

GODS' IMPACT 231

Chapter 231 - Their Lives Before

Zach and on his way to drop Zoe off at her school.

Zoe was walking with her bag's straps in her hand, and Zach was walking while using his phone.

Zoe shot a glance at Zach from the corner of her eyes and said, "Is it true that you got a girlfriend?"

"...!" Zach moved his gaze from his phone's gaze and turned to Zoe. He looked at her with a puzzled look on his face and asked, "How did you know? Who told you?"

"I saw you walking together with a girl. She had the same uniform as you, so I assumed she might have gotten a girlfriend..." Zoe replied.

"That's a weird assumption to make, not going to lie," Zach remarked.

"You always come home together with Kayden, so it was surprising to see you with a girl." After a brief pause, Zoe continued, "But you two weren't going in the direction of home. You were going somewhere else."

'I was going to her house to do the deed,' Zach uttered inwardly.

"So? Was she your girlfriend?" Zoe asked again.

"Yeah." Zach nodded and said, "Her name is Victoria."

"That's a royalty-like name..." Zoe muttered.

A few seconds later, Zoe immediately asked, "Have you two kissed yet?"

Zach smacked Zoe on the head without answering her question and said, "It's too early for you to talk about these things."

"It is not!" Zoe retorted. "How old do you think I am?"

"Umm... 9? 10?"

"I am 11!" Zoe declared.

"Same thing. It doesn't make much of a difference when you look at it from my perspective," Zach stated.

"Come on. I am just curious!" Zoe insisted. "It's still hard to believe that you got a girlfriend since you always avoid romance in your life."

SIGH!

Zach sighed, knowing well that he wouldn't be able to win against Zoe. He could stay quiet and not answer her question, but she would keep bugging him if he didn't answer.

"No, we haven't..." Zach replied in a low voice.

After hearing that, Zoe scoffed softly and said, "I knew it!"

"..."

'But we have had sex, though...' he added inwardly.

Zoe then turned to Zach and said, "I will marry you when I grow up."

Zach smacked on Zoe's head yet again and said, "Do you even know what that means?"

"I know. And I am ready to marry you!" Zoe announced.

"We are brother and sister. But putting that aside." Zach scoffed and said, "You are going to forget all these conversations when you grow up."

"I won't~" Zoe raised her brows repeatedly with a smug look on her face and said, "Did you forget I have the intelligence of 200 years old?"

"Right..." Zach scoffed wryly and uttered, "unlike me, you awaken your soul powers at the age of 2."

"I didn't mean to—"

"It's fine. I am not really bothered by it. I am just sad... or rather... disappointed that father wasn't there for you to see your growth. Furthermore, I bet he would have been proud, unlike with me, who still hasn't awaked his soul powers," Zach uttered in a disdainful tone.

"That's not true. Why do you say this?!" Zoe retorted. "The reason I am what I am today is that you trained me, brother. Everything that has happened to you so far has been for good. I am sure you will awaken your powers sooner or later."

"You know Zoe..." Zach patted Zoe's head and said, "Currently, you are the strongest person in this realm."

"I know..." Zoe nodded. "Grandmaster told me about it..."

"Do you know what that means?" Zach asked in a calm voice.

"What...?" Zoe wondered with a confused look on her face.

"When you are strong, everyone expects you to save them, to protect them. They wouldn't request your help, they would demand it." Zach furrowed his brows and uttered, "The strongest saves everyone, but who saves the strongest? The answer is no one. I truly wished from the bottom of my heart that you hadn't awakened your power. At least, you would have got to spend your life like a normal girl. "

"Father was the strongest... and he had his allies helping him when he..."

"You were barely one year old at that time. Yet, you remember everything..." Zach commented.

Zoe frowned her face, not in anger, but in frustration.

"What's with that face...?"

"If you don't want me to be used by the world, then protect me. If the strongest saves everyone, then 'you' become the strongest and save me," she asserted in a solemn voice.

"That's one way to give me an incentive to start my training again..." Zach scoffed with a sigh.

A few minutes later, they finally reached Zoe's school.

"Say, Zoe. You don't use your powers in the open, right?" Zach asked Zoe in a low voice.

Zoe shook her head and said, "Mother has warned me to not use them without her permission, or unless it's a serious emergency."

"Good. You are already mature enough, so I don't have to say anything else. But be careful."

Zach then went to his school and entered his classroom.

"Yo, bro! You are late than usual!" Kayden greeted Zach.

"Still earlier than shay, though," Zach scoffed out loud.

Zach glanced at Victoria's seat, but it was empty.

"Today is the third day..." Zach muttered. 'Mother said she is cured, so why isn't she coming to school?'

Victoria was suffering from pain after having sex with Zach for the first time.

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Meanwhile, somewhere far away on the other side of the planet.

In the Edens Dynasty.

An ivory-haired girl with green eyes was looking up at the sky from the window of a palace.

She reached her hand to the sky and tried to grab the moon, but of course, she couldn't.

A few seconds later, a maid entered her room and said, "Princess Aurora, it's late. You should sleep."

"Drop the 'princess', Milo." Aurora turned to Milo and said, "I have already told you that there is no need to talk formally with me when we are alone."

Milo was 20 years old, and she was from the maid family who had been serving the Edens for generations.

Aurora sat on her bed and gazed out of the window.

"You truly like to watch the stars, eh?" Milo asked with a smile on her face.

"It's a beautiful world, yet, it's going to be destroyed in a few decades..." Aurora uttered in a disdainful tone.

Since the Edens Dynasty was the biggest kingdom on the planet, and it ruled on the monarchy, they had major problems that didn't have any solution.

The world they lived in was going to be destroyed in 50 years, and they would have to move to another habitable planet. But that would mean the King would have to lose his powers and authorities and live under someone else's rule— the intergalactic democracy.

While the king was trying to evacuate as many citizens as he could on a weekly basis, as he didn't want his kingdom to suffer because of his selfishness.

Milo patted Aurora on the head and said, "Everything will be alright."

"I wonder..."

Milo tried to change the topic, so she mentioned: "You are close to turning 18."

"Yeah..."

"You might soon be wedded to someone..."

"Yeah..."

"What type of person do you want to marry?" Milo asked curiously.

"I want my love story to be like a fairy tale. Something sweet and heartwarming. I want to love a person who loves me for not my beauty, wealth, but I want him to love me for who I am," Aurora uttered with a distant smile on her face.

"That's indeed a very fairytale-like..."

"I want to watch the stars together with him. I want to watch the world with him. I wonder if this dream of mine will ever get fulfilled, but I hope I meet the person I can love."

