

GODS' IMPACT 71

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"Soul pact?" Zach uttered with his voice full of confusion. "Isn't that the pact where two people swear loyalty to each other or something?"

Aria was surprised to see that Zach was aware of the meaning of the soul pact. She nodded and said, "Yes."

"Why would I form that pact with you... wait a minute..." Zach furrowed his brows and squinted his eyes at Aria before asking, "Don't tell me you are still planning to stay at my party."

"Am I not allowed to?" Aria wondered.

"Why would I let you be in my party now that I know who you are?" Zach waved his hand at Aria and said, "Go back to your domain. Shoo."

"I have heard that the players can get out of this world if they beat the angels and later the gods. Is that true?" Aria asked curiously.

"That's what they said." Zach shrugged his shoulders and added, "But... I have trust issues."

"If there is a possibility that I can get to kill those filthy traitors, then I will be damned if I miss this golden chance," Aria asserted with a furious look on her face.

"Can't you just go and kill them in your world? I mean... isn't that the simplest solution?"

"I wish I could. But unfortunately, I can't even enter the heavenly realm, so there is no way I can enter the divine realm where the gods exist."

"I thought you were supposed to be strong," Zach commented in a low voice.

"I am... strong. But I can't win against my own powers," Aria uttered in a disdainful tone. "Not without your help."

Aria was one of the two sisters who the gods exiled by voting and threw them somewhere far away.

Aria was the one who contributed everything to create the humans, worlds, realms, skies, and everything between them. Including all the powerful security mechanisms to protect the heavens from the greater evil or entity who could endanger heaven by invading it.

Aria did all that with her sister when they were in their prime state. Now, however, millions of years have passed, and she lost her main source of power— that came from heaven. She hasn't grown weak, but the gods have gotten powerful.

Even if Aria managed to bypass everything and kill all the twelve gods, she was no match for the higher gods who created her. That's why, she needed Zach, who was similar to her.

Of course, she couldn't tell all this to Zach yet. She thought Zach wouldn't help her if he got to know that she was the one who created the gods.

Aria wanted to gain Zach's trust first, and that's why, she chose to enter this death game— Gods' Impact as a player. However, it backfired.

"Listen, let's forget our first meeting and start a new relationship as a companion," Aria asserted. "What do you say?"

"Before I answer, I want to know the reason why you are so... what happened to you? You are acting a little... different."

"What do you mean?"

"Uhh.. right. You are acting like Ameria. Stop acting all meek," Zach snorted. "It doesn't suit you."

"I am not acting meek. I am acting sincere— I mean, I am being sincere," Aria retorted.

Zach pondered for a while and said, "Well, I still don't trust you 100%, but if we are forming a soul pact, then you won't be able to betray me."

"So... am I officially joining your party now?" Aria asked with a curious and excited look on her face.

"I know you are strong, and you will be a good addition to my team. So yeah," Zach nodded. "Welcome to the party."

"Umm, your party doesn't have a name?"

"Not yet. But we can discuss that with Aurora tomorrow."

"Alright. So let's start the ritual?" Aria asked Zach to confirm.

"I am ready."

Aria smirked under her breath and started chanting something. After a few seconds, a purple magic circle appeared on the floor and covered the entire room.

"Let's make it a 50:50 pact. It's equal for us both, okay?" Aria asserted.

Zach didn't say anything and nodded in response.

Aria once again started chanting something, and the color of that magic circle changed to green. Then, the magic circle began to rotate, and another magic circle appeared that covered Aria and Zach's bodies.

After that, a white thread came out from the magic circle around their bodies and connected with each other.

"It's almost done," Aria stated. "Now, repeat these words after me."

"Okay."

Aria started chanting the spell, and Zach repeated after her. Everything was going well until the green magic circle repeatedly started changing colors.

"What's going on?!" Zach asked.

"Oh, shi—" Before Aria could say anything, the entire room was enveloped by a bright light that blinded both Zach and Aria.

After a few seconds, Zach opened his eyes and saw Aria on her knees. Her face was pale, and it looked disappointing, as though she was fed up with her life.

'She is making the same face she was making when I saw her for the first time in her domain,' Zach thought.

"What's happened?" Zach asked with a curious yet calm look on his face. "Was the ritual unsuccessful?"

"It was successful," Aria uttered in a monotonous tone.

"Then what's wrong?" Zach asked in a relieved tone.

"I forgot that I currently have only 10% of my powers."

"And...?"

"The pact was altered because of that," Aria answered.

"What changed?"

"Instead of 50:50. Now it's 30:70 with you at the 70," Aria informed in a disdainful tone.

"So... does that mean... I am your..."

Aria gazed at Zach with a fierce glare in her eyes and said, "Don't say it."

Zach ignored Aria's warning and said, "Does that mean I am now your master?"

Aria bit her lips and continued glaring at Zach before uttering, "Yes."

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"Wait, really?!" Zach exclaimed. "I am your master now?!"

Aria was barely keeping her anger on hold, and Zach was trying his best to make it explode.

"As much as I hate to admit it. Yes, you are my master," Aria said in a respectful tone.

However, she was furious from inside. She wanted to unleash her rage and go on a rampage, but there was nothing she could do.

'It's my fault this happened,' Aria thought to herself.

"So..." Zach raised his brows and uttered, "I can make you do anything?"

Aria nodded with a glare in her eyes.

"And I can order you to do anything I want? Like..." Zach moved his gaze to Aria's breasts and inspected her body with his eyes.

Up until now, Zach never got a chance to take a good look at Aria's body.

"What if I order you to do something you don't want to?" Zach asked with a curious look on his face.

"Unfortunately, I will have to do it," Aria replied.

"Okay then. Here is your first order..." Zach smirked and licked his lips before ordering, "Call me daddy."

Aria gritted her teeth and bit her lips. She glared at Zach and uttered, "Dad...dy."

"Ew! That was so cringe!" Zach uttered with a disgusted look on his face.

"You are the one who made me say it!" Aria roared.

"That's because I thought it would feel... well, exciting. But I guess I was wrong," Zach stated.

