zach standing in her room.
"What are you doing here?!" Aurora yelled in surprise.
Zach turned around and looked at Aurora after saying, "I was waiting for you."
"Then you should have waited in the living room! How would I know you were in the room if I wasn't informed?" Aurora hissed. "And don't you know, you shouldn't enter a girl's room without permission."
"Is that so?"
"Your sister must have yelled at you or called you a pervert whenever you entered her room without knocking, right?" Aurora was still comparing her current situation with rom-com shows.
"My sister doesn't have a room. She is 10 or 11. I am not sure," Zach asserted.
"What about you then? You must also get angry when someone enters your room uninvited, right?"
"I don't have a room either. Actually, my house is" Zach glanced around the corners of the room and said, "Yeah. It should be the same size as this room."
"" Aurora knitted her brows and asked, "You are kidding, right?"
It was natural for Aurora to not believe Zach. In fact, no one would have believed it. After all, if one could play a VR game, it was hard to think of that person as a poor class.
"Yeah. I was kidding," Zach scoffed and said, "My house should be similar to this one, but we have two stories."

Aurora sighed in relief and uttered inwardly: 'I am glad I didn't touch a sensitive topic.'
"So, why are you here?" Aurora asked curiously.
Zach pointed his finger at the table where 50 MP potions were sitting on the table.
"What is that?" Aurora asked with an oblivious look on her face.
"Try grabbing one," Zach advised.
Aurora grabbed one bottle in her hand and inspected it from all sides.
"Is this some kind of weapon?" Aurora wondered.
Zach chuckled and asked, "What does it say when you grab it?"
"It says 'non-usable item,'" Aurora answered.
'Hmm. So they are unusable even when I give them to someone. It seems the only way to use them is to trade it through the magic shop.'
Zach grabbed another bottle from the table and smashed it near Aurora's feet.
Aurora jumped back in surprise and glared at Zach.
"Did something happen?" Zach asked curiously.
"Yes."





Zach left Aurora's room after saying, "We will be leaving after 10 minutes. No need for breakfast. We might as well eat it in the restaurant."