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The message note caused a stir in Jack's heart. Could Phoebe really immigrate?

Her statement asking for a reason not to migrate seemed to suggest that Phoebe couldn't find a reason not to.

With Phoebe's capabilities, there was little doubt she could complete her undergraduate, master's, and even doctoral studies at Brightland University if she chose to. It meant she would likely fall in love in the coming years, marry, and eventually settle down there. Her chances of returning home would grow slimmer with time, along with the possibility of ever seeing her again.

The thought stirred a trace of melancholy in Jack's heart, bringing back memories of the beautiful moments they once shared.

They were classmates throughout high school for six years and had always stayed in the same class. Since the first year of high school, Phoebe had demonstrated exceptional capabilities and talent, but Jack had remained a low profile.

These six years were the best time of their youth. Even if he couldn't have Phoebe, watching her grow into an icon was a privilege in itself.

However, to their surprise, they enrolled in the same university.

On some level, they could consider themselves high school sweethearts for how their relationship developed from high school to university. Plus, Jack had saved Phoebe's life twice and had a special bond with them. On some level, they should have been closer.

The truth was that Phoebe had always held an exceptionally special place in Jack's heart, even more so than Bella and Feena, but that was all in the past. Jack quickly pulled himself back to reality.

Jack replied to Phoebe's comment. "What's up? Do you miss me? Is there anything I can help you with?"

Jack initially thought Phoebe was probably offline and was prepared to sleep. Then, Jack suddenly noticed that Phoebe's profile picture lit up, and a reply popped up.

"Jack, you're such a busy man! I've wanted to talk to you every day, but you're not here."

There was a hint of complaint in that line, and Jack could almost picture Phoebe saying it with just a trace of displeasure, maybe even a touch of playfut sulking. It might have been mostly his imagination, but it still felt oddly out of character for someone so graceful and distant as Phoebe, who rarely ever joked or acted this way.

Jack couldn't help but feel a stir in his heart. He replied, "I've been busy recently.

My sister just onboarded at the university today, so I brought her around."

Phoebe sent a surprised emoji. Then, she said, "I can't believe time flew by so quickly. Joanne is already in university. Alas..."

"Time did fly by in the blink of an eye. I'm about to graduate," Jack said.

"I really miss the days when we had nothing to worry about. Now, we're going off in separate ways," Phoebe replied.

"Phoebe, I read your message note. Are you planning to migrate overseas?" Jack asked.

"Yeah! My classmates have already submitted their immigration applications. Even my advisor strongly advises me to do the same," Phoebe replied.

Someone like her, clearly destined to make a name in academia, was the talent any country would considera national treasure. Offering immigration and generous

incentives

of simply the

most

effective way to retain people like her.

"Congratulations are in order then! I knew you would migrate, but I couldn't believe the day had arrived so quickly. I don't know if I'll ever see a beautiful lady like you again it's

a beame." Jack, in a rare

Such a

moment, started flirting with

Phoebe.

"Oh, is that so? Do you want to see me? Why didn't I feel like you wanted to in the

past?" Phoebe replied along with a cheeky, skeptical emoji.

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"You've never thought so? Who wouldn't steal extra glances at such an astoundingly gorgeous woman like you? It'll be an immense loss for us if you immigrate."

"You've never complimented me this way before. On the other hand, you treat Feena like holding a delicate treasure in the palm of your hand. Haha. Anyway, I still wish you two a happy life together."

Hearing that, Jack couldn't help but murmur to himself, wondering if she knew what league she was in.

Most guys wouldn't dare hit on Phoebe, not because they didn't want to, but because she was the kind of woman to admire from afar. She was untouchable. It was safer to keep her at arm's length with a hint of aloofness than to chase her and get flat-out rejected and maybe lose the chance to stay friends.

One day, it could make her see things differently. Not that Jack would ever dare say any of that out loud.

Phoebe noticed Jack did not respond for a while and added, "To be honest, I don't really like Vexburg. I find it hard to adapt to the lifestyle and food here. You know, I don't want to immigrate here. Oh, I've gotten better at cooking now. You should try my food if we get the chance to."

"You don't want to immigrate?" Jack caught the point of the conversation.

Phoebe stayed silent for a while before sheepishly answering, "Yeah, I don't want

to immigrate, but... I don't have a reason not to."

"What kind of reason do you need?" Jack curiously asked.