'It's probably because of her expression. I mean, when 'she' said it, it was a pleasure to my ears.'

Once again, Zach remembered his ex-girlfriend.

"What are your other orders?" Aria asked in a disdainful tone.

"Hey, I am not some kind of monster... not right now. You can stand up."

Aria stood up and stared at Zach with a knowing look on her face.

"Can you go back to Ameria's form?" Zach asked curiously.

Aria nodded and changed her form to Ameria.

"Good. Stay in this form." Zach scoffed, "You will probably scare Aurora in your real form."

Aria raised her brows and said, "I see. You are a man, after all."

"Uhh... I was a man before that too," Zach uttered.

"You have taken a liking to that girl— Aurora, haven't you?" Aria asked with a grin on her face.

"Yeah, so?"

"I must say, she is indeed one of the most beautiful girls I have ever seen." After a brief pause, she said, "I would rate her 7 out of 10."

Zach frowned his face and uttered, "How dare you say that. She is 10 out of 10."

"No. She is 7 out of 10."

Zach sighed in anger and said, "I order you to say Aurora is 10 out of 10."

Aria slowly opened her mouth and said, "Aurora is 7 out of 10."

Zach knitted his brows in confusion and muttered, "Why is it not working?"

"Did you forget this pact is based on loyalty? So you can't order me to lie or be unloyal to you," Aria asserted.

"So Aurora is truly 7 out of 10 for you?" Zach asked Aria in disbelief.

"Indeed."

Zach glanced at Aria from the corner of his eyes and asked, "Just curious, but how much would you rate yourself?"

"10 out of 10, obviously," Aria answered.

"I order you to tell the truth," Zach ordered Aria.

"My beauty is 10 out of 10," Aria said the same thing again.

"How?! No matter how I look at it, Aurora is clearly more beautiful than you."

"I am not denying the fact that she is more beautiful than me. However, my beauty is currently at 10%. If you ever saw my real beauty, you would forget all the girls and submit yourself to me," Aria said in a haughty tone and a smug look on her face.

"That sounds... dangerous. Remind me never to meet you in the real-life," Zach sneered.

After a brief silence, Aria asked, "How much would you rate me?"

"Hmm..." Zach pondered and inspected Aria's body once again.

"I am not trying to brag, but ever since I was born, I was surrounded by beautiful women— that too, otherworldly. So I can't really rate you based on them. Besides, it's not all about a girl's beauty for me."

"They could be ugly personalities behind their beauty," Zach added in a solemn voice.

"Agreed," Aria nodded.

Zach once again glanced at Aria from the corner of his eyes and asked, "Just curious, how much would you rate me?"

"Hmm~" Aria placed her hand on her chin and looked at Zach with an alluring gaze in her eyes. After inspecting him, she said, "2 out of 10."

Zach sighed and uttered, "I order you to tell me the truth."

"8 out of 10," Aria replied.

Zach's face twitched after hearing that for some reason. He scoffed in anger and said, "I will make you say 10 out of 10 one day."

"Over my dead body," Aria sneered. She snapped her fingers and said, "I rated you. Now rate me too."

"I already said I—"

"Just do it," Aria insisted.

Zach sighed and stated, "6 out of 10."

Aria was surprised after hearing Zach's answer, but she was disappointed.

"Unlike you, I cannot order you to tell the truth. So I would like to know if you are being honest right now," Aria asked sincerely.

Zach nodded and said, "I swear on my father's name."

Aria bit her lips and said, "One day, I will make you say I am the most beautiful woman in the world."

"Dream on," Zach sneered.

Zach opened his menu and muttered, "Let's see if there were some changes in my stats after this pact."

Zach first looked at Aria's blessings and saw one more benefit was added.

[Telepathy]

(You can talk with Aria telepathically as long as she is in your sight.) (This ability can evolve depending on your relationship with the said player.)

"Useless..." Zach muttered and thought, 'But Maybe... one day I can use it on Aurora too?'

Then, he looked at the rest of his stats, expecting some changes. But his face turned pale when he saw a change in a certain stat.

His 'Marital status' had changed to 'Married'.

"You have got to shitting me!" he shouted.

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"What's wrong?" Aria asked with a confused yet curious look on her face.

Zach showed his stat to Aria and pointed his finger at his 'Marital status'.

"Why is it showing married?!" he exclaimed.

"Hmm..." Aria pondered for a while and said, "It must be because of the soul pact. We are soulbond now, so maybe this game is registering as married?"

"Why aren't you freaking out then?!" Zach shouted.

"What's there to freak out?" Aria asked with a puzzled look on her face.

"You don't care if you are married to me?"

"Surely, it's not as impactful as I was when I found out that I was your servant," Aria sighed.

'What should I do?!' Zach wondered. 'I can't let anyone see this, especially Aurora.'

Zach turned to Aria and asked with a curious look on his face: "Can we annul the soul pact?"

"We can, but both of us need to agree on that," Aria replied.

"Then let's get divorced! I mean, let's break this soul pact," Zach asserted.

"Are you sure?" Aria asked with a judging look. "I am your servant right now. If you break the pact, then our relationship will be back to... well, nothing. And now that I know that..."

Aria stopped as her eyes widened in realization.

'Wait a minute. I am currently at 10% of my power. Does that mean Zach is more powerful than me in a 10% state? That's impossible!'

Aria furrowed her brows and uttered inwardly, 'Have I become that weak? Or... is Zach that strong?'

'Does that mean... he is hiding his true strength?' Aria wondered. 'How powerful is he?'

'If he is stronger than my 10% of power, and if our relationship now is at 30:70. Does that mean his power is the same as mine at 30%?'

Aria stared at Zach and wondered, 'Who are you, Zach?'

Aria's interest in Zach had piqued even more.

'What should I do?' Zach thought. 'I want to annul the soul pact, but I can't let this one in a lifetime chance slip by. I have Aria as my servant, but is it worth taking a risk?'

After pondering for a while, Zach had made his decision.

"Anyway!" Zach turned to Aria and said, "Aurora can not know about this, got it?"

Aria smirked at Zach in response.

"I order you to not tell Aurora about this," Zach ordered.

