

GODS' IMPACT 51

Chapter 51

Zach entered his room and closed the door behind him. He moved all his items into his inventory even though there was no need to since he wouldn't be able to use his sword or dagger because he was already equipping the gloves as his weapon.

He let out a loud sigh and muttered, "I totally forgot about that." After talking with Aurora a while ago, Zach realized something.

He remembered how hard it was for him to leave Aurora behind, even though she could have ascended after a week once she had cultivated enough physique points.

Zach realized it wasn't a one-time experience. Unlike all the other players who needed to cultivate their physique and reach a certain level to ascend to the higher realms, Zach only needed to meet the level requirements as his physique was already maxed.

The gods made it easy to level up, but it was hard to cultivate physique. While Zach had a significant advantage in the game, others didn't, and that included Aurora too,

Zach would have to wait for Aurora to meet the requirements whenever he ascended. He had two options; one was to leave Aurora behind and let her ascend at her own pace, and the second was to ascend with her.

However, no matter what option he chose, he would have to worry about the same thing when he would ascend again.

"Sons of bitches..." Zach muttered in frustration.

Zach took a deep breath and calmed himself down, but that didn't work. So he imagined a pouting face of Aurora, and that helped him calm down.

He rubbed his hand on his face and muttered, "You can't fall in love with every girl you meet, Zach."

Zach had come to the realization that he might be in love with Aurora, but given his past relationships, he wasn't certain.

"It is obvious that Aurora loves me, but my words are still valid," Zach asserted. "I am the first boy she has talked to, so she might be mixing liking for loving. But if she is truly in love with me... then I have no other choice but to accept her feelings."

'How can I miss this chance? She is so cute and childish. Her reactions are so funny, and her personality is totally my type; wild and arrogant.' Zach let out a soft chuckle after remembering his ex-girlfriend.

"It's about time I should move on. We are probably never going to see each other again."

Zach was ready to move on, but he still had lingering feelings that made him a little scared of starting a new relationship. The main problem was that Aurora was a princess, and he was a commoner of a democratic country. There were so many barriers between them, and the main one was Gods' impact.

However, that barrier was the reason they met and got close to each other, maybe even a happy relationship in the future? But for how long?

"If she truly loves me, then I can't stop her from loving me. But if she wants to love me, then she has to love everything about me. She probably thinks I am a normal teenager who got stuck in the game. She doesn't know that I am a first-class S-hole who would do anything to get what he wants. She doesn't know that I can crush anything that stands in my way. If she truly wants to be with me, then she has to know what I am; she has to know my true face."

However, he was afraid of rejection. Just like how there was a status barrier between Aurora and Zach, there was also a race barrier. Zach wasn't a human, nor any of his family members were.

"But well..." Zach smirked and uttered, "this is a good chance to make her like me. If there are no barriers between us, we can be together."

'If someone opposes our relationship, let's say her King father, I can annihilate his entire kingdom. If there is no kingdom, there will be no king or royals, so Aurora wouldn't be a princess.'

Zach left the room while muttering, 'I will make her my queen.'

He might be turning into an obsessive lover, even though they weren't in a relationship yet.

Zach was used to hiding his feelings and acting normal even in the hardest circumstances, which was his main strong point for his thrive to survive.

When he got out of his room, he found Aurora waiting for him in the living room.

"Are you ready?" he asked.

Aurora quietly nodded in reply.

They left the house and made their way to the restaurant to eat breakfast. Then, they talked with other players and gained as much information as possible about the first realm.

"What should we do now?" Aurora asked with a curious yet calm look on her face.

"There is nothing interesting in this town. We should move to the main capital. That's where we will make progress," Zach asserted.

"But what about our house? We can't teleport, you know?"

"Can't you exchange the houses again?"

Aurora shook her head and said, "There is a time limit before I can exchange again."

"How many days?"

"Fifteen."

Zach placed his hand on his chin and pondered for a while: 'We have already spent ten days doing nothing. I don't think we can waste more time.'

Zach nudged Aurora and said, "We will stay at the inn for three days. And besides, we have many towns to pass to reach the capital. We might as well level up while traveling."

Zach and Aurora decided to travel to the capital, which was 15 hours walk and 10 hours by carriage.

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"So..." Zach kicked the stone near him and asked, "Why are we walking again?"

"The carriage was too expensive, and it wouldn't have made much difference in the end anyway," Aurora replied.

"Why do you sound like me?" Zach muttered under his breath and glanced at Aurora from the corner of his eyes.

"Plus, you were the one who said we should gather information. So if we stop by towns and meet other players in between, we might get some valuable information," Aurora added.

"Yeah, I doubt that," Zach snorted. "It seems I overestimated the players. I assumed that if they were able to ascend before us, they would be smart, but I guess humans are humans in the end. Their standards are different. What's worse is that they don't believe in sociality now, so obviously, they won't exchange information or try to form a unity."

Aurora squinted her eyes and said, "Why are you speaking like you are any different?"

"Excuse me?" Zach furrowed his brows and said, "Don't lump me with those idiots. I am superior to them."

"Then what about me?" Aurora asked in a meek manner.

"Huh?"

Aurora's face flushed as she repeated, "And I also one of those idiots?"

"Hmm~" Zach hummed in wonder and pondered for a while before answering, "Is that even a question?"

"..."

Zach scoffed out loud and said, "You are the biggest idiot I have ever met."

After saying that, Zach started running because he knew Aurora would chase after him.

Aurora's face twitched, and she started chasing Zach as Zach had predicted. Fortunately for Aurora, Zach couldn't run faster because they had reached the gates of the town.

It has been 8 hours since they started their journey, so they decided to drop by the town and eat something before resuming their travel.

They entered the town and quickly made their way to the nearby restaurant.

Zach shot a short glance at Aurora and saw her pouting at him.

'Why is she so cute?!' Zach asked himself. 'If you react like that, it's only going to make me tease you more.'

They reached the restaurant and ordered the same food.

"Why did you call me an idiot?" Aurora asked with her cheeks still puffed.

"You sacrificed your pleasure for a stupid thing. If that doesn't make you an idiot, then I don't know what does," Zach commented.

"What do you mean?" Aurora asked with a puzzled look on her face, as though she couldn't understand what Zach was trying to say.

"I am talking about that stupid promise of yours. You sacrificed your crepes. And that was idiocy," Zach commented without holding back.