"Heh..." Milo laughed out loud and looked at Aurora with a grin on her face.

Aurora puffed her cheeks and said, "What's so funny!"

"I thought you would have a more mature dream. But you sound like a 10-year-old girl who recently learned about love," Milo commented.

Aurora covered herself under the blanket and said, "I hate you!"

Milo stroked Aurora's head from over the blanket and uttered, "I hope your dream comes true."

Chapter 232 - Round Table Meeting

Presidents and ministers of 11 countries had gathered in one room to conduct a secret meeting. They called it 'Round table meeting.'

"Did you see what that son of a bitch did?" one of the presidents spoke.

"I know many sons of bitches, so you will have to be precise if you want me to respond to your question," a female president said.

"I am talking about Arthur, the king of the Edens dynasty," the first president replied.

"Oh! You are talking about the 500,000 well-trained soldiers he sent to save his daughter, the princess."

"Yes. And do you know what 500,000 soldiers mean?!" he exclaimed. "There were less than 500,000 players from the entire world who were stuck in the game— if what the researchers are saying is true."

"And the king alone sent 500,00 from his kingdom to save his daughter. That's more than the people who were stuck before."

"What are you getting at? I don't understand."

"We all know that there is no way that a king would colonize his kingdom on another planet, otherwise he would lose the monarchy. And now, 500,000 of his soldiers are in some game."

"Are you implying that he might rule the world in the near future?" someone asked.

"Not him, but the princess. They can get her on the throne and brand her as a queen."

"Why does it matter what they do? That world is not real. It's a virtual world which doesn't exist," someone remarked.

"That's not the point. We have been performing deep analysis on the bodies of the people who died, and the reports say that their bodies have evolved."

"Yeah, I heard about it. But they didn't give solid proof. It could just be a genetic condition, you know?"

"That theory was already debunked by alien technology. They claimed it was an 'evolution' and said that it's something that was supposed to happen."

"Uhh... explain it in simple words."

"Think of it as closed doors. Doors are meant to be opened, right? Just like that, the codes in our DNA were always capable of evolving, but the current technology— even with the help of aliens, couldn't find a way to do it."

"Wait a damn minute, so are you saying that the humans stuck in another world will eventually evolve and become something more than human?"

"Indeed."

"But what exactly? Will they be like... superhuman or something?" someone wondered. "If yes, then we have already been performing supergene experiments on humans using alien technologies. And we have already made remarkable progress in that field."

"So that's not something extraordinary, huh?"

"Enough!" someone banged their hands on the table and said, "We are diverting from the topic!"

"..."

"We conducted this meeting to decide what we are going to do with the humans stuck in another world."

"What can we do? We don't even know anything."

"If a king could send his 500,000 men just to save his daughter, why not the world leaders send soldiers for thousands of citizens who are in the same situation?" he said and added, "Our citizens would say that or something along those lines."

"We can't send our troops. We need them here, in this world."

"Hey, how about we do what the king might be trying to do?"

"You mean..."

The room fell silent as one of the presidents suggested the idea.

"What if we send our most elite soldiers and ask them to do a task for us?"

"To gain control over that virtual world?"

"Indeed. And they would evolve too."

"Hmm. That's not a bad idea, actually. We could tell the rest of the world and the high-ups in space that we are commencing a rescue operation. While in truth, that would be a secret invasion."

"We are the world leaders of this planet. However, once we all evacuate, we will be a nobody."

"Yeah. We have to find a new world to rule."

"But that's a virtual world! If someone destroys the server, the world is—"

"That world has no server. It's been created by something we cannot comprehend. But I do share the same concern as you, regardless of what's the truth behind it."

"There is a friend of mine who is working on his new projects that would allow anyone to store their consciousness into a chip. It's just like how VR works, basically. But using that chip, we can upload ourselves to wherever we want. We can create as many copies as we want. And once the technologies are able to create a body shell, we can install our consciousness in it and live as an alive person."

"That's like... that's like immortality!"

"Seriously. We, humans, are a rare species. No wonder the alien species have taken fancy to us and provided us with their technologies. They got the power, and we got the brains."

"So, who is up for this secret military invasion?"

Out of eleven, 10 raised their hands. But one didn't.

"What's wrong, you don't want to rule a new world, evolve, and become immortal?"

"I want all of that. But I am against fooling our citizens. They are not our pawns."

SIGH!

"You are absolutely right about that. They are not our pawns, they are our way to success."

"That's not what I mean—!"

SHOT! SHOT!

The 11th president was shot by the guard standing behind him. And the guard was none other than the president's bodyguard.

"Nice." The minister of the same country clapped his hands and said, "I will inform the media and the world that he committed suicide out of stress and depression."

The meeting ran for another three hours, and they came to the conclusion that they would send a total of 1,000,000 well-trained military soldiers; 100,000 every few hours.

They had already explained all the things to the soldiers and told them to stay on the plan, no matter what happens.

However, they didn't trust everyone. So they had to send one of the presidents with them.

The government had banned VR games in the entire world, and space wasn't allowed to play VR games because of the lack of resources.

However, it was easy for the government to get its hands on VR. And thus, began the government's invasion plan to rule Gods' Impact.

Unbeknownst to what was awaiting them in Gods' Impact.

Chapter 233 - Ruli Is Distressed

Meanwhile, in the Ribel kingdom.

Aquarius opened her eyes and stared at the chandelier on the ceiling.

"Day 10 without my dear husband..." she muttered.

She got up from the bed and stretched her cramped body.

YAWN~!

After warming up, she sighed in frustration.

"There is still a month and a lot of time left before my blessing ceremony. Then, I would finally be able to travel with Zach."

She smiled and said, "He said he would come here to pick me up because he has something special planned. I wonder what that could be?"

Aquarius pondered for a while as a sudden thought crossed her mind.

"What if... he is planning to marry me?" she wondered. "And maybe Aurora and aunt Ruli too?"

Aurora and Aria had become great friends with Aquarius, and they had told Aquarius about their relationship with Zach. She was surprised to know that Aurora wasn't his wife, since she had noticed that Zach always favored Aurora more than Aria—who was his official wife.

Aquarius left the room and made her way to Ruli's room, which was not far away from her room.

KNOCK~ KNOCK!

She knocked on her door, but she didn't reply.

'Weird. She is the one who usually comes to wake me up, but now she is not only late, she isn't answering the door either...'

However, Aquarius noticed that the door wasn't locked, it was simply closed. So she opened the door and entered Ruli's room, only to see her curled up on the bed in a sitting position.