"Are you sure about that?" Aria asked. "Honesty is the first step to a healthy relationship."

"We are not in a relationship... yet," Zach stuttered.

"So, are you going to lie to her?" Aria remarked.

"I am not lying. I am hiding it for a few days," Zach retorted.

"What's going to happen after a few days?" Aria asked with a curious yet calm look on her face.

"We are going to clear up to the 50th or maybe more floors in the dungeon. I am close to reaching level 23, and Aurora should be close to hitting level 22," Zach asserted.

"We both will reach level 25 in a few days. After that..." Zach conjured the crimson sword in his hand and said, "I am going to gift this sword to her."

Aria's eyes widened after seeing that sword.

'Isn't that sword... no, there is no way that sword can be here,' Aria thought to herself.

"I still haven't told Aurora about me. I will give this sword to her and tell her everything about me—including this marital status. After that, I will let her decide if she still wants to be with me or not." Zach uttered in a solemn voice.

Aria smirked and asked, "Are you afraid of rejection? Aww~"

"I am not... I am afraid of being alone. If Aurora leaves me, I will..." Zach sighed.

Aria chuckled and said, "Yeah. Being alone is scary."

Aria had spent millions of years alone without meeting a single soul. She knew what loneliness felt like.

Aria snorted and said, "If she rejects you, you can come to me. I will give you a shoulder to cry and then make fun of you."

Zach raised his hand and showed Aria her fist.

"What?" Aria stared at Zach's fist with a puzzled look on her face.

Zach slowly raised his middle finger and said, "Eff You!"

After that, Zach left Aria's room.

At the same time, Aurora opened the door of her room and frowned her face.

'What was Zach doing in Ameria's room?' she wondered.

She had woken up to go to the washroom, but after seeing Zach leaving Ameria's room in the middle of the night, she forgot everything and went back to her room.

Meanwhile, Aria was still wondering what Zach was trying to convey by showing his middle finger.

'What does 'Eff you' mean?'

Aria needed some modern knowledge.

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The next day, in the morning.

Aurora woke up a little late than usual, but he was still the first one to wake up in the house.

Aria woke up a while later after Aurora. She insisted on helping Aurora to make breakfast, but Aurora ignored Aira.

When breakfast was ready, Aurora knocked on Zach's door and woke him up.

When they all were eating breakfast together, Zach asked Aria to pass him some pepper.

Aria passed him the bottle without speaking a word.

Zach was going to sprinkle some pepper on his egg, but he stopped when he noticed Aria gave him the salt bottle instead of pepper.

"I asked for pepper," Zach groaned and glared at Aria.

Aria passed him another bottle with a smirk on her face.

After watching Zach and Aria, Aurora squinted her eyes and said, "You two seem to be on friendly terms now."

"I don't take idiots as my—"

Zach was interrupted by a message from Kayden.

He opened the message and read, [Come at the guildhall now! It's an emergency!]

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When Zach was eating breakfast with Aurora and Aria, Zach got a message from Kayden.

[Come to the guildhall! It's an emergency!]

After reading that, Zach immediately got up and said, "Something came up! You guys eat and come to the guildhall later. I will meet you there!"

Zach dashed out of the house and rushed to the guildhall.

Meanwhile, in the house, Aurora and Aira were alone.

Aria and Aurora glanced at each other, and their eyes met by accident.

Aria averted her gaze, but Aurora kept staring at her. She squinted her eyes at Aria and said, "Listen, I will get directly to the point."

"Hmm?"

"Is something going between you and Zach?" Aria asked with a straight face.

"W-Why would you think that?" Aria asked, acting meekly.

"I saw Zach leaving your room in the middle of the night," Aurora stated.

'What was that idiot doing?!' Aria thought to herself.

"Well... he..." Aria stuttered for a while and replied, "He mistakenly entered my room thinking it was his room."

"Oh..." Aurora nodded to herself and thought, 'It was his room at our previous house. So I guess she is telling the truth. I mean, what was I thinking? Zach would never do something like that behind my back.'

Aria had the option, to tell the truth or maybe even lie about something else that could break Aurora and Zach's relationship, but Aria chose to save Zach.

"Umm... can I ask something?" Aria was acting like America.

"Sure, why not?"

"Do you... maybe... like Zach?" Aria asked.

Aurora's face flushed after hearing Aria's question. She quietly nodded and said, "Don't tell him. But yes, I love him."

"Why don't you make moves on him then?" Aria asked with a curious look on his face.

"What if... he doesn't like me back?" Aurora asked hesitantly.

"If you are worried about him not liking you or hating you for making moves on him; it's just like admitting defeat before fighting the battle," Aria asserted. "If you truly love him, then fight with all you have and win this battle."

"..."

Aurora didn't say anything and sat there in silence.

Aria furrowed her brows and said with a smirk on her face: "Or who knows, someone else might fight the battle and win."

"Huh? Are you saying that..." Aurora couldn't finish her sentence

"You are smart enough to understand what I mean. If you get cold feet, someone else might warm up Zach's body."

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After running for 10 minutes, Zach reached the guildhall. He was still a little away from the guildhall, but he could see it in his sight.

Zach noticed that the guildhall was packed, and players were gathered inside and outside the guildhall.

"This looks serious..." Zach muttered.

Zach walked to the guildhall and glanced around to search for Kayden and Shay.

"Where are you... I hope everything is alright..."

After glancing around, Zach caught sight of Kayden.

"Hey, Kayden!" Zach called out to Kayden in a loud voice and waved his hand at him.

Kayden turned around and waved back at Zach.

"What's wrong?" Zach asked as soon as he reached Kayden. "Is everything alright? Did Shay do something stupid again?"

"No. It's—"

"Zach~"

Suddenly, a girl appeared from behind Kayden and hugged Zach.

Zach, of course, pushed the girl back and looked at her face.

"What are you— wait a minute!" Zach furrowed his brows and said, "Is that you, Misha?!"

"Yay! You recognized me!" Misha jumped in joy.

It was Misha, Kayden's step-sister, and also his fiancée.

Zach turned to Kayden with a confused look on his face and asked, "What's going on? Why is Misha here?"