"It's not idiocy; it's love," Aurora muttered under her breath. She thought Zach wouldn't be able to hear her, but Zach heard it clear and crisp.

Zach nearly choked on his food but barely managed to not show his reaction.

'She got me there.'

After eating food, they left the restaurant and talked with the players, who looked friendly. Zach wanted to avoid unwanted drama, so he was saying lowkey and hiding his true strength.

He didn't want recognition from other players. As long as he knew he was strong, he was satisfied. Especially, when they were in a game like Gods' impact. The final rewards were tempting, and they could make any saint a devil.

Zach knew that if other players were aware of his true strength, they could ask to join his party or travel with him. The guilds might recruit him to use him as a tool.

"So, what should we do now?" Aurora asked.

"It's nearly evening, but there is still a lot of time left before night," Zach replied. "How far is the next town?"

"We have to pass two more towns to reach the capital. It is... the estimated time says it would take us 10 hours to reach the capital."

"I asked about the nearest town."

"Yeah, I know. I am just... it would take us 5 hours," Aurora replied.

"Perfect!" Zach placed his hand on Aurora's shoulder and gave her a soft push after saying, "We can reach there by night."

"Can't we stay the night here?" Aurora let out a weary sigh.

"You were the one who wanted to travel by foot," Zach remarked. "Now start walking."

"..."

"Or do you want me to carry you in my arms?" Zach asked with a smirk on his face.

"I will walk!"

After traveling for five more hours, they reached the next town. It was already night, so they decided to head to the inn.

The inn had a tavern on the ground floor and lodging on the upper floors.

When they were eating dinner, Zach suddenly asked, "What are your current quests?"

"One is to reach level 25," Aurora answered.

"I have the same one. What are the others?" Zach asked curiously.

"Second is to slay a level 80 monster."

"... interesting. I have the same one."

"Third one is to equip a mythical grade weapon."

"Oh?!" Zach immediately conjured his cursed dagger, which was mythical rank, and handed it to Aurora.
"Here. This is a mythical rank."

Aurora raised his brows in confusion and said, "It doesn't work like that."

"What do you mean?" I used your gold rank sword to complete my quest, didn't I?"

"Yes. But different rank weapons have different rules. You can't exchange or use mythical rank or higher grade weapons to anyone like that," Aurora explained.

'I see. So it's similar to potions?' Zach knitted his brows and said, "What does it say when you try to equip it?"

"There is no option to equip it."

"But... you are technically holding it...?" Zach's knowledge of gaming was completely shattered.

"Yes. But I can't use it. Even if I stab someone with it, it will have close to zero damage."

After eating dinner, Aurora went to pay the bill while Zach waited for her to return.

"Hey, did you hear the rumor?" the party members sitting at the next table whispered to each other.

"What rumor?"

"There is a secret boss in this town, and if you defeat it, you get a mythical rank sword."

Zach's interest piqued after hearing that.

'This is a good opportunity to gift that sword to Aurora.'

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Zach quietly listened to the party members' conversation and got the location of the secret boss dungeon.

'It's nearby. Just outside the town.'

The inn was near the gates of the town, and the secret boss dungeon was in the forest.

Zach could reach there within ten minutes, but he didn't know how much time it would take for him to defeat the boss. However, he already had 3500 MP, which was enough to deal 3500000 HP DMG thanks to his gloves that doubled his DMG too.

'I don't think the boss's HP would be higher than 3500000. The last boss I fought on the 50th floor of the dungeon had 3000000 HP.'

'But... this one is called secret boss, so it has to be stronger than the dungeon bosses, right?' Zach asked himself.

'Should I cultivate some more MPs and leave at midnight?'

Zach was planning to defeat the secret boss and get the mythical rank sword to give it as a gift to Aurora. But he missed the main problem.

Aurora came back, and they went to the reception to rent a room for the night.

"How many rooms would you like?" the female receptionist asked.

'I would have preferred one room, but since I am leaving at night for the hunt, I can't let Aurora catch me. And even if I make any excuses, I am damn sure that she would ask me to take her with me.'

"Two—" Zach was going to answer 'two rooms', but Aurora interrupted him.

"One room, please," Aurora said while glancing at Zach from the corner of her eye.

'...!' Zach was genuinely surprised. 'Is it just me, or she is becoming more and more audacious?'

"Two beds or one bed?" the receptionist asked.

"Two beds," Aurora answered.

"..." Zach sighed in relief and thought, 'Or maybe not.'

"Uhh... I am sorry, but we don't have any two-bed room available," the NPC informed them.

"Then one bed is fine," Aurora asserted. "How much for the room?"

"That would be 1200 coins," the NPC said with a smile on her face.

Aurora was about to pay, but Zach stopped her and turned to the NPC.

"We will eat our breakfast here," Zach uttered.

"I can make it 1100 coins."

"I can recommend this inn to the other players who drop by this town," Zach stated and continued, "Or maybe I can refer them the one which charges less."

Zach didn't even know how much other inns charged.

"How about 800 coins? We can also provide you with free breakfast."

"Maybe 300 coins." Zach's shamelessness has no limit.

"That's too less! I can't go lower than 700 coins," the NPC said desperately.

'I want to go lower, but I guess 700 coins is fine." Zach nodded at Aurora and smiled at her.

Aurora paid for the room and dragged Zach upstairs to their room.

"What's up? Why are you so aggressive all of a sudden?" Zach asked with a confused look on his face.
"And why did you rent only one room?"

"I wanted to save money," Aurora answered.

'She is turning into me...' Zach let out a weary sigh and looked at the bed. "..."

The bed was half-meter in width and 1.5 meters in length. And it was certainly not suitable for two people to sleep.

He pointed his gaze at the bed and said, "I don't think we both can fit there."

"I think we can." Aurora walked to the bed and sat on it.

"Come." Aurora patted the empty space beside her and said, "Sit."

Zach sat beside her, and they both laid down on the bed.

"See? We can fit."

"No matter how you look at it, this is uncomfortable. If either of us turned to the other side, we would fall."

"So we just have to make sure not to move. Simple~"

Aurora's mood ticked off Zach for some reason, so he wrapped his legs around her body and said, "I have a habit of sleeping with a body pillow. So unless you don't mind me using you as a body pillow..."

Zach wanted to tease Aurora more, but he stopped after looking at her flushed face.