"Aunt Ruli?" Aquarius called out to Ruli and asked, "What's wrong?"

"..."

Ruli didn't answer, so Aquarius realized it was something serious.

She sat on the bed beside her and asked again, "Are you okay?"

"I am not sure..." Ruli replied in a low voice.

"Well, that's not what I was expecting to hear. I wonder what happened."

GASP!

Aquarius suddenly gasped in shock, as though she had realized what Ruli was anxious about.

"Don't tell me that mom found out about your relationship with Zach?!"

"No. Otherwise, I would be dead."

"So what else could make you anxious?" Aquarius asked curiously.

"You must know about us, sea creatures' biology, right?"

"That's the first thing we are taught to know our body better, yeah," Aquarius nodded.

"What do they say about our reproductive system?" Ruli asked in a calm voice.

"It's basically the same as the humans, with some changes. What about it?" Aquarius wondered with a puzzled look on her face.

"How much time does it take for the seed to start ovulating? It's seven days, if I remember correctly," Ruli stated. "And today is the seventh day since Zach left."

"Oh..." Aquarius finally realized what Ruli was trying to say.

"But there is a requirement that we must get creampie'd 15 times in one night to be able to meet the chance to get pregnant."

"He creampie'd me over 50 times in 2 days," Ruli uttered nonchalantly.

"Wow!"

Even though Ruli was in distress, Aquarius couldn't help but aw after hearing her future husband's crazy sex drive.

Ruli shot a soft glare at Aquarius and said, "I can't believe you seriously just did that."

"I am sorry!" After a brief pause, she asked, "You are sad, so does that mean... you didn't get pregnant?"

Ruli turned to Aquarius and slowly opened her mouth to say, "I am... pregnant."

"Oh! Congratulations!" Aquarius exclaimed with a wide smile on her face. But her smile vanished when she saw a distressed look on Ruli's face.

"Wait, why are you not happy about this?" Aquarius asked with a confused look on her face. "Could it be that you don't want his child?"

Ruli shook her head violently in disagreement and said, "Of course, I want his child. And I was the one who asked him to impregnate me in the first place. But now that I am pregnant, I don't know what to do..."

"True. You are a widow now... wait, can't you just say that you are pregnant with Maxim's child?" Aquarius suggested. "Since Zach killed him around the same time."

"That's what I had told Zach when he asked me the same question. But I truly don't want to claim Zach's child as that man's. I feel disgusted."

Aquarius pondered for a while and said. "How about you come together with me when Zach comes to pick me up?"

"I don't think your parents would allow that..." Ruli muttered in a disdainful tone.

"I will take care of that. I will tell them I want someone with me, and then I will suggest your name. You simply have to act a little and agree on that." Aquarius reassured and continued, "And we will be back here after 9 months. So I will tell mama and papa that it's mine and Zach's child since we both look the same anyway."

"Are you sure? What if things get out of hand?" Ruli asked with an anxious look on her face.

"Well, to be honest... is there any need for you to be worried? Zach's father is most likely the one who killed my grandpa, and I can see that papa fears Zach and his father. Even Uncle seventh acknowledges his power, and he was also friends with Zach's father."

"Yeah..."

"Also, he jokes with Zach, so I think they are on good terms. Not only that, but Zach now also has the Sea's blessing." Aquarius looked into Ruli's eyes and said, "In other words, even if you openly reveal that you are carrying Zach's child, regardless of our customs, I don't think anyone would dare to raise their voice against it."

"Is that...so?"

"Yeah, just by the mere fact that you have Zach's child in your womb, that alone makes you the most respectable and feared woman in the entire Sea realm," Aquarius asserted in a solemn voice.

"I wish I could give this news to Zach. But unlike others, we are not part of the game. We don't have HUD, so we can't even send him a message."

"Let's just wait for 2 months to end, and then we will be together with Zach."

Chapter 234 - The First Followers | Undead General

6 hours later.

Zach came out of Aria's portal with Aria, and he was immediately greeted by Cerberus.

No, Cerberus didn't come to greet Zach, rather, he ran into Zach while rolling on the floor.

Zach raised his brows and squinted his eyes as he saw Cerberus rolling on the floor and crushing the corpses of the demon under him.

'Sometimes, he acts like a typical dog...'

SIGH!

Zach let out a weary sigh. And that 'sigh' was enough for Cerberus to realize that he was in the presence of Zach.

"What are you doing... Cerberus...?" Zach asked.

[My apologies, my liege. I ate too much, so I was trying to digest everything...]

"You are already dead. So does your body even function normally?" Zach wondered with a puzzled look on his face.

[I do not know, but it feels good when I do that,] Cerberus replied.

"Well, whatever." Zach glanced around to see that Cerberus had eaten almost all the dead demons from the capital.

"Yeah, I would be rolling on the floor too if I ate that much..." Zach muttered.

"Did you level up or get anything after eating that much?" Zach asked Cerberus.

[No.]

'Hmm~' Zach placed his hand on his chin and wondered, 'So the undead doesn't gain anything. Unlike Milo, who grows stronger by eating beasts. But I guess that's obvious since the undead are dead, and Milo is alive.'

"Anyway, 6 hours are about to pass, so I want to 'arise' my army of demons before I lose my chance to do it."

Zach rushed to the piles of demons and touched them.

"Arise!"

Just as before, Zach could feel his MP getting sucked dry. However, instead of resisting, he let his MP flow, resulting in it opening the way to the HP to MP conversion.

Zach only cultivated for 6 hours in Aria's domain, and even with the double benefit, he cultivated 9000 MP.

However, the pile of demons was more than that, and Zach wanted more quantity in his army.

He could simply cultivate again, but he was running out of time to revive the dead. So he had no other choice but to use his HP.

The time limit to revive Rank 1 demon was already over.

Zach revived 400 Rank 2 demons, which used up 4000 MP. 50 Rank 3 demons, which used up 2500 MP. 20 Rank 4 demons, which used up 2000 MP. And 5 Rank 5 demons, which used up 2500 MP.

Zach had used up almost all of his HP and MP.

[Congratulations! You have acquired the title; Undead General!]

"Oh, great."

Zach wanted to revive more demons, but he was out of MP and HP.

"I could have used MP potions if I had them, but I gave them to Xie Lua the other day."

SIGH!

Zach turned to Cerberus and said, "You can eat the rest."

Cerberus spent three hours eating the rest of the dead demons. Meanwhile, Zach walked around the capital and met his followers.

He spotted Ninia at a distance and smiled inwardly.

Aria shot a glance after seeing that, but she didn't say anything.