Kayden nudged

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A world-class popular male idol who was famous for his looks, voice, and fashion. And a world-class popular female idol who was recognized for her beauty, personality, and body features.

Two top idols married each other and had a daughter, who had both of her parent's beauty and characteristics.

Her name was Victoria, and she was Zach's girlfriend.

She was a foreign transfer student who transferred into Zach's school for a semester because of her parent's work.

Everyone male and female students of the school were charmed by Victoria on the very first day. Of course, she started getting confessions from both girls and boys, but she rejected them all.

She had no interest in dating anyone, and she wasn't allowed to.

Her entire life was already set by her parents.

Victoria was going to walk on her parent's path to be an idol and achieve feats they couldn't.

That was until fate chose to cross her path with Zach, who was an arrogant and unfriendly guy.

When everyone was charmed by her beauty, Zach wasn't interested at all.

Of course, that wasn't enough for Victoria to get interested in Zach. In fact, he left a bad impression on her.

It wasn't until the school festive seasons started where students came to school less and participated in school events.

Everyone in their class, one way or another, was a couple. Some were regular couples, while some were simply sex friends who only searched for pleasure.

As one would have expected, Zach and Victoria ended up being a pair because their roll numbers were alternative to each other.

However, someone got jealous and uploaded a well-edited porno on the internet with Victoria as a girl in the video. It wasn't long before rumors started going around about Victoria being a slut.

Zach didn't care to bother about it as he also thought the video was real. However, some days later, the same person posted another porno where the man was Zach, and the girl was Victoria.

Zach got angry for the first time in his high school life.

He searched for the video uploader but couldn't find any lead. That's when Shay helped Zach.

Of course, Kayden and Shay were already friends with Zach long before that, but unlike other students, they didn't believe in the porno.

Shay and Kayden knew that Zach never lies to people close to him, no matter what happens.

After some searching, Shay traced the i.p of the uploader, and the culprit turned out to be their homeroom male teacher.

When Zach found out that the teacher once tried to break into Victoria's apartment, it didn't end well.

For some reason, the teacher went missing, and his body was never found.

After that incident, Zach and Victoria thought of dating. But there was one problem; neither of them had any knowledge or experience in dating, nor was there any love between them.

Thus, they always fought, and in the end, their relationship ended on an open note because they lost contact with each other.

However, both Zach and Victoria were currently sitting in front of each other in a cafe.

Aurora, Aria, Kayden, Misha, and Shay were sitting at a different table at some distance from Zach and Victoria's table.

Zach and Victoria stared at each other and didn't say a word.

"It's been nearly five minutes," Aurora commented. "Why aren't they talking to each other?"

Victoria broke the silence and said, "I thought you weren't into games. So what are you doing here?"

"I thought you went to mars. So what are you doing here?" Zach asked.

"Stop playing games, Zach. And answer me," Victoria uttered.

"I didn't know other planets also allowed VR games," Zach commented.

"So you were lying about 'I hate games', after all." Victoria slammed her hands on the table and said, "What else were you hiding from me? Were you ever honest with me?!"

Everyone in the cafe turned to Zach and Victoria and started whispering things about them.

Victoria clenched her fists and said, "Let's go talk somewhere else."

Victoria left the cafe, and Zach followed her.

After leaving the cafe, Victoria inserted two fingers in her mouth and whistled.

'What is she...'

A flying carriage landed in front of Zach and Victoria, which was ridden by two unicorns.

Victoria opened the door of the carriage and said, "Let's go."

Zach sat in the carriage with a sigh and covered his face with his hands.

After five minutes, the carriage stopped.

"We are here," Victoria tapped on Zach's shoulders and got off the carriage.

Zach got off the carriage, and the first thing that came out of his mouth after seeing the scenery was:
"Wow."

They were in the sky castle, which was located in the sky above the clouds. It was also a ship that was used to travel.

"What's this place?" Zach asked with a curious look on his face.

"This is... my guild," Victoria answered. "All of my guild members live here."

"So basically, you guys stole it and labeled it as yours?" Zach remarked.

"The guilds can create and build buildings and houses. We get a guild quest where we can get the materials," Victoria answered with a blank expression on her face.

"Oh..."

"So..." Victoria folded her arms below her bosom and said, "What's going on?"

"Long story short, Shay and Kayden were bugging me to play a VR game, and... well, here I am," Zach snorted.

"Why did you play it?" Victoria muttered under her breath. "Idiot."

"Now, answer my question." Zach furrowed his brows and asked, "I thought you went to mars."

"I didn't."

"But that day, you said you were moving to mars."

Victoria frowned her face and said, "As always, you are self-centered and ignorant about everything else."

"What are you trying to say?"

"That day, I told you that my parents are moving to mars. I never said I am going with them," Victoria stated.

"Wait... wait a minute. So... so why did you break up with me over text?" Zach asked with a confused look on his face.

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"Why did you break up with me over text?"

"Do you know why I sent you that text?" Victoria asked.

"Because..." Zach stopped and squinted his eyes before asking, "This is a trick question, isn't it?"

Victoria let out a weary sigh and said, "You know, my parents wanted me to go with them. But I was dating you, so I denied them. Yet, you got angry and started yelling at me that day."

"Well..." Zach scratched his cheeks and said, "I guess I overreacted. I should have listened to you."

Victoria gritted her teeth and said, "That wasn't your first time doing that."

"..."

"You were always like this. You always thought about yourself," Victoria commented.

"That's not true." Zach shook his head and said, "I loved you, and you know that."

"Hah?!" Victoria scoffed in anger and uttered, "Loved? Loved?! You are saying that you loved me?!"

"..."

"Zach, do you even know what love means? We were dating, Zach. We were in a relationship! Do you know what a relationship is?!" Victoria yelled.

"When a couple is in a relationship, they have to take care of each other. It's not only about love; it's about mutual understanding and sacrifices. They have to be there for each other. A relationship is complete when both the boy and the girl invest equal time in a relationship; both the boy and the girl have to compromise!"

"Yeah. And I did all that, didn't I?"