Aurora turned to the side and uttered in a low voice: "If you truly want to do that, then go ahead."

"..." Zach facepalmed himself and uttered inwardly: "If I do that one more time, then something hard is going to poke your butt."

"I was kidding." Zach turned to the other side and said, "We have to wake up early, so let's sleep."

Aurora and Zach were exhausted after walking all day, so they fell asleep in minutes. But Zach woke up a while later and looked at Aurora to make sure she was sleeping.

However, Zach couldn't take his eyes off Aurora.

'So defenseless...'

Zach quietly left the room and locked it.

Then, he rushed to the forest and strolled around to search for the entrance of the secret boss dungeon.

After 10 minutes, he finally found the entrance.

"Why is it at a place like this?" Zach muttered in frustration.

The entrance was inside a big tree.

The moment Zach entered the dungeon, he was attacked by a lava slime.

"Heh!" Zach sneered and kicked the slime like a soccer ball. "That was a 'warm' welcome."

"Still..." Zach walked forward and glanced around. "This place looks entirely different from the outside."

The temperature of the dungeon was high, and there were rivers filled with lava flowing around the dungeon.

"So this so-called secret boss is going to be a fire monster?" Zach asked himself and walked forward.

On his way, Zach encountered dozens of lava slimes, but he tossed them all by kicking them.

After walking for a while, Zach reached a long bridge. There was a gigantic door on the other side of the bridge. Seemingly it was the boss' domain.

Zach only needed to pass through the bridge to get the mythical rank sword after defeating the secret boss. However, there was something else he needed to defeat first.

Zach clapped his hand and said, "Whoever you are, I know you are following me. Come out, and I shall spare your life."

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Zach could feel someone watching him ever since he entered the dungeon.

At first, he shrugged off the feeling thinking he was being paranoid. But the more time he spent in the dungeon, the more confident he became.

He assumed that it might be some monsters waiting to attack, but if it was truly a monster, then the slimes wouldn't have attacked Zach.

'If a strong monster is around, small ones never come out. That's the wild rule of the monsters. So it can't be another monster. It's another player.'

Zach pondered for a while and thought, 'But I didn't see anyone following me to the dungeon. There are chances that the player was already in the dungeon. But I didn't see anyone.'

Suddenly, a thought crossed Zach's mind, and he figured out everything.

'I see... so that's how it is.'

Zach clapped his hands and said, "Whoever you are, I know you are following me. Come out now, and I shall spare your life.'

Zach glanced in all directions and waited for someone to come out, and as he had expected, a voice rang in the dungeon.

"I am surprised you sensed me."

It was a male's voice.

'Not going to lie. I am a little disappointed.' Zach sighed. 'I hoped it would be Aurora, but well... that saves me from hiding my true self.'

"Oh? You were trying to hide your presence?" Zach scoffed. "I thought you were playing hide and seek."

Of course, Zach was bluffing. He was a master at it. However, he bluffed to anger the player so he would show himself out of rage. And it worked.

Suddenly, a man appeared behind Zach and raised his hand as though he was trying to show he was harmless.

'...!' Zach was surprised, but he didn't let his reaction show on his face. 'Where did he come from? It's like he came out of thin air.'

"Are you a bandit class player?" Zach asked with a curious yet calm look on his face.

The man looked surprised, but he nodded and said, "Not quite correct. I am an assassin."

'That explains why... it's one of the special skills of the class...— wait! He said he is an assassin, right? That means he has to be level 50 or more.'

"Well, what about you? What is your class?" The man asked in a friendly manner.

"Swordsman." Zach swiftly lied and asked, "I am level 3. What about you?"

"I am level 69," the man answered.

'What a number...!' Zach tried to ask something, but the man interrupted him.

"I am glad to see you." The man pointed his finger at the door on the other side of the bridge and said, "I am going to defeat the secret boss and get the reward. Would you like to join me? I will give you 50000 coins."

'Yeah, right.' Zach frowned his face and said, "Would you mind coming one step closer to me?"

One player could see another player's name tag, but for that, the player needs to be within a three-meter distance. And the player was one step further than three-meter.

"Sure. But what is your answer? Do you accept my offer?" the man asked with a smile on his face.

"Why not." Zach shrugged his shoulders and said, "If a low-level player like me can earn 50000 coins, then I can't miss the chance."

"Well said. Now let's talk—" the man stopped speaking and gazed behind Zach with a horrified look on his face and said, "Watch out."

Zach turned around, even though he knew there was nothing behind him. Then, he jumped back and landed behind the man.

"Heh!" Zach sneered and uttered, "How many players have you fooled like this?"

The moment Zach turned around, the man dashed at Zach and tried to kill him. But Zach knew it was a trap, but he played along and humiliated the man.

Now that the distance between Zach and the man was less than three meters, Zach could see his name tag.

The man's name was Eren, and his nametag was crimson red. Which means, he had killed more than ten players, but less than 100.

"Tch!" the man clicked his tongue and asked, "How did you know?!"

"Are you seriously asking that?" Zach laughed out loud and uttered, "You used a cliché trick, bruh."

"Spreading a rumor about hidden treasure and luring players in a secluded area to ambush and kill them. Seriously? Who would fall for such a trick?"

Zach also fell for the trick, almost. But let's pretend that never happened.

"Now, where are the rest of your teammates?" Zach asked with a furious look on his face.

"I work alone," Eren smirked. "That way, no one can betray me."

"Fair enough..." Zach furrowed his brows and asked, "Why did you kill players?"

"Do you want to know how I leveled up so fast?" Eren asked with a smug look on his face, as though he was looking down at Zach.

Eren was still thinking Zach was a level three player, so he let his guard down.

"By killing players, of course."

"Let me tell you a secret to level up without doing anything..." Eren stealthily grabbed the dagger from his back while talking and continued, "If you kill a player, you level up by one. It doesn't matter what level the players are. It's the easiest way to level up."

Then, Eren dashed at Zach to attack him, so Zach jumped back. However, Eren didn't move from his spot.

When Zach landed, a magic circle appeared on the ground beneath Zach's feet.

"Hah! I have placed magic mines all over the place, and only I know the exact spots," Eren snorted. "Now die!"

The magic trap activated and covered Zach's body with scorching fire.

"That was my strongest spell! Die by my fire, asshole!" Eren rejoiced.

