

Apocalypse 106

Chapter 106 A Level Up

Kisha caught a glimpse of Bell out of the corner of her eye, standing quietly in the corner as if trying to avoid drawing attention. This behavior struck Kisha as odd because typically, Bell would be the first to greet her eagerly upon waking. Its current attempt to minimize its presence and blend into the background seemed out of character.

Kisha sensed that something had transpired while she was unconscious, and Bell's unusual behavior hinted at possible guilt. To unravel the mystery, she resolved to utilize her "Eye of Truth" gift to examine Bell's status window before probing further into the matter.

[Scarlet Queen Bee: Bell (Mythic Grade)]

Level 0 (Exp: 60/100)

Strength: 30

Stamina: 22

Defense: 16

Agility: 45

Mental Capacity: 29

Charm: 20

Leadership: 34

Skills: Stinger strike, Modify

Kisha quickly discerned the issue upon inspecting Bell's status window, where the (Exp: 60/100) conspicuously displayed next to Bell's level, an addition that hadn't been there prior to her unconsciousness. Her gaze sharpened as she confronted Bell.

"Care to explain what you've consumed while I was unconscious?" All eyes turned to Kisha and then to the corner where Bell frozen in place, visibly startled by Kisha's inquiry. Lost in her focus, Kisha hadn't realized she'd spoken aloud instead of communicating with Bell in their mind link.

Mrs. Winters's body stiffened upon hearing Kisha's question, her own guilt bubbling up as she recalled precisely what Bell had consumed while Duke and Kisha were unconscious. It was she who had provided it to Bell, and now, her nerves tingled with apprehension as she reflected on that incident.

Vulture, having already taken a hit earlier, braced himself and stepped in again to shield Mrs. Winters from the line of fire. "Young Madam, is there an issue with Bell?" His voice was tense, his lips pressed tightly together as he awaited Kisha's response.

"Nothing's wrong. I believe she's on the brink of leveling up," Kisha clarified. It was only then that Bell stirred, its wings fluttering as it floated toward Kisha.

"Master, are you upset with Bell?" Bell's voice sounded timid through the mind link as it hovered in front of Kisha, its demeanor nervous.

Kisha shook her head lightly, her expression softening. "It's actually a good sign. It means something from my world could aid in your evolution and leveling up."

Upon hearing Kisha's words, Bell performed an excited somersault through the air, buzzing its wings in exhilaration. However, Kisha noticed the wound on Bell's front forelegs. Though the bleeding had stopped, the injury remained prominent. Furrowing her brow, Kisha realized the extent of Bell's efforts in ensuring Duke's people remained safe, preventing a potential massacre by their enemies.

Kisha didn't waste a moment, quickly exchanging some points for a vial of blue liquid, a healing potion. "Bell, come here," she called gently. The others watched curiously, aware of Bell's visible wound and grateful for its invaluable assistance during their hardest fights for their lives.

Kisha uncapped the vial, a very familiar vial to Duke, who watched in silence. Bell approached cautiously, perching on Kisha's leg. "Bell, drink some of this healing potion," she communicated through their mind link. Bell didn't hesitate, moving closer to the vial's opening.

From its mouth, a straw-like appendage extended, called a Bobascis, with the end, called Glosa, it is what bees used to collect nectar or consume.

As Bell sipped the healing potion until the vial was empty, its wound miraculously healed, leaving no trace of a scar. The sudden recovery surprised everyone except Duke, Vulture, and Sparrow, who had witnessed a similar phenomenon with the captain they had saved previously.

Overnight, the captain who was on the brink of death had miraculously recovered, leading them to conclude that the vial must possess magical properties akin to the black liquid they had been consuming to fully regain their stamina and spiritual energy.

Observing Tristan's hesitation as he opened and closed his mouth, Kisha swiftly exchanged ten more vials of healing potion using her mall points. She then handed them to Vulture, who stood nearby. "Give these to the injured," she instructed, her tone sounded callous but her actions spoke volumes about her concern.