"In your dreams!" Victoria roared. "Zach, do you have any idea how much I cried when we were dating? I cried every time I was alone! I felt so alone, so incomplete!"

"You never said this—"

Victoria interrupted Zach and said, "I will be honest. When we started going out, I wasn't serious about our relationship. But... but... I fell in love with you. Your stupid remarks and arrogant personality. I loved them. Why? Because we both were the same."

"..."

"I did everything I could for you. I dressed up well so you would compliment me, but you never did. Okay, that was too girly of me, and I don't blame you." Victoria sniffed and tried her best to hold back her tears.

"When a boy and a girl date, they go to school together. If not, they go home together. But you always went home with Shay and Kayden! Okay, I don't want to sound like a possessive girl, so I will let this one slide too."

Victoria took a deep breath and continued, "I... I gave you my virginity! I called you daddy because you asked me to. I did everything you wanted me to do. Yet..."

Victoria couldn't hold her tears anymore and started crying.

"Do you remember what happened after we had sex?" she asked while crying. "I woke you up because my parents were going to be home. And what did you do? You wore your clothes and left the house."

"What else was I supposed to do?" Zach asked with a puzzled yet calm look on his face.

"You didn't even ask me how I was feeling. You never asked me if my... my vagina was hurting." Victoria wiped her tears and said, "Do you know why I didn't come to school the next day? Because it was hurting so bad that I couldn't move from my bed! Yet, you never bothered to check up on me. You never called me or even texted me to ask about my condition!"

It was because of Zach's celestial physique, Victoria's human body couldn't contain the pain.

"I also let that one slide. But yet, you never changed," Victoria stated.

"I was going to take our relationship serious after we had sex," Zach asserted in a solemn voice and concerned look on his face for Victoria.

"Oh? And how exactly?" Victoria asked. "You were still a self-centered, selfish, arrogant, narcissist asshole who only thought about his well-being."

"Come on..."

"Correct me if I am lying," Victoria remarked. "You were never there when I needed you. I was always alone. And yes, we never talked in school, we didn't go home together, we never talked on the phone or over text, we never went on a date. We never kissed, and yet when you said you wanted to have sex, I agreed. Because I thought maybe you would finally think about me. Maybe you will... maybe you will love me..."

Zach gulped down and uttered, "But I loved you. And I... I still love you."

"One..."

"Huh?"

"Just remind me of one time where you did something for me, just once..."

Zach tried to recall, but he couldn't remember.

"See? And you still say you love me?" Victoria smiled wryly with tears in her eyes.

After a brief silence, Victoria asserted, "Zach, I was the only one who was thinking about a future where we were together. I was the only one who loved you. I was the only one who compromised in our relationship. I am the one who did everything. I only asked for one thing in return; your love. And in return, you always yelled at me without listening to me. You always misunderstood me. You always..."

Zach couldn't deny any of Victoria's claims because sadly and unfortunately, everything Victoria said was true.

"Zach, I still love you. I truly do. And I don't think I will ever fall in love with someone other than you." Victoria wiped all her tears and looked into Zach's eyes before saying, "But Zach, if I stay in a relationship with you, I will die from inside. Especially when we are trapped in this death game where I need to stay strong. If I stay with you, I will become weak, and I will cry over little things."

"Are you saying that..." Zach bit his tongue on purpose, so he couldn't complete the sentence.

"Yes. This is over!" Vitoria declared. "We are officially breaking up."

"..."

Victoria looked at Zach with teary eyes and said, "I hope you find your true love. And I hope you find someone who loves you more than I do."

"I can't say the same to you," Zach uttered in a low voice

After saying that, Victoria left while sobbing.

Zach let out a deep sigh and leaned on the ledge of the balcony.

'Don't lose the sigh of your moon while counting stars.' Zach once again remembered his father's words.

"But father, there were no stars in the sky... not before, nor now..." Zach muttered.

"But... I guess I wasn't watching over my moon. Maybe I wasn't taking care of my moon?" Zach muttered with a sigh.

'Victoria was my moon before, but it's Aurora now.' Zach looked up and saw two moons in the sky.

"Can't two moons coexist together?" Zach asked himself.

'What the hell am I thinking?' Zach rubbed his hand on his face and muttered, "I am not like father."

Zach stayed like that for a while and looked down at the scenery with a blank expression on his face.

'So... now we officially broke up, huh? I didn't know being in a relationship could be hard. But well, I am not giving up. I will give Victoria some time to cool down.'

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Some minutes ago.

After Victoria and Zach left, Aurora obviously followed them. But she was left speechless when she saw them leaving in a unicorn carriage.

However, fortunately, Misha was with them, and she was one of the high-rank players in the guild. She summoned another carriage, and Aurora, Aria, Shay, Kayden, and Misha hopped into it.

When they reached the guild in the sky, Aurora immediately went to search for Zach.

When she found them, she saw Victoria yelling at Zach with tears in her eyes.

She couldn't listen to what Zach was saying because he was barely speaking anything and that too, in a low voice.

Aurora heard how Victoria described Zach. She didn't believe what Victoria said, but when she noticed Zach wasn't defending himself, she knew Victoria was telling the truth.

After Victoria left, she saw Zach standing on the balcony with a sad look on his face.

'I have never seen him making that face,' Aurora uttered inwardly.

'Should I go talk to him?' Aurora asked herself.

However, before Aurora could decide what to do, others caught up to her.

Shay and Kayden talked with Zach and asked him what had happened. Zach simply told them that they officially broke up.

Before they could ask for more information, the group was approached by a handsome young man who looked to be in his 20s.

He had blonde hair and blue eyes. He was wearing the same guild uniform, but the top was entirely different.

"So you are Victoria and Mishra's friends," the man uttered with a gentle smile on his face.

"And you are?" Zach asked with a slightly annoyed look on his face.

"My name is Elliott, and I am the guild master of the guild Risen Warriors. You are currently standing on my property," Elliott introduced himself.

Misha cleared her throat and pointed her finger at Shay to introduce him: "He is Shay. Shay Ramsay."

"Oh?!" Elliott exclaimed and turned to Shay with a surprised look on his face. "You are the heir of the Ramsay family?!"