Zach patted his clothes and body as the fire extinguished.

The grin vanished from Eren's face as he couldn't comprehend the situation. He was left baffled and scared.

"You were saying something about this being your strongest spell?" Zach smirked with a smug look on his face.

"Why... you!" Eren dashed at Zach with a dagger in his hand.

Zach grabbed Eren's hand and swung him around before punching him in the face.

Eren's body flew in the air and bounced on the bridge before stopping at the edge.

Eren immediately grabbed another dagger and stood up. He glanced around with a scared expression on his face to look for Zach, but he was nowhere to be seen.

"Where did he go?"

"Surprise motherfucker!" Zach landed from the top and kicked Eren.

Eren stumbled and tripped from the bridge. But he grabbed the edge of the bridge with his hand and tried to get up.

Zach stood in front of Eren and smirked at him.

"Wait... if you kill me, then there would be no difference between you and me!" Eren asserted as he tried his best to climb up.

Zach crushed Eren's fingers with his feet and crouched down in front of Eren. He glared into Eren's eyes and uttered with a vicious smile on his face: "Look me in the face and tell me, does it look like I give two shits about that?"

Chapter 55

"You... are not a level three player, are you?" Eren asked while stuttering.

"Of course, I am not." Zach smirked and said, "There is no way a level three player can enter the first realm, dumbass."

"This is what happens when you don't go to school," Zach added.

"I was the topper in my university!" Eren yelled out loud.

'Well, he didn't get my joke...'
Zach sighed and stood up. He crushed Eren's other hand under his feet and said, "If a dumbass like you can top the university, then this world is doomed."

"No... stop!" Eren shouted. "Don't kill me! I will give you anything you want!"

"I am old enough to get my own things," Zach snorted as he passed another joke.

But it failed too.

"I will change, I promise! I won't kill anyone again!" Eren begged for his life. "So please, give me one more chance to atone for my sins!"

"You can atone in hell, bitch!" Zach raised his leg to kick Eren on the face.

"Your name tag will turn red if you kill me!" Eren was trying his best to convince Zach not to kill him.

"So?"

"Everyone will know you killed a player."

"So?"

"Everyone will hate you!"

"So?"

Eren was giving reasons to Zach to not kill him, but Zach was an S-hole, as he once claimed.

"No one will allow you to join their party!"

"So?"

Zach didn't care about any of that. In fact, he would have preferred to be ignored by others.

"How did you feel when you looked at my tag for the first time?" Eren asked desperately. "That's exactly how everyone else would feel when they look at you."

Zach removed his feet from Eren's hand and backed off.

'Heh! What an idiot!' Eren smirked inwardly and tried to climb up the bridge.

'I will kill him as soon as I see an opening.' Eren was about to climb up the bridge.

Eren thought he fooled Zach, but it was the other way around. Just when Eren had almost climbed up, Zach landed a perfect free kick on Eren's face.

"And that's a goal!" Zach yelled as he watched Eren's body fall down the bridge.

"Nooooooooo!" Eren's body was incinerated the moment it fell into the river of the hot lava.

"Only if people could change that easily..." Zach muttered in a solemn voice.

Zach looked at his name tag and waited for it to turn red, but nothing happened even after 3 minutes of waiting.

"I look like an idiot standing and waiting in the middle of the bridge for three straight minutes." Zach walked to the other side of the bridge and stood in front of the enormous door.

"Now then... Why didn't my name tag turn red? Is that guy still alive?" Zach asked himself. "But I saw his body turning into ashes."

Zach placed his hand on the chin and muttered, "Could it be that the game didn't register me for the cause of Eren's death?"

That was indeed the case.

If player A pushed player B off the bridge, hill, or any high places, and player B died, the cause of the death would be by falling.

Even when player A pushed player B, player B didn't die by player A's push, they died from falling.

However, if player A killed player B before pushing them, player A would be considered as a cause of death. Similarly, if player B died by player A's magic spell or trap, then player A would be considered as a cause of death.

"What a broken loophole..." Zach muttered. "Although, I don't think many players know about it. If they did, they would surely plan a way to kill other players and abuse this loophole."

"And there is an incentive to kill players too..." Zach added.

Players could level up fast without working hard by killing other players. If players got to know about it, they would cause mayhem.

"However, sooner or later, everyone would know about all the secrets."

"Well," Zach sneered and added, "As long as they don't mess with me, I won't mess with them."

Zach watched the door and touched it.

"So.. is this supposed to open, or is there something I have to do to open it?" Zach asked himself.

Zach inspected the door and found some inscriptions written on it.

"What language is this?" It was a foreign language, and Zach couldn't recognize it.

'I have been taught almost all the languages that ever existed. Although, I am still learning the alien languages.'

Zach tried his best to decipher the words, but he didn't make any progress.

"There is no way I am going back after coming this far."

It was only an hour-long walk, though.

"It does look similar to the celestial language, but I can't call out the words...wait, are they purposely in the wrong order?"

Zach was in utter disbelief. He wasn't a fan of games, to begin with, but Kayden and Shay were.

While he became friends with Shay a year ago, Kayden was his best friend. So he would often invite Zach to his house.

Zach was mostly free, so he would go to Kayden's house and watch him play consoles and pc games.

Kayden loved open-world role-playing games, and Zach enjoyed watching them; it was like a movie for him. However, Zach would hate when the games forced the player to solve the puzzles for no reason. And currently, Zach was in the same situation.

"Freaking gods..." Zach muttered in frustration.

Zach rearranged the words and tried to read them: "Thou who dares to challenge, must enter the gods and look upon their monsters— what the—! That sounds so wrong."

Zach rearranged the words again and read them: "Thou who dares to enter, must look upon the gods; for thou who challenge the monster inside, must only be saved with the help of the gods' grace."

As soon as Zach finished reading, the door rumbled and slowly opened.

After seeing the door open, the boss' music from games started playing in Zach's mind.

Zach entered the room, and the first thing he saw before the monster was its huge HP bar.

Level 100

HP- [5000000]

Chapter 56

The monster's size was nothing compared to the monsters Zach had fought before; it was enormous.

The monster was a chimera, and its entire body was fire and hot lava. It had two wings, four legs, three heads, and one huge tail. One head was a dragon, the second head was a lion-like monster, and the third was a goat-like monster. All the heads had long and sharp fangs. They also had pointy horns, and all of their eyes were dripping red lava. The tail of the chimera was a snake with fangs; seemingly, also the fourth head.