Vulture nodded in appreciation before swiftly accepting the healing potions and darting outside. With his departure, a heavy silence descended upon the room once more, each person lost in their own contemplations.

As the heavy silence lingered, Mrs. Winters finally broke it with a question that had been weighing on her mind. "What do you mean Bell is about to level up?" She had been anxious ever since Bell consumed the six crystal cores, dreading the moment Kisha would wake up and discover what had happened. Now, hearing Kisha mention Bell leveling up, she felt a slight easing of the tension in her muscles.

Despite her lack of expertise in many matters, she at least understood the significance of a level-up.

Kisha shifted her gaze from Bell to Mrs. Winters, a hint of gentleness softening her otherwise expressionless face. Though her demeanor remained composed, a nervous flutter danced in her nerves

as she addressed Duke's mother. "As I mentioned, Bell consumed something that has accelerated her progress, bringing her closer to a level up. This advancement will make her stronger."

After hearing what Kisha said, Mrs. Winters and even Tristan simultaneously let out an audible sigh so Kisha could tell that something was up. So she continued. "Do you know what Bell ingested this time I was unconscious?"

Mrs. Winters didn't hesitate to share the truth. "I actually gave Bell the crystal cores from the zombies, six of them," she admitted.

Kisha absorbed this revelation, recalling the details she gleaned when inspecting the crystal core using the 'Eye of Truth'. Retrieving another crystal core from her inventory, she examined it once more.

[Zombie Core]

Level: 0

Attribute: None

Spirit: 10

Description: A transparent zombie core that has recently formed, containing only a small amount of energy.

Everything clicked into place. Bell had ingested six crystal cores, each providing 10 spirit points. These points transformed into experience, much like when an awakened person's experience increased upon ingesting a crystal core.

It dawned on Kisha that Bell's source of power was akin to that of an awakened person. The very issue she had been fretting over was coincidentally resolved while she was unconscious, leaving her feeling relieved beyond measure.

"Then, I must thank you. Thanks to it, Bell will take a few steps closer to her first level up, which means she'll be stronger than before." Kisha emphasized Bell's impending level up, not just to relieve Duke's mother, but to convey her gratitude for helping Bell and herself overcome this almost becomes their stumbling block if she does not find out.

Mrs. Winters also radiated happiness and contentment, no longer feeling like a burden to the group but rather a helpful contributor. When everyone heard Kisha mention that Bell would become even stronger, it was as if a machine gun was being upgraded into a tank.

They were filled with a mix of excitement and frustration. On one hand, they anticipated the added layer of protection Bell would provide. On the other hand, they grappled with feelings of uselessness, realizing that without Bell, their chances of surviving the ordeal would have been slim.

Duke was also silently assessing everything around him but one thing was for sure, he gained a deeper understanding of Kisha's abilities, he now understood that she has a way of seeing into people's power level, awakened abilities, or something along the lines. This revelation held promising implications for the safety and advantage of his group.

However, Duke also recognized the potential threat it posed to their enemies, heightening the stakes in their ongoing conflicts.

After Seeing almost everyone's status window, Kisha also decided to check her own because she doesn't do it so often, only from time to time especially when she clearly knew that she did not do anything significant that may affect her current stats.

[Do you like to check your status window?]

[YES] OR [NO]

[YES]

[Kisha Aldens]

Level 0

Strength: 25 (+ 10)

Stamina: 26 (+ 10)

Defense: 22 (+ 10)

Agility: 25 (+ 10)

Mental Capacity: 35 (+ 10)

Charm: 30 (+ 10)

Leadership: 31 (+ 10)

Title: 100th Life (additional 10 stat points in all stats)

Skills: None

Talent: Close Combat, Heightened Senses

Gift: Pheonix's Nirvana, Eye of Truth Level 1

Ability: Telekinesis (Mental)