"Yeah?"

"Wow. What an honor to meet you." Eliot shook hands with Shay and said, "You should join my guild."

"Oh, I already plan to," Shay answered.

"Great!"

"But I won't be giving extra funds to the guild," Shay added in a solemn voice.

"Haha," Elliott laughed awkwardly. "No problem."

Shay was a billionaire, and because of that, everyone wanted to befriend him. Most of them were after his money. Sure he had many friends in the school, but Zach and Kayden were his best friends.

Elliott then turned to Kayden and asked, "And this is...?"

"He is my..." Misha glanced at Kayden with a mischievous smile on her face and said, "He is my fiance."

"Oh! So he is the lucky guy."

Elliott shook hands with Kayden and then turned to Zach.

"So you must be Zach," Elliott uttered.

Zach raised his brows and asked, "So you have heard of me?"

"Misha mentions you at least once a day," Elliott chuckled and moved his hand towards Zach to shake hands with him. "Nice to meet you."

Zach, however, didn't shake hands with Elliott and simply nodded at him.

Elliott retracted his hand with an awkward look on his face and said, "Are you joining my guild?"

Zach glanced at Kayden to hear his answer.

Misha also stared at Kayden with an eager look on her face.

After pondering for a while, Kayden grabbed Misha's hand and said, "I will pass."

"But Kay..."

Misha tried to say something, but Kayden shook his head at her and said, "And Misha will be leaving your guild too."

Elliott raised his brows and said, "No offense, but you can't decide what Misha would do and wouldn't do."

"Actually, I can. She is my fiance," Kayden remarked.

"Just because she is your fiance doesn't mean you have the right to make decisions in her life. She is a mature adult, and she can do whatever she wants," Elliott asserted.

"Umm..." Misha hugged Kayden's arm and said, "I was playing this game, so I could meet Kay. Now that I have met him, I don't need anyone else."

"So you are leaving my guild?!"

Misha shrugged her shoulders and said, "You are the one who said I am mature enough to make my own decisions."

"Well, whatever you deem fine," Elliott sighed.

Elliott then looked at Aria and Aurora and wondered, 'It seems these two girls are with Zach. Maybe if I recruit them, Zach will join too.'

Elliott turned to Zach and said, "What about you? Are you interested in joining my guild?"

"What will I get if I join your guild?" Zach asked.

"Same as what other players are getting," Elliott replied. "You get free food, free lodging, free loot. Guild member bonus. You would be able to level up faster, and your physique cultivation will also increase rapidly. Five thousand coins every week for personal expenses. Also, this guild building can fly anywhere. If we go to the higher realm, it will come with us."

Zach scoffed and said, "Surely, you don't think I am the same as other players, do you?"

Elliott raised his brows in confusion and asked, "What... do... you...?"

"Make me the guild master, then I might consider joining," Zach sneered.

"Well, that's not happening," Elliott replied with a smile on his face.

Zach took a deep breath and said, "If I remember correctly, your guild is in the top 3 in this game. That means there are two more guilds stronger than you."

"That's right," Elliott nodded.

"So tell me, why should I join you instead of them?"

"The current top 1 guild is impossible to join because it's a capitalized guild," Elliott asserted.

"What do you mean?"

"The number one guild only accepts players from the Edens Dynasty. They are aiming for capitalism," Elliott asserted.

'That's Aurora's kingdom...'

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'That's Aurora's kingdom...' Zach uttered inwardly and shot a glance at Aurora.

"While the number two guild is only accepting the players who have refined physique," Elliott stated.

"Refined physique is—"

"I know about it," Zach quipped.

Refined physique was referred to the players whose physique cultivated faster than the other players. Seemingly, those players' ancestors were high-humans. Their inactivated genes helped them cultivate their physique faster.

"And besides, we also don't accept random players in our guild," Elliot remarked. "It's because you are friends with my other guild members that you are getting an easy way in."

"Oh?" Zach shrugged his shoulders and said, "Then I will pass. I have no interest in joining a guild that has no respect for its guild members."

"Excuse me? What gave you that idea?" Elliot asked with a puzzled look on his face.

"Let me guess; you have a hero complex, am I right?" Zach sneered at Elliot. "You think you are special. You think your guild will fall apart without you. You think you will be the one beating this game. You think you will be the one saving all the players."

Elliot gritted his teeth and said, "So what?"

Zach smirked and uttered, "Do you think you will become famous? In truth, you are a misanthropist who is acting to be a philanthropist."

"Instead of saving players, you will end up killing them," Zach added.

"Enough!" Elliot turned around and looked at Zach before saying, "We will be ascending to the higher realm next week. If you are yet to meet the requirements, go talk to the vice-captain. She will send some of our best players with you to level up fast."

Elliot looked at Zach and the rest from the corner of his eyes and said, "And those who are not interested in joining the guild shall leave immediately."

After saying that, Elliot left.

Misha and Kayden glanced at each other and looked at Zach.

"What?" Zach asked after noticing not only Misha and Kayden but Aurora, Aria, and Shay were also looking at him.

"I think you went too far, dude," Kayden uttered.

Zach shrugged his shoulders and said, "I just stated the truth. You made the right decision by not joining the guild."

"Well, that's because I am giving up on this game," Kayden stated.

"Huh?"

"I am done playing this game," Kayden repeated himself. "I was taking this game seriously because I wanted to go back to the real world, to Misha. But now that Misha is here, I have no reason to try so hard."

"So... in other words... you will be living in this world with Misha?" Zach asked with a curious yet confused look on his face.

"Yes." Kayden looked at Misha with a smile on his face and said, "If she is alright with it."

Misha hugged Kayden and said, "Of course I am okay with it."

Zach then turned to Shay and asked, "What about you, Shay?"

"I will be joining the guild," Shay replied.

"Well, good luck then?"

"You too."

After bidding farewell to Shay, Zach left with Aurora, Aria, Kayden, and Misha. They got in the carriage and went back to the land.

"Well, if you are planning to live in this world, then you will need a house, right?" Zach asked Kayden and Misha.

"Yeah, we will buy one with the good scenery," Kayden scoffed.