"I haven't thought about it yet."

Phoebe stayed silent for a while. Then, she continued, "I feel like I have something important back home to pursue. If I don't go back, I'm worried that I won't be able to live with it for the rest of my life."

Jack racked his brain and couldn't think of what could leave Phoebe, the indifferent person she was, to yearn and even be eager to pursue it.

Perhaps it was love-but who could possibly leave Phoebe yearning for him? Jack couldn't think of who it could be. Could it be him? Not in a million years.

"Then, it seems like that must be really important to you."

"Perhaps! Jack, why don't you convince me not to immigrate? You said earlier that it would be a huge loss if I immigrated Do you not want me to immigrate too? Perhaps you convince me to stay, I won'to immigrate anymore."

After typing this text, Phoebe sent an adorable smiley.

Jack felt somewhat awkward. He couldn't help but feel bewildered that Phoebe would come up with a whole line just for him to stop her from immigrating. This seemed childish.

However, Jack eventually never said anything. This was about Phoebe's future. If he said something and Phoebe did not immigrate because of it, it might affect the country's development. If that happened, it would have been his fault.

The words swirled in his mind a few times, but eventually, he never said anything.

Phoebe waited for a long time and never got a reply from Jack. She knew what

Jack was thinking and sent another smiley.

"I was just messing with you!

Perhaps after freshen up and think

about it properly, I'll decide to immigrate. After all, Brightland has too many things to offer for met pursue. Okay, it must be pretty back home, Jack. Good night!" Cóntent

Then, Phoebe's profile photos turned dim.

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They had barely talked, and now it was already over? Jack was a bit dissatisfied but knew he couldn't push it.

He lay in bed, reminiscing about his conversation with Phoebe earlier, and suddenly realized how suggestive it was.

He never expected a girl like Phoebe to speak to him this way. If it were in the past, he wouldn't even dare imagine it would happen.

Jack tossed and turned but couldn't fall asleep, so he got up and played on his computer.

There were not many classes left in his senior year. Jack's dormmate, Samuel, was busy managing Haven Net, while the others, Joshua and Isaac, pursued their basketball dream and had gone to Federia for special training.

Word had it their training really paid off. They might be heading straight into the professional basketball scene with talks already underway with major domestic leagues.

Even Ronnie gave up his life of gaming and started hunting for internships. As for Luca, he had moved off campus long ago and was now causing a stir in the music industry, practically a pop king in the making. On the other hand, Jack had nothing much going on.

Jack was alone in the dorm, so he logged into his Haven Net account and started playing Legend of the East.

Thanks to Haven Net's massive user base, Genesis Games partnered with them. Now, players could log into Legend of the East and Legend of the West directly using their Haven Net accounts.

Jack had to try out the crown jewel of his own company himself. Even though he only played occasionally, with his deep familiarity with the games and knowledge of hidden bugs only a developer like him would know, Jack still managed to thrive in the game world.

Jack usually preferred playing solo, wandering around the jungle, and casually checking for any bugs and design flaws that needed fixing. However, a sudden friend request popped up on his screen after logging in. He clicked on it and noticed that it was a girl named "As It Was Before".

Jack pouted. He assumed it was a "female" player, so without much thought, he clicked "reject".

To his surprise, after rejecting the friend request within mere seconds, another friend request notification rang. Jack clicked on it again, and it was "As It Was Before" again.

Jack rejected it again. However,

after a while, "As It Was Before" unexpectedly sent another friend request, Jack had no choice but to accept it.

After accepting the friend request, "As It Was Before" sent a message, "Hmph! Why did you reject me?"

The message sounded accusatory, blunt, demanding, and with a hint of arrogance. Could it be a girl?

Still, Jack had been around the internet long enough to know better. Most "female" players online were either roleplayers or scammers.

With that in mind, he coldly replied, "Can I help you?"

Then, he double-checked his own account. There was nothing fancy about there were no flashy titles. or top-tier gear. He was just an average player in the pool

What did this person want from him if he had nothing worth looting?

"Hmph! Even if I have nothing to say to you, can't I add you as a friend? Where

are you? I'll come to you."

She sounded like she knew Jack really well.

Jack was somewhat puzzled and typed, "Northern Guardian Zone."

"Haha! Okay. Wait for me. I'll be right there!"

With nothing better to do, Jack

decided to hang around the

Northern Guardian Zone and wait for

this mysterious player named "As It

Was Before just to see what thi

person was up to.