Zach and Aria walked to Ninia, but Ninia was busy talking with the NPC, and she was facing her back on them. However, when Zach stood behind her, Ninia sensed Zach's presence and got on her knees before turning around.

"My lord."

Zach pinched Ninia's cheeks and pulled her up after saying, "Don't do this. You are my first follower, and that makes you worthy of looking straight at me and standing beside me, or walking alongside me."

Aria facepalmed herself and thought, 'Here he goes again.'

Ninia's face flushed a little as she said, "I would never do something like that."

"Shh!" Zach placed his finger on Ninia's lips and uttered, "It's my order."

"..."

"Do you understand?" Ninia nodded while looking into Zach's eyes.

Zach removed his finger from Ninia's lips and said, "Good girl."

A few seconds later, Ninia opened her mouth to say, "I have successfully managed to gain you 100 followers."

"Whoa! Already?!" Zach exclaimed. "It hasn't even been an entire full day yet."

"Your lover saved all the NPC, so they are indebted to her. And thanks to that, they feel indebted to you too," Ninia said in a calm voice. "They realized how helpless and hopeless they are in this world, and they need salvation— which is to become your followers."

"..."

'I only started a religion to get soul powers. But that goal might change over time. Since they worship me now, it is my duty to protect them,' Zach uttered inwardly.

'In the end, it's benefits me. The more people worship me, the more soul powers I will get. And if I get stronger, it would be a piece of cake to save them too.'

"My lord." Ninia looked at Zach's eyes with an alluring gaze in her eyes. She stared at him for a few seconds before saying, "You said you would name our religion if I get you 100 followers."

"Yeah..."

"I did that, so please, give us all a name!"

'I didn't expect this to happen this soon!' Zach turned to Aria, seemingly seeking help. But Aria simply shrugged her shoulders in response, as though she was telling him to deal with the issue on his own.

Aria didn't want to get involved with religion and worshipers as that was the reason behind her suffering. She was called by name names for being the goddess of death and destruction, and people worshiped her to wish for bad things to happen to others.

She was happy that Zach was getting his own religion, and she was ready to support him. But she didn't want to be the one taking the lead on deciding anything regarding it.

However, Aria didn't know that she currently had one follower, and it was none other than Zach.

"My lord, please name your religion."

Zach pondered for a while and said, "How about..."

Chapter 235 - Naming The Religion | Memento For Ninia

"How about Zachery?" Zach wondered as he glanced back and forth at Aria and Ninia.

"You just added something cool after your name..." Aria remarked with a judging look on her face.

"Do you like it?" Zach asked curiously.

"..."

"I like it!" Ninia shouted cheerfully.

"..."

After realizing what she had done, Ninia lowered her gaze and dropped her head.

"My deepest apologies..." she uttered in a low voice. "I got excited after sharing the same name as you."

'That's not the same thing, is it?!' Zach turned to Aria to look at her reaction, and expected, she was glaring at him.

She squinted her eyes and opened her mouth to say something. But she had second thoughts and stopped after looking at the innocent look on Ninia's face.

'My godly morals are acting up...' Aria sighed and thought, 'But I should throw away those morals. After all, I am in love with one of my creations.'

"Then, Zachery, it is." Zach nodded and said, "And my followers shall be called Zachrians or something? I don't care about that since I know no one would be asking around that. Just let people say, 'I am Zachery', and that should do that work."

"Okay."

Ninia stared at Zach without saying anything, but her face looked as though she wanted to say something. She was reluctant.

"What is it?" Zach asked. "Don't look at me with that alluring gaze, it's captivating."

"Can..."

"Hmm?"

"Can I... umm... can I get something from you...?" she asked hesitantly.

"Like... what exactly?"

"Like a gift or something that can make me feel close to you...?"

"Oh. Like a memento!" Zach exclaimed.

SIGH!

He sighed in relief and thought, 'I was thinking of something else.'

Zach facepalmed himself and uttered inwardly: 'Why is my mind so dirty?!'

Aria had realized what Zach was thinking, because she thought of the same thing.

Zach had promised Aria that he would corrupt her innocence, and it looked as though he succeeded.

"Sure. I don't mind. What do you want?"

"Anything..."

Zach pondered for a while, but he couldn't think of anything to give to Ninia. So he opened his inventory and searched for something that was transferrable, and his gaze fell on the mythical rank ring he had gotten as one of the rewards for clearing the dungeon.

He selected the ring and conjured it in his hands.

"My lord..." Ninia's eyes widened after seeing the ring in Zach's hands.

"This is the only thing I can give you," Zach said with a smile on his face.

"Are you sure about this, my lord...?" Ninia asked with a flushed face.

"Uhh... by chance, you are not thinking of this as an engagement or something, right?" Zach asked with an anxious look on his face.

"Of course not." Ninia shook her head and said, "This is a mythical rank ring. Are you sure you want to give it to someone like me...?"

"Oh..." Zach took a deep breath and said, "Yeah. My weapons are these gloves, and I can't wear rings on the gloves anyway. So they are pretty much useless for me."

Ninia moved her hand to Zach with a flushed face.

"You want me to...?"

Ninia nodded with a flushed face and uttered, "I would be happy if you did that."

'Don't think too much about it, Zach.'

Zach moved his hand with the finger in his hand towards Ninia. And Ninia inserted her finger in the ring and wore it.

After wearing the ring, Ninia touched the ring and placed that hand on her chest with a delighted smile on her face.

"..." After looking at Ninia, it reminded Zach of Aurora, who acted the same every time Zach did something for her.

'At his rate, these three weeks are going to be the longest...' Zach thought with a painful expression on his face.

"Say..." Zach turned to Aria and asked, "You received a message from someone when I was cultivating, right?"

"..." Aria nodded in response.

"It was from Victoria, am I right?" Zach asked. "What did she say?"

After a brief silence, Aria said, "She said she can't leave the guild for another 6 days. It's the guild's policy."

"..." Zach pondered for a while and said, "Well then, let's ascend to the high realm."

"Huh? You are leaving Victoria behind?!" Aria exclaimed with a frowned face.

"No. But rather than waiting for a week in this realm, I would clear the high realm and come back here again after a week to pick up Victoria. Besides, she already mentioned that she has already met the requirements to ascend, so we don't have to worry about anything."

"That makes sense..."

After walking around the town with Ninia and Aria, Zach met with his followers and went back to the garden.

It has been 24 hours since it was destroyed, so everything was back to normal.

Zach held Aria's hand and walked to the portal.

"Wait, my lord!" Ninia called out to Zach and dashed after him.