The chimera's head and eyes were in a position that they would see in all directions.

Level 100- Lord Abomination

HP- [5000000]

"Only the gods can create such a disgusting monster," Zach scoffed. "And his name ruined the impact. What a lame name."

The chimera stood up and flapped its wings once with a loud roar. The rocks and mountains were shattered, and the trees around turned into ashes because of the hot air.

Zach was pushed back by the pressure of the wind, but it was like a hot breeze for him. However, his clothes caught fire.

Zach casually tapped on his clothes and uttered, "Not bad."

If it was an ordinary player, even a level 100 player, they would have died on impact. But Zach was unharmed because of his celestial physique.

'This fire is nothing compared to the lava in Aria's domain. Here, it is like a smoldering fire.'

[Who dares to challenge me?!] the chimera uttered from its goat mouth.

'Oh! It can speak?' This was Zach's first time meeting a monster who could speak.

"Well, that makes things easier..." Zach raised his voice and said, "I am here for the mythical rank sword! Give it to me, and I will be on my way!"

Of course, Zach knew that wasn't going to happen, but it was worth a try.

[How dare you?! I can crush puny beings like you under my feet!]

The chimera flapped its wings and flew up before landing on top of Zach to crush him. However, Zach jumped back and landed on the ledge of the mountain.

Zach was now at the same height as the chimera, but he climbed further and looked down on the chimera.

Zach didn't like when someone looked down on him unless they were his masters or his father.

"Well, if you want to die so badly, then why don't you try asking nicely?!" Zach scoffed out loud. Maybe try saying 'please'?"

[How dare you?!]

"Don't you get tired of saying 'How Dare you?!' again and again? You should work on your vocabulary," Zach sneered. "Maybe you should try to go outside and meet people. Stop being a NEET and get a job."

The dragon's head on the chimera brimmed with lava as it shot a molten fire at Zach.

Zach jumped and landed on the floor before jumping on top of the mountain. When he looked back at the mountain, it had completely melted.

"That... might be dangerous."

Zach was now taking the monster seriously.

However, the chimera didn't stop and kept shooting fireballs at Zach.

Zach ran, jumped, dodged, climbed, and repeated the same actions again and again as he thought of a plan to deal with the chimera.

'What should I do? I have 3500 MP left, so I can easily deal 3500000 HP DMG to the monster just by touching it. But I have to do something about the remaining 1500000 HP.'

'Should I use the MP potions?' Zach asked himself.

Zach had forty-eight 50MP potions with him, and he could easily end the monster in one hit after using them. However, it took Zach 10 days to craft those potions. If he used them now, he would have to waste ten more days creating the new potions. That's why, Zach was keeping the potions as his last resort.

"Besides, I will have to go near it to touch it, and I don't think this monster likes skinship."

Zach grabbed a palm-sized rock and threw it at the chimera's body. The second the rock touched the chimera's body, it turned into lava.

"And... he doesn't bathe either..."

In the last ten days, Zach had been working on his DT skill to use it in different ways. Not only that, he used his crafting skill to craft a link with his gloves.

The gloves didn't allow Zach to use another weapon, so he created a new ability that he could use with the gloves.

He created magic weapons which he could summon using his MP, and the gloves were working as a medium to create them.

[How dare you?!]

"The developers of this game were so lazy that they didn't script the dialogues properly," Zach snorted.

"Alright!" Zach clapped his hands and asserted, "I will play with you a little."

Zach beckoned the chimera and said, "Come to daddy."

After a second, Zach regretted saying that. It reminded him of his ex-girlfriend.

All three heads of the chimera roared at the same time and dashed at Zach. It used its wings to increase its speed.

Zach took a deep breath and muttered, "Here goes nothing."

Zach summoned a fire-sword in his hand and said, "This uses 10MP per second. I hope it's worth it."

Zach waited for the chimera to come near him and dashed past it.

SLASH!

"Tch!" Zach clicked his tongue as the chimera's horn landed near his feet.

Then, he looked at the chimera's HP and saw it was down by 5000 HP

HP- [4995000/ 5000000]

"This is going to take a while, so let's wrap it up with a chain." Even at a dire time like this, Zach's mind was passing jokes.

Zach clenched the fire-sword with his fist and rubbed his hand over it. The fire sword turned into a fire chain.

Zach whipped the chain on the ground and said, "Time to discipline you."

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Zach whipped the fire chain on the ground and provoked the chimera.

The spot where Zach whipped the fire chain cracked by the impact, but Zach didn't notice it. He was planning dozens of ways to deal with the chimera. He was thinking of what and how he would attack if his one attack failed.

The chimera dashed at Zach, but instead of dodging or jumping, Zach simply stood there and kept swinging the chain in the air.

The chimera flapped its wings to push Zach back and jump to crush him. However, Zach swung the fire chain at the chimera and caught its leg.

"Gotcha!" Zach used all his strength and swung the chain and chimera with it.

The chimera's leg was tied with the chain, and its body was hitting all over the places; mountains, rocks, trees, ground. Zach swung it as long as he could and pulled the chain.

The chimera's leg was cut off by force, and its body was sent flying far away on the other side of the forest.

Zach retracted the chain and turned it into a fire spear.

"Here goes nothing...!"

Zach started running and threw the spear in the direction where the chimera was sent flying.

Meanwhile, the chimera stood up on its three legs and tried to run, but it couldn't even walk properly.

Then, it saw a shooting star in the sky, but it soon realized it was a fire spear.

The chimera desperately flapped its wings to fly, even a little so it could dodge the spear. After flapping its wings a couple of times, it finally managed to fly away before the spear could hit it.

However, just as the spear was about to land on the ground, Zach appeared out of nowhere and grabbed the spear. He swung his body in a circle and threw the spear at the flying chimera.

The chimera yelled in pain as the spear penetrated and passed through its body.

HP- [4375000/5000000]

"You should have asked me to kill you nicely when I was asking." Zach summoned the spear back and turned it into a sword before jumping at the chimera and cutting its goat head off.

"Now die a death you deserve."

HP- [3575000/5000000]

'It has been 1 minute. I can only use my gloves for about five more minutes before I run out of MP.'

Without wasting his time, Zach turned the sword into the fire chain and grabbed the chimera's dragon head with it.