Moments later, a blinding light flickered in the Northern Guardian Zone.

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Then, a female mage appeared before him, sporting an exquisite avatar decked out in top-tier gear.

She noticed Jack immediately and walked toward him. She was none other than "As It Was Before."

"Legend of the East" had a unique feature that allowed players to customize their avatars' appearance based on their real-life features and body types. In this game, avatars varied wildly in appearance, but like in real life, beauty still drew attention, or the lack of it too.

Based on this fact, "As It Was Before" had to be a real beauty. Could she actually be a girl?

"Let's head to the marriage hall. I've prepared the rings, so let's get married!"

Her sudden proposal caught Jack off guard. "M-Married?"

Jack never expected this beautiful lady, who called herself "As It Was Before", would propose marriage when she met him. Was this supposed to be a joke?

From Jack's tone, "As It Was Before" seemed to have imagined how perplexed he must have been behind the screen.

So, she sent a snickering emoji and asked, "What's the matter? A beautiful lady like me is pursuing you and proposing to you. What's there to hesitate about?"

No one would ever want to miss out on a potential romance, but this was still a virtual world, after all. For all he knew, this "goddess" could be a burly, bearded dude scratching his feet behind the screen.

"Why would you want to marry me? You're decked out in top-tier gear; you should find a rich player worthy of your status?"

Jack opened his inventory and glanced at his mediocre gear. He was nowhere near resembling a rich player.

"Haha! What if I told you that I know you in real life? Would you believe me?" she mysteriously asked.

"You know me?" Jack was in utter disbelief.

He had never told anyone about his username. Who would know him in this virtual world?

Could it be someone working in Genesis Games? But who would know it so well? Could it be Pentime Group's CEO, Wendy Trader?

Genesis Games and Pentime Group shared most of their resources as they solidified their collaboration. However knowing, Wendy's personality, she seemed unlikely to play such games. She had always been the type to go straight to the point.

"Of course, I do. Come, let's get married. I'll bring you there." As she spoke, she started leading the way.

However, Jack didn't follow her and explained, "I'm sorry. I can't marry you. I have a girlfriend."

"I know." Then, she sent an adorable smiley and typed, "Plus, I know your real-life girlfriend is gorgeous! This is just a game. It's not like we're getting married for real. What are you scared about?"

As if guided by some unseen force, Jack found himself agreeing to her

proposition. Then, he followed behind "As It Was Before" toward the marriage hall.

After all, this was merely a virtual world; none of it was real.

Still, Jack was curious about who "As It Was Before" was.

Marriage was now a standard feature in role-playing games. After years of development, it had become a fan favorite.

Although the virtual world was full of mystery and deception, there were still many in-game couples whose

love stories turned into reality, finding genuine happiness. Th marriage system in "Legend of the East" was impressively well-developed, allowing players to fully customize the scale and style of their weddings based on how much they were willing to spend.

"As It Was Before" had been planning this in-game wedding for a long time, Everything was meticulously prepared with various festive items to set the mood. The

only regret was that neither had

invited any in-game friends to witness the ceremony.

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Jack didn't have friends in the game because he mainly focused on searching for bugs and improving the game. However, "As It Was Before" was not surprised at Jack's absence of friends in the game. Was she the same too?

Such a beautiful avatar should have been a steal in this virtual world. Plus, she was equipped with top-tier gear-she must have played this game for a long time.

Jack asked the question etched in his heart, "Why aren't there any friends around? Why are we keeping our marriage so secretive? I assume you've played this game for a long time."

Although this marriage was weird to begin with, it would have been better if there were people who could share the moment with them, even if it was merely a game.

"As It Was Before" sent a smiley, saying, "I've been playing for a whole time, but I've always played alone."

"It's impressive how you obtained such powerful gear just by playing alone! However, don't you think playing alone is a little dull?" Jack asked.

No matter how enjoyable the game was, it must be boring to play alone.

Jack was familiar with the equipment system in the Legend of the East because he designed it personally.

It would require a team to obtain the top-tier gear "As It Was Before" had.

The ability to obtain such gear while playing alone could only mean one thing- this player was incredibly intelligent and skillful, one who could easily intimidate others.

"I think it's pretty interesting. Is it bad that I play on my own once in a while when I am free?"