"Yes?"

"You will be back, right?" she asked with teary eyes.

"Of course, I will be back in a week. After all, I want to see how my followers are doing," Zach responded with a grin on his face.

"I will wait for you!"

After that, Zach and Aria entered the portal and ascended to the higher realm.

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Name- Z????????????

Nickname- Not set.

Level 71.

HP- 9,000/149,000

ATK- 1740 (x2) (+500)

Physical Strength- 1740 (x2)

Mental Strength- 1800

Soul Strength- 200

Physical DEF- 1710 (x2)

Mental DEF- 1500

Soul DEF- 20

AGILITY- 1645 (x2)

MP- 0/ ∞

EXP- 69/50,800,000 (to level up.)

Physique- Celestial- Max.

Class- Cultivator. (Maxed)

Secondary class- Alchemist. (Maxed)

Guild- Not joined.

Affiliation- Zachery. (God)

Karma points- 0

Marital status- Married.

Title- 1) Forbidden Existence. 2) Child of Atrocity. 3) Sign of Impurity. 4) The Last Survivor. 5) Undead general.

Skill- 1) Martial Warrior. 2) Dominator's Touch. 3) Tamer, Necromancer, Summoner.

Blessings- 1) Aria's Blessing. 2) Sea's Blessing/ Wrath. 3) Phoenix's Blessings. 4) Demon Lord's Blessings.

Army- Cerberus (Level 3). | Milo (Level 1). | Undead Demons Army

Chapter 236 - A Week Later

A week later.

It was morning and the players and NPCs were busy doing their work.

A group of 5 players was sitting in the tavern, eating breakfast and talking with each other while passing comments and remarks.

"Yeah, yeah, that." an elderly player said. "The battle of the Navier was the best battle I have fought at."

"Yeah, it was good. But come on, you can't compare it with Vuldr and Yldr duel," a female player responded.

"I think you both are right. But for me, my duel with you was the best," a male player said to the female player who responded a while ago.

The female player kicked the male player's chair and said, "I truly regret not killing you in the duel."

"Oh?" the man smirked and said, "That's the exact opposite of what you say when I plunge my sword inside your wet sheath every night."

The woman's face flushed red as she kicked the man's chair even harder, causing it to drip and fall to the ground. She frowned her face at him and said, "You crossed the line."

"Come on~ Everyone here knows what we do at night. There is no need to be embarrassed, you know?" the man said in a calm voice to make sure to not anger the woman more than she already was.

"I don't go around spilling beans everywhere about our sessions!" the woman yelled.

SIGH!

The man sighed and uttered, "Sorry. I didn't know you would get this angry."

"Calm down," another player said to the woman.

"Yeah, two need to pipe down," another female player stated.

The group consisted of five players, a 47 years old man, a 27 years old man, and a 28 years old woman—who were couples, a 21 years old man, and a 20 years old woman. The five of them used to work in a VR company, and they logged into a VR game created by them. However, Gods' Impact occurred, and they got trapped in a VR, the very thing from where they made living.

It was hard for them at first, but they soon got used to it and managed to survive this far without getting in any serious situation.

Since they had 'insiders' knowledge and knew how the VR mechanism worked better than anyone, it was easy for them to figure things out on their own.

They were one of the few who were the first ones to ascend to the higher realm.

"Let's just all eat breakfast. We are supposed to clear the dungeon today, right?" the 20 years old woman asserted with a knowing look on her face.

"Yeah." The elderly man nodded and said, "We barely made out alive on the 80th floor last time."

"That's an exaggeration. We didn't even enter the 80th floor and retreated on the 79th floor with minor injuries," the 27 years old man remarked. "We could have easily cleared that floor if it wasn't for you getting all scared at the end."

"There was no other option than to retreat," the 28 years old woman stated. "All of us were exhausted. And we were out of MP too."

Then, she glared at her boyfriend and uttered, "What would you have done if something had happened to any of us? You know very well that our team is dependent on each other, and without one of us, the entire team is useless. We have a formation that we have been following since the beginning. So if any of us had gotten injured, or in the worst-case scenario; died. Then, all of us would have met the same fate."

"..." The man was simply trying to ease up the mood, but he did that at the wrong time. And he was truly regretting it from the bottom of his heart.

"We are not main characters of a story where we would receive some powerful cheat just as we are about to die or get saved by some ass pull plot armor. If we die, we die. That would be the end of our story. No one would remember us and we would be just like thousands of other players who have died so far," the woman asserted in a solemn voice.

The other three players present there shook their heads at the man in disbelief as though they were blaming him for their current situation, and they were correct.

"It's almost time!" the 20 years old woman quipped in between and asked, "Where is 'he' at?"

"Probably busy in bed with his beautiful wife," the 21 years old man commented.

A few seconds later, a beautiful woman came out of the room on the first floor and stretched her arms in the air.

YAWN!

She yawned loudly and blinked a couple of times to keep herself awake. Then, she covered her mouth with her hand and glanced around at the tavern. Seemingly, she was looking for something or someone.

After scanning the area, her gaze fell on the group of five players who were chatting.

"..."

The woman walked down the stairs and stood in front of the table of the five players.

The elderly man noticed the woman and nudged the other players while pointing his gaze at the woman.

"Oh! Aria!" the 20 years old female player exclaimed with a smile on her face after seeing Aria.

"Good morning," Aria greeted them.

"Good morning," the five greeted Aria in unison.

Aria glanced around with a puzzled look on her face and asked, "Where is Zach?"

"Uhh... shouldn't we ask you that?" the elderly man wondered.

"He is not in the room, so I assumed he would be here eating with you guys..." Aria uttered with a confused look on her face.

"Wait... does that mean..."

The group of five players glanced at each other with a knowing look on their faces and then turned to Aria.

SIGH!

Aria sighed and uttered, "He went alone again, didn't he?"

"Yup!" they nodded their heads.

Meanwhile, in the dungeon.

[Congratulations! You have cleared the 100 floors of the dungeon!]

"Hmm~ It took me 2 hours to clear the last 20 floors," Zach uttered with a sigh.

Chapter 237 - You Are Late

Zach opened his inventory to see a mythical rank armor, mythical rank sword, mythical rank ring. 1,000,000 coins. 100,000 Divine grade jade runes.

SIGH!

"Everything is useless at this point..."

The mythical rank equipment was the same as the other dungeon, but their stats were a little higher than the last ones. Either way, they were useless for Zach as he didn't like to wear armor, and the ring and sword were not something Zach could equip while using his gloves.