"Tch!" Zach clicked his tongue and thought, 'The scales are hard to cut through. I should have aimed for the lion's head.'

This weapon crafting ability had one more special skill. Zach could release a certain amount of mana into the weapon to deal higher damage. It was similar to his DT skill, but the damage here was different; it was multiplied by the ATK and MP used.

Zach used the chain as a rope and pulled himself in the air. The chain was still wrapped around the dragon's head, and it was dealing constant damage.

"Now!"

Zach used the special skill of the ability and released 1000 MP into the fire chain.

The chimera grunted in pain as its dragon head was chopped off.

HP- [2575000/5000000]

'Three more minutes.' Zach looked at the chimera's HP and muttered, "It's doable if I do it right. Failure is not an option.'

If Zach ran out of MP, it was pretty much impossible for him to deal high DMG to the chimera using only his martial arts skills and no weapon.

Luckily, he still had MP potions to save him.

Zach was still in the air from his previous jump, and the only thing he could land on was the chimera's body. He quickly turned the fire chain into a spear and forced himself down to penetrate the chimera's body.

However, before he could land, the chimera's fourth head, its tail, the venomous snake attacked Zach and bit him on the leg.

The snake's bite had a similar effect as the cursed dagger. Zach's HP was slowly decreasing.

"No time to worry about that. I am sure it will stop if I kill the snake... the chimera to be exact."

Zach placed the spear on his leg where the snake bit him and muttered, "I have to remember this mistake."

Zach wanted to go near the chimera, but now that it had only one head and one tail left, it was furious.

'Its speed has also increased because it has lost weight..'

Zach turned the spear into a bow and aimed the arrow at the snake's head. However, the snake caught the arrow with his sharp fangs and ate it.

Zach turned the bow into a sword and dashed at the chimera. But, he didn't attack it.

He ran past it and climbed the nearby mountain.

"One more minute..."

Zach had no time to waste, but he could decide what plan to use.

He turned the sword into a chain-sickle and swung it at the chimera. He aimed one side of the -chain-sickle to the snake's head and jumped down.

Zach knew that the snake would grab the sickle, and he used that opportunity to attack the chimera's body.

He landed on the chimera's body and plunged the other side of the chain-sickle into its body.

Upon experiencing pain, the snake let go of the sickle and launched itself to attack Zach.

Zach grabbed the snake with his bare hands and crushed it before plucking it out of the chimera's body.

HP- [1375000/5000000]

Then, he retracted the sickle and increased the size of the spear to penetrate it further into the chimera's body. He jumped into the air and kicked the spear for it to pass through the chimera's body.

Zach landed on the ground and cleaved the remaining legs of the chimera, leaving it helpless with nothing but one head and a limbless body.

HP- [875000/5000000]

"It still has this much HP even in this state?" Zach uttered in disbelief.

Zach heard a flapping sound and noticed he had forgotten about the chimera wings.

"Right..." Zach swung the chain at the wings and severed them.

HP- [575000/5000000]

"Now then..." Zach walked to the chimera's lion head and looked into its eyes. "Where is your punchline?"

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[You... who are... you?] the chimera asked in a faint voice.

"You tell me." Zach placed the fire sword on his shoulders and asked with a vicious smirk on his face: "Who do you think I am?"

The chimera looked into Zach's eyes, and something reflected within them. It saw something that couldn't be described.

[I see... so you are 'her' kin... you have a god's blood inside you...]

Zach released all his remaining mana into the sword and slashed the chimera's lion head.

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"What a letdown..."

The sword disappeared from Zach's hand as he used up all his mana. He looked at his HP and saw the poison effect had also stopped.

"I don't want to say it was an easy battle considering I lost my HP and all of my MP..." Zach let out a weary sigh and stumbled on his feet as he struggled to stand still.

He defeated a level 100 secret boss who had 5000000 HP, without breaking a sweat. It was indeed a tough battle. Even Zach couldn't have defeated the chimera if he didn't have the advantage of infinite MP.

However, the main reason he was able to defeat a level 100 monster was his strict childhood training. His knowledge and experience of martial arts of the battlefield helped him.

[Congratulations! Quest 'Slay level 80 monster.' has been completed!]

[Congratulations! You have received the reward of completing the Quest. Reward- 50000 coins.]

[Received 200000 EXP!]

The chimera's body vanished, and two things appeared in front of Zach. One was a crimson sword, and another was a red core.

'Isn't red core essential for cultivating physique? It's pretty much useless for me unless I sell it to someone...'

Zach stopped when he saw [Non-transferable] on the screen.

"What should I do with it?" Zach pondered. "I can eat it. Wait... it's the chimera's core, so can't I revive it and use the chimera as my pet?"

That was indeed possible. But Zach currently had no abilities or any knowledge on that.

'I couldn't use magic in the real world, so I didn't bother learning anything that contained magic...'

"I will keep the core in my inventory, for now."

Zach then held the sword in his hand and read its stats.

[Mythical rank sword.]

[+300 ATK]

"Ooo~" Zach was excited after seeing the first benefit of the sword.

[1.5x XP gain]

"Cool!"

[Gives one physique point on each kill]

"Noice! That means, as long as Aurora kills enough monsters, she is guaranteed to cultivate her physique points."

[Special skill- Locked]

(Note- This sword can only be equipped by a level 25 player. Once this sword is equipped, it will become soul-bound to the player.)

"At least I can gift it to Aurora..." Zach sighed in relief and muttered, "Imagine if I couldn't transfer this sword too."

Zach had used up all his adrenaline, and now he needed a little rest. He dropped to his knees and later laid down on the ground. He looked at the sky and uttered, "So beautiful."

However, he didn't look at his surroundings; He had destroyed everything.

Zach closed his eyes for a while and decided to take a little nap.

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Meanwhile, in the heavens.

[Attention! Attention!] an angel yelled in the hall of the heavens.

[What is it?] a god asked.

[Can't you see we are busy planning more schemes and monsters for our online world?] The second god asserted.

[The abomination! Someone has slain it!] the angel announced.

[What?!] the first god exclaimed.

[Impossible!] -Second god

[How?!] - Third God

[Who dares?!] -Fourth god.

[Preposterous!] -Fifth god.

[Blasphemy!] - Sixth God.

[How could someone do that?!]- Seventh god.

[How did someone manage to slay the abomination?!] -Eight god.

