

Apocalypse 105

Chapter 105 Status Window

Kisha attempted to extricate herself from Duke's lap, feeling a rush of embarrassment. With unfamiliar faces filling the room, she could only assume they were Duke's family, intensifying her discomfort about sitting on his lap during such a momentous occasion.

As Kisha stirred in his arms, Duke's hold tightened, refusing to let her go. "Stay still, there are shards of glass on the bed. Just be good," Duke's earlier aloof tone softened into tenderness, his words now gentle as if he was coaxing his beloved wife.

The Patriarch, who had remained silent until now, was visibly startled by his grandson's sudden shift in attitude towards Kisha. His eyes widened in surprise, mirroring the astonishment shared by Mr. and Mrs. Winters. They hadn't anticipated such a profound change in their son, though Mrs.

Winters quickly dismissed her surprise, recalling that the Winters men often displayed such protective behavior towards their partners—a trait she herself had experienced.

Mrs. Winters could only sneakily smile as she realized that her son was really serious about Kisha but she could feel that her son was still working on it because Kisha was still a 'little' apprehensive with Duke's touch.

"What do you mean by that?" Duke was the first to voice the question regarding Kisha's statement about "eliminating them all." However, Kisha remained silent, her gaze sweeping across each person in the room. A hush fell over the entire room as they awaited her response.

Unbeknownst to them, Kisha was discreetly assessing the status window of each individual in the room.

[Do you want to use 'Eye of Truth' to check a status window?]

[Yes] OR [No]

The Eyes of Truth require manual activation by Kisha or assistance from 008, making it inconvenient for her to use this gift constantly. As a result, she only utilizes it when necessary or when reminded, finding the process somewhat cumbersome.

"008, please assist me in checking everyone's status window," Kisha mentally communicated with 008.

"Of course, host!" 008 responded eagerly. It welcomed the additional task, having been primarily focused on monitoring the territory to prevent any troublemakers from causing mischief while Kisha and Duke were away made it feel so bored.

Having been standing the closest to Duke and Kisha, Vulture was the first person Kisha looked at to check his status window.

[Code name: Vulture]

Level 0

Strength: 20

Stamina: 22

Defense: 28

Agility: 15

Mental Capacity: 18

Charm: 5

Leadership: 8

Title: None

Skills: Earth Spike Level 0, Earth Manipulation Level 0

Talent: Strong Defence

Gift: Affinity with Earth

Ability: Earth

Kisha immediately noticed the significant spike in Vulture's stats, recalling that he previously had only a handful of attributes nearing the 20-point mark. Now, almost all of his stats had surpassed this threshold. It was evident that their relentless battles and the frequent use of their abilities had boosted their stats.

Additionally, Vulture had acquired two new skills, likely a result of the continuous utilization of his awakened ability.

The frequency and repetition of using one's ability increase the likelihood of developing a specific skill. Once a skill is formed, executing it becomes more effortless for the user.

They no longer need to concentrate on the intricate details, such as sensing the energy distribution throughout their body, or maintaining intense focus like Sparrow does when crafting his wind blade to prevent premature dispersion.

Once a skill is successfully created, it alleviates the cumbersome task of manually manipulating and distributing energy, as well as managing the overall creation of specific attacks. This achievement signifies that the individual has internalized the skill, making it an inherent part of their body and mind.

This phenomenon is akin to Sparrow effortlessly summoning a whirlwind to traverse from one rooftop to another, seamlessly integrating the skill into his actions and being able to conjure it anytime he needed it without any delays.

She did not dwell on it any longer and proceeded on Sparrow.

[Code name: Sparrow]

Level 0

Strength: 18

Stamina: 25

Defense: 16

Agility: 29

Mental Capacity: 19

Charm: 7

Leadership: 7

Title: None

Skills: Whirlwind Level 0, Windblade Level 0

Talent: Scouting

Gift: Hawk eyesight

Ability: Wind

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[Tristan]

Level 0

Strength: 20

Stamina: 27

Defense: 21

Agility: 35

Mental Capacity: 24

Charm: 9

Leadership: 9

Title: None

Skills: None

Talent: None

Gift: None

Ability: None

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[Darius Winters (Patriarch)]

Level 0

Strength: 8

Stamina: 10

Defense: 6

Agility: 7

Mental Capacity: 15

Charm: 11

Leadership: 15

Title: None

Skills: None

Talent: None

Gift: None

Ability: None

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[Dante Winters]

Level 0

Strength: 16

Stamina: 17

Defense: 20

Agility: 22

Mental Capacity: 20

Charm: 17

Leadership: 18

Title: None

Skills: None

Talent: None

Gift: None

Ability: None

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[Olivia Winters]

Level 0

Strength: 5

Stamina: 8

Defense: 5

Agility: 6

Mental Capacity: 17

Charm: 15

Leadership: 9

Title: None

Skills: None

Talent: None

Gift: Plant Affinity

Ability: Wood, Earth

Observing Mrs. Winters's status window, Kisha's eyebrows raised in surprise. "Ma'am, it seems you've awakened a dual elemental ability. Congratulations!"

Her words hit everyone like a bolt of lightning, catching them off guard with the unexpected possibility. No one had considered such a scenario, and they were left wondering when Mrs. Winters had awakened. The revelation sparked deep contemplation in Mr. Winters, who began connecting the dots.

"So, you're suggesting that when my wife fell ill a few days ago, it wasn't merely stress or fear causing her fever, but rather her awakening?" As his sharp mind pieced together the puzzle, he realized the significant likelihood that his wife had awakened long before, only discovering it when her life was threatened, prompting her instincts to kick in and activate her ability at a critical moment.

"So, when Mrs. Winters fell from the 10th floor..." Before Vulture could finish his sentence, a palpable heaviness descended upon him, causing him to abruptly fall silent. He realized he had unintentionally revealed something significant.

"What did you say happened to my mother?" Duke's voice was low and ominous, sending shivers down Vulture's spine.

Previously, Duke had remained stoic when informed that his mother had narrowly escaped an attack by a sniper, thanks to his men's intervention. However, it was only now, with Vulture's accidental slip of the tongue, that the true gravity of what had occurred regarding his mother's life-threatening situation became apparent.

"Ma-master...." Vulture didn't know what to say or how to say it, due to Duke's aura he was stuttering because he could feel his whole body trembling.

"Duke, it's in the past now. In fact, I feel a sense of relief knowing I possess the same power as Sparrow and Vulture. It makes me feel less powerless," Mrs. Winters confessed, her gaze downcast, as if weighed down by the belief that she's nothing but a burden for her husband and son to bear.

Her recent illness while they were on the run only exacerbated this feeling, causing her to feel responsible for the loss of their men who sacrificed their lives to protect them, particularly herself.

Understanding Mrs. Winters's feelings, Kisha gently placed her hand on top of Duke's, which was resting on her stomach as he supported her while she sat on his lap. "Consider it a blessing in disguise, and let's not make it harder for him," Kisha suggested, her voice soft but firm.

"This newfound ability will greatly enhance your mother's chances of survival from now on." She believed that it was fortunate the sniper hadn't targeted any other member of the Winters family, as the outcome could have been far worse, leaving Duke devastated. Kisha didn't mean to sound callous; she simply believed they should view this as the best possible outcome given the circumstances.

Yet, Kisha hesitated to express her true thoughts outright, fearing misunderstanding and causing Duke distress. Having endured the trials of the apocalypse for decades, she had witnessed countless deaths and experienced her own share of heartbreak. However, she couldn't deny that despite the accident involving Mrs.

Winters, the outcome had inadvertently become a blessing for the rest of the family, including herself.