"I would have offered to live at Aurora's house, but we will exchange the house when we ascend, so... in the end, you two have to get your own house."

Kayden patted Zach's shoulders and said, "Don't worry about me, dude. I may not be as strong as you or other players, but I know how to survive in a new world."

Kayden lived eight years of his life in poverty with his ill mother. He was an illegitimate child of his father, who wasn't even aware of Kayden's existence until Kayden contacted him after his mother's death.

After his mother's death, he moved in with his father, who married Misha's mother soon after.

It was like a new world for Kayden. And soon after, he met Zach and became friends with him after dozens of attempts.

Zach patted Kayden's shoulder with one hand and Misha's head with another before saying, "Take care. You are like a family to me."

"We will invite you to our wedding," Misha said with a grin on her face.

"I will see if I can make time or not," Zach grinned back.

After talking with Kayden and Misha for a while, Zach left for the dungeon with Aria and Aurora.

It was a sentimental day for Zach.

First, the stuff that happened with Aria at night. Then, meeting with Victoria in the morning. And then break up. After that, he bid farewell to Shay. And in the end, he bid farewell to Kayden and Misha.

Out of all that, the major impact was his break-up with Victoria.

Zach had already expected that to happen one day. He thought Victoria went to mars and he would never see her again, in the Gods' Impact at least. But when he saw her in front of him, he was genuinely happy.

However, he was aware that their relationship was going downhill, and encountering her suddenly in a situation like that wasn't going to end well.

Although, Zach wasn't the only one affected by that. Aurora was feeling the same.

Aurora felt helpless as she couldn't do anything for Zach to help him. But deep down, she was a little happy that Victoria broke up with Zach.

After reaching the dungeon, they cleared the 50th floor and went back to their home. Both Zach and Aurora leveled up by one, while Aria had already met the requirement to ascend to the upper realm.

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When Zach opened his eyes, he saw Aurora in front of him, staring at him with her pearl-like eyes.

They both were sleeping next to each other on the same bed, and they indeed spent a night together.

Zach and Aurora stared into each other's eyes for a while before averting their gazes.

"Do you remember what we did last night?" Aurora asked with a flushed face.

Zach moved his hand to Aurora's face and flicked his finger on her forehead before saying, "Don't say it like something happened last night."

"But we did sleep together!" Aurora retorted.

"We just slept on the same bed because you were harassing me," Zach remarked.

"What do you mean I was harassing you? I politely asked you and took your permission," Aurora stated in a loud voice.

Last night, when Zach was preparing his bed to sleep, Aurora dashed in and demanded to sleep with him.

Zach, of course, refused her and asked her the reason why she wanted to sleep in his room. To which, she replied with 'I am scared to sleep alone.'

Zach simply advised her to sleep in Aria's room.

Of course, Aurora was lying, and Zach was aware of that.

After that, Aurora said, "I own this house, so I can do whatever I want."

So, Zach had no other choice but to let Aurora sleep in his room. Besides, it wasn't something new for Zach.

Zach had already spent a couple of nights with Aurora on a single bed whilst they were staying at the inns.

For Aurora, that was a 'polite' way to ask.

However, Zach was a bit worried, thinking something might happen between them, but all of his worries vanished when Aurora fell asleep within five minutes.

Zach also soon fell asleep and unconsciously hugged Aurora for the entire night. Thanks to that, he had a naughty dream that he couldn't quite recall after waking up.

Aurora sat up and looked at the time to see it was past 8 AM. She shook Zach, who was already awake, and said, "Wake up."

Zach sat up and looked at Aurora's seductive pose with an alluring gaze in his eyes.

"Don't you feel afraid of me?" Zach asked.

"Why would I be scared of you?" Aurora asked with a confused look on her face.

"I am a boy, and you are a girl. What would you do if I did something to you?" Zach asked with a curious yet calm look on his face. He genuinely wanted to know how Aurora felt about that.

"Like?" However, Aurora wanted to play dumb for some reason.

Zach raised his brows and pushed Aurora down on the bed. Then, he pinned her down and intertwined his fingers with Aurora's while looking into her eyes.

He moved his hand and stroked Aurora's hair. Then, he caressed her face and moved his thumb to Aurora's lips. He rubbed his thumb on Aurora's lips and moved his hand down to her chest but didn't touch it.

This entire time, Zach's gaze was focused on Aurora's face. If Aurora showed a slight dissatisfaction on her face, he would have stopped. But Aurora didn't react and let Zach do whatever he wanted with her body.

He sighed and moved back from Aurora's body after saying, "Get up."

Aurora sat up and looked at Zach with a gentle smile on her face.

"If you truly want to know what I would do if you ever sexually harassed me, then you will have to do it and find out," Aurora said with a grin on her face.

Zach moved his hands towards Aurora and placed them on her shoulders. Then, he pulled her closer as he also moved closer to her.

'Is he...'

Aurora closed her eyes and puckered her lips, thinking Zach was going to kiss her. But instead, Zach hugged her.

Aurora opened her eyes as her face twitched.

'It's been a while since I last had this feeling, feeling of getting my hopes crushed,' Aurora uttered inwardly.

"Thank you..." Zach uttered in a low voice.

"For what?" Aurora asked with a puzzled look on her face.

"For everything..."

"Wait, why does it sound like you are trying to raise some kind of flag here?"

"You were there yesterday, am I right?" Zach asked. "When Victoria broke up with me."

After a brief pause, Aurora uttered, "Yes."

"How much did you hear?" Zach asked in a solemn voice.

"From the part where she was disrespecting you and calling you mean things," Aurora answered.

"For your information, everything she said was true. I am that kind of boy," Zach asserted.

"I don't care."

"What about you?" Zach asked. "The current number one guild, Edens Dynasty, your kingdom... are you not interested in that?"

"The guild may be of my kingdom or my people, but I belong here, with you," Aurora replied and asked, "You got a problem with that?"

Zach chuckled and said, "No, ma'am."

They both looked at each other and laughed out loud for no reason. Then, they stopped laughing at the same time and looked into each other's eyes as their faces got closer.