[We had locked it inside a gate that the gods could only open!] -Ninth God.

[Whodunit?!] -Tenth god.

[Even if someone managed to enter the gate, how in the heavens did they manage to slay the abomination?!] -Eleventh God.

[There is a traitor among us!] - Twelfth God.

The entire hall of heaven, which was filled with the 12 gods and their respective angels, became hostile towards each other.

[Who was it? Who is the traitor?!]the first god yelled as the cloud thundered.

[Why would any of us do that?]

[This is impossible. Everyone knows that if any of us betray, the heavens will go on a war. The higher gods would be angered, and they would get rid of us.]

[Stop this nonsense. No one has betrayed anyone.]

[Then how did someone manage to slay the abomination? It was one of our best weapons. We were going to use it to surprise the humans.]

[It doesn't matter. We shall create something more powerful. We are bored anyways.]

[Also, find who slayed the abomination. We have to get rid of that human as soon as possible!]

[Indeed. Whoever it was must be eradicated. It can become a threat to us.]

[Who are you kidding? A threat to us, the almighty gods?] the seventh god laughed out loud.

[We can crush anything just by our presence. We can blow away everything just by a soft sigh. We can obliterate anything with a simple snap. What can possibly endanger us?]

[Gabriel. I hereby assign you as the world boss of the first realm. Exterminate any player who comes to challenge you. Failures will not be tolerated.]

[Your words are my commands.] Gabriel bowed down to all the gods and said, [I shall show my worth to be a god.]

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Meanwhile, Zach heard a faint voice calling his name.

"Zach. Zach. Wake up." It was a sweet female voice.

Zach felt as though someone was repeatedly patting on his cheek. He opened his eyes and closed them a second later.

Zach was sleeping on a soft, warm bed.

"Hey, wake up. My parents will be home soon," the voice said.

Zach opened his eyes and saw a girl sleeping naked beside him. She was looking at him with a slight smile on her face.

"Hmm... What time is it?" Zach asked with his eyes still closed. He was still feeling sleepy.

"It's almost midnight," the girl answered.

Zach was wide awake after hearing that.

He opened his eyes and saw the sky.

"..." He sighed and sat up.

"Why am I having dreams about her? Am I missing her?" Zach asked himself after having a dream about his ex-girlfriend.

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"Why am I missing her, though? I mean, my first relationship was with her, but it's not like she was my first love. I have had plenty of crushes, but I didn't miss them like I am missing her." Zach uttered to himself.

"Is it because we never had a proper breakup?" Zach wondered. "We didn't talk after our last fight, and then she never came to school. The last thing I heard was that the ship to mars had departed."

Zach and his girlfriend never officially broke up. But it wasn't as though they were going to meet again, or so Zach had thought.

As he was pondering about that, Zach remembered something.

"Wait a damn minute..." Zach raised his brows and uttered, "How did that party in the inn know that this chimera would spawn a mythical weapon?"

"It wasn't mentioned anywhere, and the monster itself was a secret boss. Plus, there is no way an ordinary human was able to pass through the gate."

Zach initially thought that Eren was the one who told the party to spread the rumors, but that wasn't the case.

"I guess there is only one way to find out," Zach asserted. He cracked his fingers and said, "I will need to have a 'nice' chat with the party."

Zach opened his menu and looked at his stats.

Level 21.

HP- 10500/135000

ATK- 440 (x2)

Physical Strength- 440 (x2)

Mental Strength- 800

Soul Strength- 0

Physical DEF- 410 (x2)

Mental DEF- 730

Soul DEF- 0

AGILITY- 545 (x2)

MP- 200/∞

EXP- 240500/250000 (to level up.)

Physique- Celestial- Max.

Class- Cultivator. (Maxed)

Secondary class- Mage

Guild- Not joined.

Affiliation- None (Not worshipping a god.)

Karma points- 0

(Karma points are blessings and favors of gods. They can be used to pray to the gods and ask anything in return.) (Terms and conditions applied.)

Marital status- Single.

Title- 1) Forbidden Existence. 2) Child of Atrocity. 3) Sign of Impurity. 4) The Last Survivor

Skill- 1) Martial Warrior. 2) Dominator's Touch

"They added some new things..." Zach muttered.

After that, Zach stood up and patted on clothes to clear the dirt from them. He stretched his hands and yawned loudly.

"That was a nice nap," he said with his eyes closed. Then, he raised his brows and opened his eyes before saying, "That was a nice nap."

"How long have I been here?!" Zach exclaimed.

He looked at the time in his menu and saw it was 4:32 AM in the morning.

Zach was feeling more tense than he felt when he was fighting the level 100 chimera.

"What if Aurora had woken up?" he asked himself.

Zach immediately rushed back to the inn.

It took him more than an hour to get to the boss' door from the inn, but it only took him 10 minutes to get back.

Zach entered the room and slowly walked to the bed.

Aurora was facing her back to the door, so Zach couldn't see whether she was awake or not.

Zach peeked on the side and saw Aurora was fast asleep.

SIGH!

Zach sighed in relief and lay on the other side of the bed with his back facing Aurora.

'I need to find a good opportunity to give the sword to Aurora. She said her birthday was in three months, but that will be six months in this game.'

'Well, I will think about that later. Even if I give her the sword now, she won't be able to use it until she reaches level 25.'

Zach closed his eyes and fell asleep.

Meanwhile, Aurora opened her eyes and glanced at Zach without turning back.

'Where was he all night?' she asked herself. 'Was he with some other girl?'

'Or maybe... he went to the brothel?' Aurora wondered.

Indeed. There were brothels in every town, but Zach wasn't even aware of it. He had no idea that brothels existed in Gods' impact. However, even if he knew, he wouldn't go to a place like that.

'Well... even if he did. I have no right to get angry. We are only traveling companions. He said we are friends, but I want us to be more than that.'

Aurora let out a deep sigh and turned around without thinking, and she bumped her nose on Zach's head.

'Ouch!' Aurora covered her mouth with her hand to stop herself from yelling.

After a while, she fell asleep too.

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Four hours later.

Aurora slowly opened her eyes after having a nice sleep. But her heart stopped when she saw Zach's face was right in front of her.

There was little to no space between their faces, and their lips were almost touching each other. If any of them moved, even a little, they would end up kissing.

