

Apocalypse 231

Chapter 231 The Remaining 50,000 Points

After finishing the upgrades and maximizing several facilities, Kisha sighed in resignation. She was left with few points again, but on the bright side, she considered the benefits. With more space available, she could raise more animals and expand her farming operations, and maybe she could fulfill another mission.

Despite her efforts to lift her spirits, Kisha still felt a bit down. Instead, she turned her attention to the Scarlet Honey in her possession. With everyone else away, she wouldn't have to hesitate to indulge in its euphoric effects again while she's experimenting.

"Hossttt!!! Our points vanished!!! Huhuhuh, my upgrade points," 008 lamented inside Kisha's head, causing her lips to twitch with amusement at 008's reaction.

"Don't worry, we still have missions to complete and we'll earn more points. Then I can let you upgrade again," Kisha reassured 008. She noticed that 008 had been quieter lately; perhaps it was because the realization had sunk in that its constellation seemed to have been undermining them from the beginning.

This realization might have hurt 008 deeply, as it considered the constellation as its mother.

"Host, I hope I won't have to wait too long..." 008 said, aggrieved. It was hinting at the delay Kisha had taken to give the go-ahead for the level two upgrade, despite her earlier promise to complete it sooner. Kisha understood its frustration.

008 felt increasingly useless the longer it remained at a lower level, unable to provide Kisha with more advantages to complete her missions more easily. If it could upgrade more, Kisha wouldn't have to suffer as much, and 008 could broaden its sales channels and unlock more features that would be beneficial for her.

"Alright, as soon as we get a good opportunity, we'll proceed with the upgrade right away." Kisha nodded in defeat, acknowledging that it was indeed her fault for the delay. 008 was an excellent assistant and a great help in navigating the sales channel and the radar whenever she was fighting.

Kisha considered 008 her assistant, and although she could manage without it, she always wanted to ensure that 008 was available whenever she was outside. In case of any emergencies, she could rely on 008 for assistance.

But she also knew that she was becoming a little reliant on 008. Whether she admitted it to 008 or not, it had been her longest companion, knowing her better than anyone else. Without 008, she felt like something was missing, especially since it had shared multiple life-and-death experiences with her. 008 was more than just an assistant; it was her steadfast companion through it all.

Now that she was thinking about this, she felt bad for 008. She stared at her 50,000 points again, knowing that upgrading 008 to level 3 would cost 8,000 points. Sure, 8,000 points wasn't that much since she would still have 42,000 left, but what she could get with those points was very limited, but nevertheless, it would still be a life-saving item.

Kisha let out a long exhale. "You know what? It's not like 8,000 points will get me much more than a few potions. So, go ahead and upgrade while we're still in a safe place. Hopefully, we can get more missions to replenish our points, but your upgrade is very important.

We need to unlock your smelting and synthesizing features so we can upgrade our weapons or get something useful for future use." She said this with determination.

"This will be just a moment of hardship," Kisha thought. "But looking at the big picture, those features will be very helpful." Those features would only be available at Level 5, the farthest system upgrade she and 008 had ever reached. They had managed to get there almost by coincidence during a mission and it was given as a reward.

Since then, though, she hadn't been so lucky in her successive rebirths, and they were always short on points for further upgrades.

"Really, Host?!!!" 008 squealed with excitement, like a child on their birthday. Hearing Kisha's approval, 008 didn't wait for her to change her mind and immediately requested authorization.

[System Upgrade to level 3 Authorization]

[Cost: 8,000 points]

[Accept] or [Decline]

Kisha chuckled as she clicked the 'Accept' button. It had only been half a day since 008 completed its upgrade to Level 2. Luckily, they had dealt with the Coltons and now had time to spare for this continuous upgrade.

And hopefully, the remaining 20 days of her stay in the base will be smooth sailing, allowing her to collect points and rewards without any hitches. 'Or perhaps I could explore some alternatives,' Kisha mused, contemplating how she could enhance the base's defenses and strengthen the people fast.

"Master, no worries! Zeus is strong!!!" Zeus's jolly voice echoed in Kisha's head, prompting her to laugh out loud.

"That's right, Master! Zeus and I are both here to support you! We have an army now. Let's see who can withstand my wrath," Bell declared, trying to sound intimidating, though its cute voice belied any real threat.

Thanks to them, Kisha stopped dwelling on uncertainty and focused on what she knew for sure. She resolved to take things one step at a time and deal with challenges as they arose.

She noticed everyone was engrossed in their tasks, so Kisha opened the holographic map of the Territory in City A. She checked on Keith and found him frantically running through the hallway with a bucket. Intrigued, she followed his movements until he reached their grandparents' room.

Once Keith entered, he checked on the couple lying in bed. Kisha's heart leaped into her throat as she saw both her grandparents looking feverish, their faces flushed red with veins bulging on their foreheads. Keith continued to wipe their foreheads with ice water and replaced the ice packs as needed.

Keith looked visibly worried about his grandparents, prompting Kisha to call him and start a conversation.

Keith, on the verge of tears, was jolted by surprise when his sister's face suddenly appeared in front of him, almost like a video call materializing out of thin air. Exhausted from a sleepless night of caring for his grandparents, he wondered if he might be hallucinating.

"Baby brother, what's going on with our grandparents?" Kisha asked her attempt to sound calm and collected undermined by the tremble in her voice that betrayed her nervousness.

When he realized it was really his sister's voice, he reached out to touch the video call interface, but his hands passed through it. "Sis! I miss you so much! I must be hallucinating from missing you and being so exhausted. Please, come back home!" he cried.

"Baby brother, look properly," Kisha said, fighting the urge to tease Keith and scare him a little. The situation was urgent, and she needed to get to the main point as soon as possible.

Kisha discovered this feature after delving deeper into the functions of the territory pack at the administrator level. There were still many functions she had yet to try, but she was fortunate to have the option to call anyone within her territory. This feature also allowed her to initiate a conference call, enabling everyone to join even while on duty.

One of the perks Kisha planned to offer her trusted leadership team was access to her territory pack's management system. She would grant them authority tailored to their specific roles, allowing them to manage everything more effectively and efficiently.