After a while, she continued, "What if I told you that waiting for you was why I played this game? Will you believe me?"

"Waiting for me?" Jack, who was behind the screen, was dumbfounded.

He barely knew "As It Was Before". Plus, even he didn't know that he would play this game. How did "As It Was Before" know?

And what kind of belief could drive a beautiful girl out of his league in real life to wait patiently for him in a game?

"Yeah, I've been waiting for you."

"As It Was Before" swiftly danced her fingers across her keyboard. "If you don't show up, I consider this entertainment. If you do, it would be a dream come true."

Tangled emotions swelled in Jack's

heart as he stared at what "As It Was Before" typed. He was touched and slightly helpless in the face of the other persons affection. They had never met in real life, sono words could describe the feelings shared between them.

With no in-game friends as witnesses, the wedding in this fictitious world remained extravagant.

"As It Was Before" prepared meticulously for this day and even hired an officiator to officiate their in-game wedding.

The officiator said to "As It Was

Before", "Do you vow to stay by his side for a lifetime to cherish him respect him, and walk with him through joy and sorrow until death do us part?"

"As It Was Before" sent an embarrassed emoji and answered with a typed response, "I do!"

Then, the officiator turned toward Jack and said, "Do you vow to love her forever,

never leaving her side, no matter what storms may come?"

Jack couldn't help but think to

himself about the possibility of this

game shutting down one day. Then "forever" mean? If the

what would chut dof the

game really

wouldn't

that be the definition of "forever" in

this world?

Perhaps Jack's hesitation caused "As It Was Before" to ask anxiously, "Quick!"

Are you not willing to?" She sent a scared yet pitiful-looking emoji.

Jack helplessly replied, "Yes, I do."

"Great! Congratulations! You're officially married! May this union be blessed and protected by the goodwill of this world!"

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Then, the sky above the Northern Guardian Zone erupted in a dazzling display of fireworks.

Meanwhile, "As It Was Before's Husband" was added as a remark beside Jack's avatar named "Whistle Echo", and "Whistle Echo's Wife" was added as a remark beside the name "As It Was Before".

An odd feeling swirled in Jack's heart as he looked at these words. He had never thought he would enter an online relationship one day. But did this even count as an online relationship? He honestly wasn't sure.

With a shy emoji, "As It Was Before" said, "We're married now. Is it okay if you call me 'babe' from now on?"

"That seems awkward," Jack replied. He couldn't bring himself to type the word out, like he couldn't say it in real life.

"Hmph! How is that awkward? It's not like I'm asking you to call me 'sweetums' or 'babycakes' or anything like that!"

Sweetums? Babycakes? The addresses nearly made Jack burst out laughing.

"As It Was Before" suggested, "Come on! I'll take you monster hunting!"

Jack was feeling bored anyway, so he followed "As It Was Before" to a high-level monster zone. The monsters here were out of Jack's league, and he couldn't take them on alone. However, "As It Was Before" had brought him here to let him tag along and get experience points so that he could level up quickly.

A strike from the monster could damage his health by half. If "As It Was Before" wasn't there to protect him, the monster would have torn him to shreds.

"As It Was Before" teased, "Dummy, I never thought you would be so clumsy in the game for someone as smart as you in real life.

"Quick, run! Haha! You're such a hog. Hide behind me, or else the monster will eat you alive! Don't die of stupidity!

"Don't worry. Your wife is here to protect you. It's okay."

Jack felt embarrassed by her

teasing, but as he watched her fight monsters with such fluid, effortless movements, a strange sense of? enjoyment washed over him. One of the unique features of Legend of the Fast was its customizable avatar appearances with photorealistic detail.

"As It Was Before" was stunning. She was voluptuous, graceful, and sexy.

Jack found himself completely captivated. He couldn't help but wonder how beautiful she was in

real life. More importantly, whe

would someone like her fall for someone like him?

To break the Silence, "As It Was Before" chatted with Jack as she killed the monsters. "Can you play every day from now on it's boring on my own, and I would like your company. You don't need to play for a long time. I'll be happy if you keep me company just for a little while.

"Oh, you're in your senior year now and about to go for your internship. Are you nervous? Hmm... but finding work with your skills and capabilities shouldn't be difficult."

Jack was surprised that "As It Was Before" knew he was a senior at university. However, she said he was finding work, oblivious to the fact that he was the CEO of Genesis Games.

