

## Apocalypse 123

### Chapter 123 Stamina Booster

After receiving the visuals from the bees, Kisha led her team down the building and directly outside. No one questioned their sudden change of course, having already experienced Kisha's expertise in leading them through the safest routes like a human radar. Most of them understood it was largely thanks to the bees acting as their scouts.

However, the mystery of how Kisha controlled the bees remained a lingering question for many.

Despite these questions, no one asked Kisha directly, trusting her judgment as they trusted their master, Duke. Once they made their way to the streets, their journey became smoother. They no longer needed Vulture to conjure earth bridges from one building to another, which had previously consumed both time and spiritual energy.

Due to the continuous battles and the frequent use of their awakened abilities, their foundations have gradually grown stronger and firmer. If this growth continues, Kisha expects that she, Duke, and Mrs. Winters could start leveling up in a few days, progressing faster than Sparrow and Vulture.

However, before attempting to level up, Kisha wanted to experiment with the Scarlet Honey again. This would have to wait until they returned to the shelter. As they continued moving toward the outer layer, they encountered fewer zombies, facing no more than a dozen at a time.

These smaller groups were easier to handle, taking Kisha only ten seconds to deal with, and the Scarlet Bees just a second to dig out the crystal cores and return them to her.

Kisha had now collected hundreds of Level 0 crystal cores while Bell was munching on a core from time to time like a snack. Unlike Kisha and the rest of the team, Bell didn't seem to need to process the energy in its body after leveling up, which didn't affect its foundation. This allowed Bell to consume the crystal cores and level up again within just a few days.

Kisha wondered if this was due to Bell's constitution as a Mythic Grade Beast, or perhaps because the small amount of spiritual energy inside the crystal cores was insufficient to even stir its energy reserve. Another possibility was that Bell, having originated from a world where spiritual energy was abundant, could easily acclimate itself to her world.

No matter how hard Kisha thought about it, she couldn't fully understand Bell's origins or how things worked in its world. She could only speculate and ensure that consuming the crystal cores wasn't negatively affecting Bell's growth or foundation. After confirming with Bell that it was safe, Kisha allowed it to continue munching on the cores.

She also experimented to see if the Scarlet Honey would have the same effect on Bell, hoping it could benefit from the multiplier. Unfortunately, it didn't work that way for Bell. Since Bell's constitution was already exceptional from the beginning, the Scarlet Honey didn't have any additional effect beyond being a natural food for Bell and the other Scarlet Bees.

So, in essence, the crystal cores that she and the rest saved up thanks to the multiplier from the Scarlet Honey would all go to Bell instead. Kisha didn't know whether to laugh or cry upon realizing this crucial information.

"Master, actually, there are other ways to increase my growth, similar to how the Scarlet Honey affects humans and beasts," Bell interjected with Kisha's thoughts as it hovered over her head while they ran through the streets.

"What do you mean, Bell? Do we have other alternatives?" Kisha asked, her eyes lighting up with interest.

"In the Murim World where I came from, there were different pills that could help with a practitioner's growth progress, similar to the multiplier effect you mentioned," Bell explained.

"Pills?" Kisha questioned, intrigued. She had a general idea of what Bell was talking about, but she wasn't familiar with the specifics, and she didn't know where to begin.

"Yes, master. Those pills are like elixirs, but the ones I mentioned were of grade 6 and 7, which only Alchemists—or as you call them, Pill Masters—of grade 7 or above could create. However, such masters are rare because alchemy isn't an easy task. But perhaps we could try searching for them in the system?" Bell explained before suggesting.

Kisha was aware that if Bell depended solely on crystal cores for leveling up, their ability to enhance Bell's strength would be severely restricted. Unless she could secure a consistent supply of higher-level crystal cores, which could accelerate Bell's leveling process, their progress might stagnate.

As their levels increased, advancing to the next level would become progressively more challenging. This concern was particularly relevant for Bell, who lacked a multiplier like Kisha and the others. She also had a growing suspicion that Bell's leveling process would become exceptionally difficult once it reached a certain point.

So, Kisha promptly instructed 008 to search for the pills Bell mentioned in the Murim World channel. Given that they had previously purchased an immortal pill from that world, it should be easier for 008 to make another purchase. With that task delegated, Kisha shifted her focus back to the immediate challenge they faced.

Thus far, she and the others had already consumed three vials of stamina booster, akin to energy drinks. While their physical stamina felt replenished, the mental strain lingered. Despite this, they could push through the fatigue, albeit feeling it to some extent, and continue pressing forward.

Kisha had also depleted half of her SP, prompting her to switch positions with Duke. Vulture maintained his support role, as his awakened ability was primarily geared towards defense. It seemed fitting for him to remain in this role and only intervene as necessary.

While Mrs. Winters continued to practice her awakened ability with support from her husband, and the Patriarch offered moral support to everyone, their journey proceeded smoothly without any issues. They didn't encounter any death warriors along the way either. However, Kisha and Duke remained uncertain whether they had truly thrown off Colton's spies or if they were simply lying low.

Consequently, they refused to let their guard down and remained vigilant as they pressed onward. Kisha kept a watchful eye on their surroundings, ensuring that the death warriors wouldn't pull a fast one on them.

After five hours of non-stop sprinting and nearly exhausting all their vials of stamina booster, they finally reached the edge of the western district. Once they stopped at a gasoline station along the way, everyone in Kisha's team collapsed from exhaustion and mental strain after securing the perimeter.

They were breathing raggedly, their muscles drained of strength and their bodies strained beyond their limits. The stamina booster had only replenished their stamina, not alleviated their fatigue or muscle exhaustion. Kisha's concerns about relying too heavily on such supplements were becoming evident—they didn't know the potential consequences of excessive use.

Only Kisha, Duke, and Vulture were faring better than the others. Awakening their abilities had raised their body's capacity limits, allowing them to recover and endure better. Vulture had already leveled up, increasing his overall stats, while Kisha and Duke's constitutions had improved significantly due to the effects of the Scarlet Honey. However, Mrs.

Winters, despite awakening, still struggled due to her originally frail body, with her improvement being only marginal.