While the coins and jade runes were useful, Zach was running out of space to store them.

"I have already given a considerable amount of useless stuff to Xie Lua to sell them, while I was simply trying to empty my inventory..." Zach muttered.

After ascending, Zach opened the portal to the magic shop dimension and met Xie Lua.

At first, when he showed it to her, she was baffled after seeing the gloves' condition, but not because they were damaged, but because of the reason they were damaged.

The gloves' were designed perfectly with no flaws, and their ability to absorb the magic attack was proof of it.

The material used to create the gloves was extremely rare and hard to find. The gloves were created with no purpose, and it was Zach who added the abilities to them. When they were created, no one knew they would be used like that. And if the gloves were designed like that, Zach wouldn't have been able to use the abilities like that.

She asked the reason why the gloves were in the state, and Zach explained everything to her.

Xie Lua handled the situation calmly and reassured Zach that the gloves would be repaired soon.

Zach asked how 'soon' was the soon, to which Xie Lua replied with 'Around a week to 10 days.'

However, Zach couldn't wait for them to be repaired, so he continued his journey without his gloves.

Xie Lua also informed him about his potions that all of them were sold out, and the stock was in demand.

The past few days have been tough for Zach, so he didn't have time to create MP potions, but now, he has started to make them again.

When the MP potions were first made available in the market for other players, their value skyrocketed.

Zach, Aurora, and Xie Lua had decided to settle the price of one 50 MP potion at 200 coins. However, at that time, the players didn't truly believe in the potions.

As it was made clear that Gods' Impact won't have potions, the players who were taking the game seriously, never believed it. And besides, there was no demonstration given to the players if they worked or not.

But once the potions were made available in the market for selling purposes, a few players bought them. Soon, they came again to buy more.

Just like that, they talk about the potions spread like wildfire, and they became the most valuable things of all.

Their demands increased, so naturally, its value also increased. Earlier, when the maximum average value was 500 coins, not, it was 1000 coins per potion.

The guilds had also mass-ordered the potions in high quantities such as 5000, 10,000, and even 50,000 potions from the strongest guild.

When Xie Lua informed Zach about that, he dismissed the orders saying 'I will provide you 100 potions daily, you can do whatever you want with them. I am not going to waste weeks in making potions when I can make this game a better and safer place for my loved ones.'

Xie Lua didn't pry much, as she was only the merchant in between who was selling things from one place to another while making a profit. But she was also a friend of Zach.

She had realized the moment Zach entered the magic shop dimension because his eyes had said it all. And she confirmed her assumption after she mentioned the cloth-type armor, to which Zach simply responded with a wry smile on his face.

SIGH!

Zach walked through the portal and left the dungeon, only to be greeted by Aria at the entrance.

"..."

She looked at him with a glare in her eyes and puffed her cheeks.

"..."

"Good morning...?" Zach uttered with an awkward smile on his face.

"How dare you leave me behind!" she said in a furious voice.

"Oh, please!" Zach groaned and continued, "I bet you woke like 30 mins ago or something."

"10 mins ago!" Aria retorted.

"See? So why are you making a fuss for 10 mins?"

"Every second I spend without is equal to eternity; that shows much I love you," Aria asserted with a proud face.

"Oh, yeah?" Zach raised his brows and asked, "Remind me who was that woman who refused to hug her last night?"

Aria averted her gaze and said, "That was..."

"Hmm? That was, what?" Zach asked impatiently. "Go on. Think of an excuse."

After pondering for a few seconds, Aria pointed her finger at Zach and said, "That's because your touch makes me horny! And you refuse you have sex with me!"

"It's not that I don't want to have sex with you, but it's not the right time. I had promised Aurora when I left for the dungeon expedition that we would get married and have a wild wedding night, but shit happened and things went south."

Zach sighed and continued, "I don't want to start an intimate relationship with you before I start it with Aurora. And I know I sound so lame and pathetic, but that's just me. I want to respect my promise with Aurora."

"I just said that as an excuse..." Aria hugged Zach and said, "I don't mind waiting for 2 more weeks."

Zach hugged Aria back and said, "Every morning, I look forward to the feeling of your boobs rubbing against my chest."

"And every night I look forward to the feeling of your dick hitting my back."

"Wow. I did not expect that to come back," Zach scoffed softly. "You have been corrupted."

After that, Zach and Aria made their way back to the town. But halfway through, Zach received a notification, so he opened the portal to Aria's domain and went inside with Aria.

There they saw Milo chasing after a butterfly in a playful manner.

"You are late, you know?" a cute, yet angry voice said from the throne.

Chapter 238 - Your Harem Is Expanding

An ivory-haired, green-eyed girl was sitting on the throne in a haughty position while pouting.

"You are late, you know?" She said with a soft glare in her eyes.

"You... always wake up around noon..." Zach uttered in a low voice.

"Well, my health is getting better so..."

Zach immediately frowned his face and glanced at Milo, who was still chasing after the butterflies.

"Milo..." he uttered Milo's name to call out to her.

The moment Milo heard her name being called by Zach, she stopped moving and drooped on the ground, seemingly trying to save herself from Zach's scolding. She was so immersed in playing around that she didn't realize Zach had entered the domain.

After seeing Milo covering herself with her wings, Zach raised his brow and asked, "You know that's not going to save you, right?"

[...]

"You had one job..."

[This won't happen again,] Milo said in a calm voice.

"You said the same thing last time, and this is my third time seeing you slacking on your job," Zach remarked.

[I am deeply sorry for that. I have spent thousands of years alone by myself, and I never had company for long. Staying in this domain reminded me of those times, and that made me a little sentimental—]

"Don't pull the sad backstory card," Zach remarked with a sigh. "Everyone here has their own sad backstory. And hey, I am not angry at you, okay?"

[I know. You are disappointed in me.]

"What? No! I am just a little anxious because Aurora was alone, and I don't want her to feel lonely. And thanks to you slacking, I am getting yelled at."

"Hey! I am not yelling at you! I was just asking why you were late!" Aurora quipped. "And to be honest, I knew what you were doing."

Aurora turned to Aria and said, "I bet you two were doing something something."

"I wish..."

"And Zach..." Aurora shot a glance at Zach and uttered, "As expected, I can't get used to you calling this dragon Milo..."

When Aurora first woke up, and he heard Zach call the dragon as 'Milo', she was angry.

It was natural for her to get angry because he named the dragon after her maid, who was also her best friend and master, and now she was dead. While Zach's thought was kind, it wasn't mindful.

However, Aurora understood Zach's reasoning. But still, every time she heard the name 'Milo' from Zach's mouth, it reminded Aurora of her maid Milo.