This ruled out the possibility that she was Wendy. Then, who was she?

As they were having an enjoyable time, three male players appeared before them. They couldn't help but be enticed by the delicate figure of "As It Was Before" and walked over.

"Whoa! Darling, why don't you train with me? Let's go and defeat the boss." "Yeah! You don't need to move a muscle. I'll do the heavy lifting. I can guarantee you'll like what you see."

"Hey! Babe, why are you training with this trash? He's totally dragging you down."

The "trash" they were referring to was Jack. He was decked in lousy gear, and in the gaming world, he was the textbook definition of a loser.

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"Get lost!"

The once gentle and affectionate "As It Was Before" suddenly changed. Her

expression turned icy, excusing a chilling indifference that sent shivers down one's spine.

The three punks laughed. "Well, aren't you a feisty little thing? It looks like we'll have to teach you a lesson."

With that, they charged toward them. Two of them cornered "As It Was Before", while the third casually knocked Jack aside like it was nothing.

The punks surrounded her, and "As It Was Before" intentionally put on a scared facade and hid behind Jack.

Then, she sent a private message to Jack. "Darling, I'm so scared. Please protect me." Along with that message was an adorable smile.

Jack instantly felt helpless. How was he supposed to protect "As It Was Before" with his lousy gear?

No matter how skilled he was, he wouldn't cause any damage to these punks. However, a sharp blade from them would have finished him. Wasn't he causing himself trouble?

"Attack!" The three punks typed and got into action. Jack was instantly beaten up so severely that he started fleeing.

Initially, "As It Was Before" was filled with anticipation, eager to witness Jack pull off a classic hero-saves-the-damsel moment in the game.

However, it didn't take long for her to realize that Jack's gaming skills were laughable. He nearly died several times. If it weren't for his quick reflexes and ability to run away fast, he would have been knocked out long ago.

So, "As It Was Before" decided to take matters into her own hands.

With her gorgeous moves and agile posture, she easily defeated these punks. They were utterly defeated before they could react and were immediately sent to the return point.

"Haha! You're so useless! I never

thought you would be so weak in the game when you're so capable in real

life. I can't believe I had to step in to protect you. As it

Wa's Before

teased, knowing very well how

capable Jack was in real life.

Jack retorted in embarrassment, "I haven't played in a long time. Otherwise, I would have floored you."

"Yeah! You're the best, darling! From

now on, you'll protect me, won't you?" "As It Was Before" sent an adorable yet shy expression crafted with exquisite detail, radiating a gentle warmth Even though it was merely in the game, it still sent a ripple through Jack's heart.

They played the game while chatting, and time flew by quickly. Jack realized how

surprisingly effortless it was playing with "As It Was Before."

"As It Was Before" was great at

taking care of him and attentive to

his needs, always asking how Jack was doing. She would occasionally was

act cow showing off her softer playful side. Later, she always felt it was awkward calling him "darling" all the time, so she gave himma nickname instead, "Clumsy Piggy".

Jack protested against the nickname, "You should call me Jack. I don't like this nickname."

"Okay, Clumsy Piggy."

"Don't call me that."

"Okay, Clumsy Piggy."

Before they knew it, it was 2:00 am.

Jack was tired. Although he enjoyed interacting with "As It Was Before", he said,

"As It Was Before, I'm logging out now. Let's play another time!"

"Huh? You're leaving already?" Her tone was laced with reluctance. "Yeah! If I keep playing, I won't be able to get up tomorrow. I have a ton of things waiting for me."

"Okay!"

"As It Was Before" knew staying up late gaming wasn't a good idea, but she still wished Jack could stay just a little longer.

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"As It Was Before" cherished the time spent with Jack, something she could never have in real life, even if she never said it aloud.

"A-Are you going to keep your real-life girlfriend company now? That makes sense. Your girlfriend is gorgeous. You have to treat her well!"

"No, I'm heading to bed. Plus, my girlfriend is busy with business matters at Tarthy City."

"Really?" Emotions began to swell in her heart. Then, she typed hesitantly, "S- Since your girlfriend isn't with you, can you stay online with me every day? Hmm... It doesn't need to be too long. Even sharing a conversation with me for 10 minutes is enough. Is that okay?"

Then, she sent a pitiful expression.

Jack could sense the yearning and desire in her writing. He could even feel how cautious she was through the screen.

She was afraid Jack would reject her.