However, Zach was still asleep, and Aurora had a perfect chance to kiss Zach without getting in trouble. Even if Zach woke up, she could simply say it was by mistake as it was a reasonable excuse.

Aurora looked at Zach's lips and wondered, 'Should I do it?'

'Only our lips will touch. It won't be the deep kiss like they do in the movies, but a kiss is still a kiss, right?' Aurora asked herself.

She slowly puckered her lips and moved them forward, but just as her lips were about to touch Zach's lips, she stopped and thought, 'This will be our first kiss.'

'Do I want my first kiss and our first kiss to be like this? I always thought my first kiss would be special and romantic. If I kiss him now, not only will I miss the special feelings, but I will lose my first kiss too.'

'It's as though I am taking advantage of him sleeping.'

After thinking for a while, Aurora decided not to kiss Zach.

She slowly backed off and tried to move, but Zach accidentally moved forward and ended up kissing Aurora— although only their lips touched, a kiss was a kiss.

Aurora's face flushed as her eyes widened in surprise. Even when she was saving her first kiss for a special occasion, it ended up like this. But regardless, she was happy.

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When Zach woke, he saw Aurora wasn't in the room. He glanced around to confirm that she wasn't there.

'Where did she go?' Zach got up from the bed and stretched his hands. He looked at the bed and uttered. "Sleeping on the small bed was so uncomfortable. But at least Aurora had a proper sleep."

Zach left the room and saw Aurora talking with party members of a female party.

'What is she doing?' Zach looked at them from a distance, and after watching them for a minute, Zach was certain that they were trying to recruit Aurora to their party.

Zach approached Aurora and stood in front of the party members.

"Excuse me. We are having a personal talk. Would you mind standing somewhere else?" one of the girls said.

Zach furrowed her brows and grabbed Aurora's hand. He pulled her close to him and said, "Excuse me, this girl belongs to me. Would you mind fucking off from here?" Zach uttered with a fierce glare in his eyes.

The girls walked away after muttering something about Zach.

Zach turned to Aurora and asked with a concerned look on his face: "Are you okay?"

Aurora nodded in response and looked at Zach's hand that was grabbing her.

"Oh..." Zach let go of Aurora's hand and said, "Let's eat breakfast."

After eating breakfast, they decided to take a stroll around the town before leaving for the capital.

However, Aurora said she wanted some time to get ready, so she went upstairs to their room, and Zach stayed downstairs.

'Now then... I saw them renting rooms last night, so they must be staying at this inn too.'

Zach was looking for the party who were talking/ spreading rumors about the secret boss.

'They have to be around here somewhere.' Zach glanced around and saw a player who belonged to that party— leaving the inn.

Zach quickly followed the player and reached the fountain of the town where the other four party members were waiting for the player.

"Hey, wait!" Zach shouted from a distance and stopped them.

Zach was confirming whether the party was guilty or not.

'If they run, that means they knew about Eren. But if they don't run, that means they are as oblivious as others.'

Surprisingly for Zach, the party didn't run and waited for Zach.

"Yes? Can we help you?" the female party leader asked.

"Why are you guys spreading rumors about the secret boss in the town?" Zach asked impatiently. He wanted to deal with them soon as possible and go back to the inn, where Aurora was waiting for him.

"How do you... wait!" another party member yelled, "Were you eavesdropping on us?!"

"No. You all were loud enough for anyone to hear. Now spit it!" Zach equipped his default sword in his hand and said, "Or you will have to face the consequences."

'I am wearing gloves right now, so this sword won't do any damage or harm anyone. But at least, it will scare them,' Zach uttered inwardly.

The party members glanced at the sword in Zach's hand and laughed out loud.

"Haha!" -first (male) party member.

"Pfft!" -second (male) party member.

"Are you kidding me?!" -third (female) party member.

"He is using a default sword! Ahaha!" -fourth (female) party member/leader.

"What level are you? 10?! Haha!" - fifth (male) party member.

Zach frowned his face and conjured a fire sword in his other hand. Then, he swung it in the air at the fountain behind them that was cut into two.

All the party members stopped laughing when they looked at the fire sword in Zach's hand and then at the fountain behind them— with a baffled expression on their faces.

"Next, swing chop off your heads," Zach asserted in a solemn voice.

"Whoa! Calm down, dude!" -first (male) party member.

"Why so angry?" -second (male) party member.

"You can't just kill us for that reason." -third (female) party member.

"I know, right?" - fourth (male) party member.

"Talk about death threats." -fifth (female) party member/leader.

"Just spit it already!" Zach yelled and sighed. 'Teeangers.'

"We don't know why you are so angry, but we were simply talking about the stuff the masked man was talking about," the female party leader answered.

Zach raised his brows and asked, "What masked man?"

"We don't know." they shrugged their shoulders all together and said, "Just as you heard our conversation, we heard his. We have no idea there was a rumor going around."

'Was this masked man with Eren?' Zach wondered. 'Why do I have a bad feeling about this?'

Zach asked some more questions to the party and returned to the inn. Fortunately, Aurora still hadn't come downstairs.

'I am pretty sure there ain't no make-up in this world, so what's taking her so long?' Zach asked himself.

Aurora still couldn't look into Zach's face without remembering the kiss from the morning.

After some minutes, Aurora came down wearing similar clothes. They spent two hours in the town and left for the capital.

After 6 hours of walking, they reached the capital and went straight to the inn to eat and rent a room.

"How much time has left for the cooldown again?" Zach asked Aurora.

"There are still two days left before I can buy or exchange a house here. How long are we going to stay in the capital?" Aurora asked with a curious look on her face.

"Not sure. But we need to reach level 25 to ascend. So..." Zach shrugged his shoulders and continued eating.

Everything was going well. However, Zach felt something was off.

'Something is wrong with Aurora. She has been acting strange today.' Zach thought. 'I mean, she is not her usual self.'

Aurora was squirming and avoiding eye contact with Zach.

'I wonder if something happened to her... wait, I think I know why she is acting like that.'

Zach facepalmed himself and uttered inwardly: 'It is because we slept on the same bed. Now she is feeling conscious of me.'

Zach wasn't entirely wrong. But the main reason she was acting like that was that Zach accidentally kissed Aurora on the lips in his sleep. While Zach wasn't aware of it because he was sleepy, Aurora couldn't forget the feeling of being kissed.

'Well, at least she has learned her lesson now.'