[Master, can I go now?] Milo asked in a calm voice.

"Yeah. Go and play... wait. I still don't understand why you are so playful like a little kid? Aren't you thousands of years old?" Zach asked with a curious look on his face.

[There is no such thing as too old. Age is just a number, and it never defines anything except how old the person is. But my reason might seem invalid to you, so I have another reason too.]

"..."

[When one spends thousands of years alone, they get attached and get happy about small things. Just like one praise from you makes me happy for the entire day.]

"Yeah." Zach shot a glance at Aria and said, "I know someone like that."

Aria furrowed her brows and said, "What do you mean?! I never do such stupid things!"

Zach didn't say anything in response and simply spread his arms to prove that Aria was also a kid from inside who wanted to be spoiled.

Aria immediately dashed at him and hugged him without caring for anything in the world.

Then, Zach humped and carried Aria in his arms. He landed on the throne and sat beside Aurora.

"How are you feeling?" Zach asked Aurora.

"I still can't move my body normally, and it hurts when I move. But I think I am mostly fine," Aurora replied while looking at her body.

Zach caressed Aurora's face and rubbed his thumb and fingers on the cracks on her face.

"These cracks still haven't disappeared..." Zach muttered. He turned to Aria and asked, "Is this normal?"

"Her cracks should have healed first," Aria stated. "But there might be something else going on with her body."

"Do you know what could have prevented it from healing...?"

Aria pondered for a while to think of a reason from various other reasons. She didn't want to guess wrong, but she wasn't sure about anything.

"I think I know why..." Aurora raised her hand and said, "My body in the real world is also in the same condition, right?"

"Yeah," Zach nodded in response.

"My father might have tried to get me treated, and that might be the reason this is happening to me," Aurora stated and added, "Or so I think."

"Hmm. That's possible..." Aria muttered under her breath, as though she was still pondering on other possibilities.

"But it shouldn't matter much since Zach is feeding you his essence pills. However, let's wait for two more weeks, so you can fully heal, and then we will see if everything is alright."

Aria rested her head on Zach's shoulders and closed her eyes.

Aurora did the same, and then asked, "Zach."

"Hmm?"

"Will we get married once I am fully healed?" Aurora asked curiously.

"Of course, you idiot. I am going to marry you, Aria, Victoria— even though she rejected me once. And once we go to the Sea Realm, I will marry Aquarius and Ruli," Zach asserted confidently with a straight face.

"Your harem is expanding..." Aurora scoffed softly and said, "You forgot one girl."

"Hmm? Who?" Zach wondered with a puzzled look on his face.

"That nun. What was her name again...? Ninia!"

"Oh, come on. She is like a child, you know? So innocent and pure. Besides, I don't even look at her like that!" Zach retorted.

"But weren't you the one who said that you like corrupting innocent girls?" Aria remarked with a grin on her face. Seemingly trying to tease Zach more.

"..."

Zach facepalmed himself after realizing that he couldn't win against Aria and Aurora's team-up.

Chapter 239 - New Update

It has been a few minutes since Zach shut his mouth and enjoyed the company of his two beautiful lovers.

Both Aria and Aurora were sitting beside him on each side while resting their heads on his shoulders.

They both had their eyes closed, as though they had thrown away all their worries and simply wanted to spend their time with Zach. Seemingly, getting themselves reached for the day.

Zach, however, was watching Milo run around and jump playfully as she chased after the birds and butterflies.

He looked at her level and thought, 'She reached level 5 yesterday after I took her to the dungeon expedition.'

'My undead army also leveled up by fighting other monsters, but it's hard to level up the high-ranking demons as they are already strong enough to rival and level 25 players with two class skills.'

'However, Cerebus surprised me the most. I never expected him to solo the bosses. He even defeated the boss of the 100th floor with a little bit of my help.'

Zach's face twitched as it reminded me how Cerberus stole his kill and didn't let Zach level up.

'I am currently at level 76th, which I mostly leveled up by clearing the dungeon and other random quests. But now it's hard to level up...'

The higher the player's level, the more it took them to level up. The EXP required to level up drastically increased as the players reached a higher level, and they had to clear 50 floors to level up by 1.

Of course, the quests and the monsters were also strong, which meant they also gave a high amount of EXP.

The latest update of Gods' Impact- version 1.1.69 changed a few minor things that actually made players happy rather than angry and sad.

The first change they made was to introduce public leaderboard rankings which could be seen in every capital kingdom of the realm.

Each realm had its own leaderboards, and obviously, different rankings of different types.

First, there were players' rankings that showed the player nickname, level, money they earned, god they worshiped, and the guilds they were in with their position-role. Then there were guild rankings that showed the statistics of the guilds which had the guilds' names, total members, guild level, and the guild total score.

The other change they made was in the classes, and they introduced an upgrade to the secondary classes for the players who reached level 100 or more.

A level 100 player, whose secondary class was a mage, was given a new class called 'White Sorcerer'. Although they were also allowed to choose 'Dark Caster'.

Both of them had their own advantages, with one of the major advantages being MP regeneration.

They also made changes to the healer class and changed the requirement for 'Pope' from level 50 to level 100, but they added many more advantages to it. And they added a new class to the healer category named 'Bishop', which had the same advantage Pope class had before.

There were other minor changes that didn't bother Zach as much as the leaderboard did.

The other changes in the changelog had little to no relevancy to Zach as he was exceptional, but the implication on the leaderboard was different.

Now, the players were allowed to see which player was the strongest, including their guild name, the money they earned in the Gods' Impact so far (not the total money in their bank account), the god they worshiped, and some other things.

It has been 5 days since the update took place and there have already been many attempts to kill the players with high money earnings.

Some of the super religious people— who had already started worshiping the gods in Gods' Impact in return for positive karma and good favors from the gods— had already started killing the players who worshiped other gods.

Zach had already predicted that ever since the gods first introduced the worshiping system. According to Zach, the reason behind everything that the gods did or are doing is solely to screw over the players in every way possible; which was true.

However, there was one change in Gods' Impact. Instead of players hating Gods' Impact and the gods, they liked them. Only a minority of them still hated everything, and they wanted to go back, including Zach. Although, he wanted to send Aurora and Victoria back to the real world.

[My liege, can I come out?] Cerberus asked.

"Why? You were out like 20 mins ago," Zach asked.

[I don't like sharing the same space as these demons. They are annoying, and they get all over my body. They also don't let me sleep.]

Since the demons and Cerberus were revised using necromancy, they shared the same space in Zach's shadow, while Milo had different.