"Let's see if I have the time!" he replied.

After all, Jack had too much on his plate and had barely any time to waste on a game.

"I'll take that as a yes. I'll wait for you."

From the moment Jack logged off, "As It Was Before" stared at the spot where Jack's avatar disappeared.

When Jack's avatar disappeared, her heart suddenly felt empty. Playing the game seemed lacklustre now.

At Alnewgo University, Jack shut his computer down and lay in bed, reminiscing about his time with "As It Was Before" in the game. Suddenly, he realized he liked the feeling it brought.

Most importantly, he realized he was starting to feel attached to playing games with "As It Was Before." What was happening to him? Had he somehow fallen into an online romance without even realizing it?

The next morning, Jack didn't wake up until 9 a.m. The sun was shining brightly.

After washing up, he called Joanne, asking what she was up to and whether she needed his help.

Joanne said she was shopping with her roommate, so Jack ended the call and headed to Genesis Games' branch in Alnewgo.

Recently, with the internal beta testing of the new large-scale game, "World Empire," underway, Jack planned to head to the company personally to gather data and carefully attend to player feedback. In a few days, Jack was scheduled to negotiate a partnership deal.

Although Genesis Games had a market valuation nearing 20 billion dollars, it was facing a tight cash flow due to heavy investments. game development, hiring, and expansion. Loans were taken to finance part of several hundred several hundred developing

raullion dollars invested

"World Empire". To ease Genesis Games' financial strain and drive

further business growth, Jack decided to seek external funding.

At present, Genesis Games had contacted numerous financial institutions, and selected a handful of them after thorough screening These financial institutions' e quotations were hefty, but amongst them, the financial institution that Jack was most pleased with turned out to be Zenith Capital.

Not only did Zenith Capital offer a handsome sum, but the shares they requested were reasonable.

The person in charge at Zenith Capital had privately tested "World Empire," the game Genesis Games was developing, and gave a good review.

They predicted the game would be a great hit and propel Genesis Games' share prices to new heights, so they would spare no expense in buying the company's shares.

What reassured Jack was that upon arriving at the company to gather feedback from the internal beta testers, nearly all the responses were positive. There was hardly single negative comment Almost every tester eagerly awaited the official release of "World Empire".

After all, this game took two years and hundreds of millions of dollars to develop,

with Jack personally overseeing its birth. Hence, the glowing feedback was no surprise. Everything was moving in the right direction.

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The only thing that left Jack feeling helpless was that the day when Genesis Games would partner with Zenith Capital had finally arrived.

This was Wilhelmina's turf.

Jack really didn't want anything to do with Zenith Capital, especially when he thought about his encounter with the Dodgers in Tarthy City. Until now, he couldn't forget the cold expression on her face.

Jack couldn't imagine how getting in bed with the enemy would turn out.

How Would Wilhelmina react when she realized Jack was her future business partner?

However, Jack knew well that Genesis Games was knee-deep in debt and needed funds to put out some fires.

Since Zenith Capital could provide the funds, there was no reason why Genesis Games shouldn't partner with them.

Before long, Jack would be representing Genesis Games personally at the headquarters of Zenith Capital for the signing ceremony. To his knowledge, Wilhelmina held a prominent position within Zenith Capital.

Jack wasn't sure whether he would run into Wilhelmina during his visit, nor could he predict what would happen if they did. Would they set aside their grudges and join forces for a greater cause, or would all their past efforts go to waste?

After completing business matters, Jack brought Joanne out for lunch and returned to his dorm to continue his tasks.

Jack was the only one in the dormitory, and he started improving the game "World Empire".

After a series of internal tests, his employees had fixed several loopholes. However, Jack continued to fix the finer details based on dissatisfied feedback from its players.

Although he could delegate his subordinates to complete it, Jack was perfectionistic. He insisted that he was the only one who could make the game greater than it already was.

After all, "World Empire" was one of Genesis Games' flagship products. Jack had high hopes that this game would push Genesis Games to greater heights, sending its stock prices soaring.

He was busy until the middle of the night. When Jack wanted to lie in bed to rest, without any prompting, he suddenly thought about "As It Was Before," whom he met in the gaming world last night.

Her words continued to echo in his ear, hoping he could keep her company every day, even if it were only for 10 minutes.

Although he had no idea who "As It Was Before" was in real life, this girl still made Jack's heart flutter in the game.