Aurora closed her eyes and puckered her lips, and Zach did the same, except he didn't close his eyes.

However, just when their lips were about to touch, there was a loud bang on the door followed by a voice: "Zach! Zach! Open up! Aurora is missing! She is not in her room!"

It was Aria.

Zach let out a weary sigh as he got up from the bed and opened the door.

"Zach! Aurora is missing!" Aria repeated herself with an anxious and concerned look on her face.

"Relax." Zach pointed his gaze at Aurora and said, "She is here."

Aria looked into Zach's room and saw Aurora on his bed. Her hair was messy, and her clothes were cluttered because Zach had pinned her down not long ago.

"Wow... I did not expect that..." Aria uttered with her jaw dropped in surprise.

"Nothing happened," Zach whispered to Aria.

"What?!" Aria whispered back violently. "You are a pussy!"

"Where did you learn that word?!" Zach whispered violently.

[System updated!]

Everyone received the same notification at the same time.

Zach opened his notification with a groan and muttered, "What did they do now?"

[Hello, Players. We have made some changes to the game in this update, and the changelog is listed below.]

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[Hello, Players. We have made some changes to the game in this update, and the changelog is listed below.]

-We have noticed that a lot of players have trouble understanding the rank and realms system. So we are introducing an NPC guide. The guide will be different for each realm, and you can find them in the capital of each realm. They should be loitering around the park.

The NPC guide for the first realm, @Dynisor, can be found at the park in the capital.

-We are introducing a real-time pain feature. The players will now experience the pain until they are fully healed. If the player's hands are cleaved, they will feel the pain until they are fully healed by a player with healer class or the NPC healer.

-The players can die from thirst and hunger, just like in the real world.

-The players will bleed if they are injured.

-The players can die from intense blood loss.

-The dead bodies of the players won't disappear, and they will rot away if not buried.

-The players can die from excessive mental stress, trauma, pain, and fear.

-Fall damage is decreased by 10%. (The fall damage is calculated by the height of the fall. Fall damage will be inflicted if the player falls from 3 meters or more.)

-Clearing the same floor again will now only give the 10% EXP of the first time clearing.

-Towers exist to gain skill and rewards. Dungeons exist to grind EXP. So to get physique points, we are introducing a labyrinth.

(Players have to fight and win against other players to gain the said physique points. The winning player can choose to either kill or forgive the loser player.) (If the winning player decides to kill the loser player, they won't get a red name tag.)

(Killing in duels won't result in players getting a red name tag.)

-Players can now worship their gods and gain favor from them.

Players will receive one karma point for each time they pray. Players can only pray three times a day.

Players can only worship one god. Changing the religion will result in penalties or sometimes instant death.

-Magic shop can now be summoned for free. The players will get a summoning token for every five levels up. They can use that token to summon the magic shop for free.

The token cannot be sold or transferred to other players. Terms and conditions applied.

-Players can now choose a nickname to be displayed on their name tag instead of their real name.

-Guilds and top players can now arrange events and tournaments where other players can participate and earn rewards.

-We are introducing a feature where our mascot, the black slime, will read out the Gods' Impact journal for you. You can summon it anytime from the help section in the menu and ask any questions regarding the game.

-The loot in the parties and guilds will be automatically distributed among the players based on their DMG score on the monsters.

-New secret monsters are introduced. The Players can obtain secret information by completing the quests given by the NPCs.

NPCs quests can be found in the quest board of the guildhall.

-Multiple marriages are now allowed.]

Zach was in utter disbelief after reading that.

"Most of the changelog was filled with new ways to kill the players," Zach commented.

"I liked the one where they gave us an option to change nicknames," Aria commented.

"So there are labyrinths now. I can increase my physique faster, but... we have to fight against other players...." Aurora uttered while stuttering.

"I didn't like the one where they introduced the pain feature," Zach uttered in a disdainful tone. "It's going to be tough now."

Earlier, the player only felt pain when they were being attacked. After that, the pain vanished. Even if the player was at 1 HP, they couldn't feel any pain. But everything had changed now.

Even when the player was injured or attacked, they could fight because they couldn't feel any pain. But now, most of the players would give in to the pain and lose their courage to fight.

"I am sure they are going to favor the players who would worship them," Aria remarked.

"So I guess we are officially heretic now," Zach scoffed.

"What about the multiple marriages one?" Aria whispered to Zach.

"What are you trying to say?"

"Well, you would have to divorce me first to marry Aurora in the future. If you divorced me, you would have broken the soul pact," Aria asserted.

"..." Zach hadn't thought his relationship with Aurora would go that far just yet.

Aurora and Aria cooked breakfast and asked Zach about what they were going to do the entire day.

Usually, Zach would have replied with 'Dungeons', but Zach wasn't in the mood to do anything today. And the new update changelog made him more unmotivated. Even if he went to clear dungeons, he would be distracted, which could result in injury. It was for the best to take some time off.

"Let's go sightseeing today," Aurora suggested. She knew Zach needed some time off to take everything off his mind.

Zach, Aurora, and Aria went on tour and explored the entire capital.

"Not going to lie, the capital turned out to be bigger than I expected," Zach uttered as he caught his breath and sat on the bench.

"Each realm would only get bigger as we ascended," Aurora stated.

"What shall we do now?" Aria asked. "It's already night. Should we eat out tonight?"

"Yeah."

They went to the nearest restaurant and ordered the food.

The restaurant was full of guilds and parties, and they were talking about various things.

The players sitting behind Zach's table were talking about the guild and a world boss of the first realm.

Zach quietly leaned back and listened to their conversation.

"The top number 3rd guild is going on a secret expedition raid to defeat the world boss and gain the legendary grade scroll that contains legendary spells."

"How do you know about that if it's a secret?" the player asked.

"My friend is in the guild. He told me about it."

World boss was the boss assigned to each realm where players could achieve unbelievable feats and rewards by defeating it.

'Scroll?' Zach thought to himself. 'I have been looking for information about spell scrolls. But I guess I am late. If the entire guild is going, then they will probably get the scroll before me.'

That night, a guild of 3200 members went to challenge the world boss— the fire dragon. However, none of them returned alive.