"What do you want to do by coming out? I can order the demons to stay put if you want me to," Zach stated. "I am trying to save MP for emergencies since I can only use a handful of tricks without my gloves."

[There is no need to. All the demons are not standing in the corner. Thanks for threatening them.]

"..."

SIGH!

Aria opened her eyes and said, "I am hungry."

"Now that you mention it, I haven't eaten breakfast either." Zach turned to Aurora and asked, "What about you? Do you feel hungry?"

Aurora shook her head and said, "No. And I don't feel thirsty, either."

"According to Aria, you should be able to feel hungry and all your body functions would start working properly starting next week," Zach asserted in a solemn voice, but a gentle smile on his face.

"Also..." Aurora glanced at Aria from the corner of her eyes and said, "One week is about to pass soon. So... you will have to make another essence pill for me."

"I will do that tonight," Zach nodded.

Aria hugged Zach from behind and added, "With my help."

"...."

Aurora squinted her eyes at Aria and said, "Enjoy it while you can. Once I have fully healed, I will be hogging him by myself."

[DING!]

Suddenly, Zach received a notification.

"Who is it?" Aurora and Aria asked in unison.

"Victoria..."

Chapter 240: Descending

[Ding!] [Ding!] [Ding!]

[Ding!] [Ding!] [Ding!]

"Calm your tits!"

Zach yelled as he opened the notification and saw Victoria spamming 'Hello' like crazy.

[I wish this game had a 'block' option.] Zach replied.

[I am free!] Victoria sent.

[Hello, I am Zach.]

[That's soooo lame!]

"Heh!"

Zach scoffed and asked, [Did you leave the guild?]

[Yes!]

[Hmm. A week has passed, so I guess it makes sense.]

[Actually, Elliott pulled yet another cheeky move to stop me.]

[What did he do?!] Zach asked with an exclamation mark after the question mark to show his anger.

[It's a long story, so are you coming to pick me up, or would I have to ascend alone?] Victoria asked.

[I will come to pick you up. The Ascending portal in this realm is in the middle of nowhere, and I have heard some rumors about that area recently. So I don't want you to come alone.]

[Okay. I am at the spot where you pushed me down and later kissed me. Come fast.]

"..."

Aria raised her brows at Zach and asked, "What did she say?"

Other players couldn't see the player's screen unless the player had allowed them to.

"She finally left the guild, so I am going to pick her up." Zach jumped down the throne and said, "I will come back in a few minutes."

"Wait. I am coming with you!" Aria demanded.

"Why don't you spend some time with Aurora? Give her company," Zach replied with a shrug.

"Okay..."

"No, it's fine." Aurora shook her head and said, "I am feeling sleepy, so I will sleep. See you two tomorrow. And hopefully, Victoria too."

"Are you sure? Because I will get angry if Milo informs me that you were feeling lonely again."

"I woke up earlier than usual, you know? And I have been awake for one hour now. Yesterday, I was able to stay awake for 55 minutes," Aurora stated. Then, she furrowed her brows and uttered, "And obviously, I wouldn't want to stay alone, unless I am sleeping."

"Fine~" Zach groaned and said, "I will bring the essence pill tomorrow. And hopefully, it will boost your healing too."

Aurora laid down on the throne and turned to the side to look at Zach. She smiled at him and said, "Good night."

"Good night..."

Aria whispered something in Aurora's ears and jumped off the throne.

Zach raised his eyes in suspicion, but he didn't ask anything to Aria. However, as soon as they left Aria's domain, Zach turned to Aria and stared at her with a curious look on his face.

"What?" Aria asked while averting her gaze as though she knew why Zach was staring at her.

"What did you whisper to her?" Zach asked with a knowing look on his face.

"Nothing. I just wished her good night," Aria replied with a shrug, but she was still avoiding eye contact with Zach, so he was sure she was lying.

When Aria glanced at Zach, he found her staring at her in disbelief.

"Fine~!" Aria groaned and reluctantly said, "I told her that I would try my best to suck you dry, so I can extract more essence and make a bigger pill."

"Oh... wait. The size of the pill or the amount of the essence doesn't matter in the lower stages. So why..."

Zach stopped on his words as he realized the answer to his own question.

"She simply wants to taste more of my essence, am I right?" Zach asked with a judging look on his face.

"Yup."

"Even in this condition, her perviness has no limits..." Zach muttered under his breath.

"Now, then, shall we descend?"

Zach nodded and said, "There are many portal points in this realm compared to the last one. But I think the portal from where the lower realm's players' ascend is the one in the forest."

"Most of the players we have met said they were teleported into the forest, so I guess it's safe to assume that you are right."

Zach opened the map and checked the nearest portal.

"There are two portals near us. One if of course in the capital kingdom, which is roughly a 10 mins walk or a 3 minutes sprint. And another portal is in the nearby town that is near the river," Zach read.

"How far is that portal?"

"Around five minutes walk?" Zach replied.

"So... we are going to the nearest one?" Aria wondered with a curious look on her face.

"Well, normally, I would say yes, but today, no." Zach sighed and uttered, "WE have never been to that town, so I am not sure if we should visit there just to access the portal. Let's just go to the capital."

Aria chuckled and said, "I guess you are purposely trying to get yelled at by Victoria."

Zach and Aria rushed to the capital and accessed the portal to descend to the lower realm.

"Hmm. Nice." Zach glanced around and uttered, "This place looks lovely as always."

"Unlike it was a week ago..." Aria muttered.

"Yeah..."

"Where is Victoria, though?" Aria asked curiously. "Is she waiting for you at a café or something? Maybe you two already planned a date and that's why you wanted to keep me with Aurora, so you could spend time with your love ex-girlfriend?"

"Wow. You know, out of all the girls, you are most jealous of Victoria. Why is that?"

Shortly after, Zach remembered the rivalry between Aria and Victoria during the dungeon expedition, where Aria tried to show her dominance to Victoria by mentioning his relationship with Zach. However, Victoria asserted her dominance by stating facts about her relations with Zach and how she took all of Zach's first times.

Since that time, Aria and Victoria's rivalry had started. But it wasn't as though they hated each other.

SIGH!

"Victoria said she was waiting for me at the spot where I kissed her. So she should be in this garden somewhere..."

Zach glanced around and spotted Victoria standing at a distance with her back facing at Zach and Aria.

"There she is!"

Zach rushed to her and yelled, "Victoria!"

Victoria turned around and the expression on her face changed from grumpy to happy, but it soon turned back to grumpy when she noticed Aria behind Zach.