At this moment, Feena was busy with her business in Tarthy City, and they could only connect emotionally through the phone every day. All his dormmates were busy with their own agenda. Jack couldn't telp but feet lonely.

So, Jack got out of bed and turned on his computer. The moment he logged into the game, "As It Was Before" immediately messaged him.

"Clumsy Piggy, you're finally here! I thought you won't play anymore and decided to abandon me. I miss you. Quick, come to me!"

Less than ten seconds after the message was sent, "As It Was Before" appeared at Jack's respawn point.

"How did you get here so quickly?" Jack was surprised at how swift "As It Was Before" was.

"As It Was Before" sent a sheepish expression. "I've been waiting for you since I came online. I wanted to see you."

"Then, what were you doing? Don't tell me you've been playing the game all day."

"Haha! I was studying, but my academic work is too simple for me. There barely any challenge, Plus, I Want to be with you nowols that a bad thing?"

Jack was touched by her words. Fortunately, it was merely a game. If a lady expressed such deep affection to him in real life, he might not hold it in.

"I might only play for a short while," Jack typed.

"It's okay as long as you keep me company every day." "As It Was Before ran to Jack's side and activated actions exclusive to couples, hugging and kissing him. Then, she planted a sweet kiss on Jack's avatar's face.

After kissing him, "As It Was Before" asked, "How does it feel?"

Jack awkwardly replied, "It's just a game. I don't feel anything."

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"Hmph! Just as I thought, you are such a silly pig!" "As It Was Before" stomped her foot with a signature in-game emote, pretending to be annoyed, and said, "In real life, plenty of people would kill for a moment like that. Come to think of it, it doesn't matter whether it's the real world or in-game; that was technically my first kiss."

"I'm sure you're a beautiful lady in real life. Since you have many admirers who like you, why don't you accept one of them? Why did you choose me?" Jack asked, confused.

"As It Was Before" replied, "Who knows? Perhaps you silly pig had cast a love curse on me when I wasn't looking."

"I already have a girlfriend. I don't think this is necessary. Besides, are we even that close?"

This question hit "As It Was Before" right in the heart. Were they close? Yes, they were very, very close. At least that was what the lady on the other side whispered to herself.

Her thoughts drifted for a moment before she finally typed a response. "We are super close! Clumsy Piggy, tell me. We've always heard stories about a kind of love curse that, once the person you love takes it, the person only loves you for the rest of their life. The person will stay loyal, devoted, and never leave. Do you think something like that could be real?

"I..." Jack couldn't find a good response. He wanted to say that it wasn't real, but when he thought about all the strange and unbelievable things that had happened to him, he began to wonder if those folklores weren't entirely nonsense, after all.

"Haha! Clumsy Piggy, you know what? If there really were such a love potion, I'd do whatever it takes to get my hands on it. Then, one day, I'll sneak up on you when you least expect it and make you drink it. Then, you'll love me for all eternity, and we can explore the world together, hand in hand, and never leave each other's side."

Jack replied, "You're exaggerating!"

"As It Was Before" said, "I'm not. Clumsy Piggy, you'll never know how deep my love for you is, like you will never truly know the depths of my heart. I could only muster the courage to talk to you boldly in this make-believe world. I would never bring myself to do it if we were in real life."

Before they knew it, they had arrived at another higher-level training ground.

This was where "As It Was Before" regularly battled monsters. She brought Jack here to help him level up faster.

With her company, Jack felt that time flew by too quickly.

"As It Was Before" was like a chirpy bird, happily chattering away, asking Jack about his studies and life. She even enthusiastically suggested that they buy matching outfits,

As they were engrossed in their conversation, a group of players approached.

There were about five to six people in that group, and they belonged to a guild called the Kings of the Infernal. They were decked with the best gear and one of them even outclassed the gear As it was

Before" had on. This guild was one

of the most elite forces in Legend of the East.

Jack initially thought he would quietly defeat monsters with "As It Was Before" and

level up. It wouldn't affect them in any way, so it wasn't a bother.

To his surprise, the Kings of the Infernal members walked toward "As It Was Before" and Jack.

This was not a simple harassment

The leader with the best gear was called Fanatic Prince." He come them and asked, "When did you marry this piece of trash?" .net

Jack was perplexed. How did he know "As It Was Before"?

He knew there was more than what met the eye, so he decided to observe quietly.