

Apocalypse 237

Chapter 237 Experimentation

"Woah! Does that mean those uncorrupted animals, plants, and insects can coexist with humans?" Keith added excitedly.

"In fact, yes," Kisha explained. "Just like before the apocalypse, animals, insects, and plants can still coexist with humans and even fight side by side against zombies and corrupted mutants. Humans have always coexisted with these creatures, and it's this balance that maintains the ecosystem. Now, we have a united enemy: zombies and the corrupted. They only know how to destroy and kill."

Given the common goal of survival, even mutant animals would seek shelter with humans and fight alongside them. However, just like before the apocalypse, many humans still believe they are superior and enslave these mutated creatures. This behavior creates distrust and drives a wedge between humans and mutants.

"But, I think, survivors would be averse to this and would be scared of the mutant creatures," Keith said it was not hard for him to grasp this important information just thinking of their situation now, almost everything that moves that is not human and was strong would surely scare humanity because it could easily kill them.

Kisha was well aware of this potential for exploitation. In her past lives, humans had taken advantage of mutant creatures, using them as slaves or killing machines. This abuse led to an irreparable rift, resulting in a war between humans and mutant creatures, with zombies adding to the chaos. The conflict ended in human extinction, something Kisha hadn't foreseen.

In subsequent lives, she tried to prevent this outcome, but convincing others proved to be incredibly difficult as no one wanted to listen to her warnings.

Everyone wanted to exploit what they could and take whatever they could, including someone else's freedom. If she and Keith hadn't strayed onto this topic, Kisha might have forgotten about it entirely because of all the things she had on her plate and the numerous missions she was juggling.

Kisha shook her head, exhaling the thoughts that consumed her and returned to their original topic. "So, yeah, baby brother. I know you're old enough to make your own decisions and have your own opinions, and you are free to do so. But I hope you'll listen to me on this. One wrong move and we could be facing a big problem. I mean your safety."

"I promise, sis," Keith nodded obediently. They talked a bit more, with Kisha advising Keith a few more times about what he needed to focus on and what he needed to do. Surprisingly, even though Kisha was inside the territory space and Keith was outside, there was no problem with the communication or the time difference.

Maybe the territory automatically compensates for the difference so the users wouldn't notice any discrepancy in the flow of time between inside and outside.

It worked wonders, but Kisha didn't dwell on it too much since it didn't affect her directly. After bidding farewell to her little brother, she relaxed and consumed her second spoonful of Scarlet Honey, especially enjoying the peace without Duke around.

Just like the previous time, she felt an incredible euphoria that sent a tingling sensation throughout her body. The sensation lasted as long as before, and the intensity didn't diminish. Once the euphoria passed, she felt refreshed and sensed changes in her stats. Curious, she checked to see what had changed, noting whether the increased stats were the same as before or different.

This was part of her ongoing experimentation.

[Kisha Aldens]

Level 0 (Exp: 0/100 X 1.0)

Strength: 33 (+ 10)(+3)

Stamina: 31 (+ 10)

Defense: 30 (+ 10)(+3)

Agility: 32 (+ 10)

Mental Capacity: 48 (+ 20)

Charm: 34 (+ 10)(+3)

Leadership: 46 (+ 20)

Title: 100th Life (additional 10 stat points in all stats), City Lord (See Description...)

Skills: Telekinetic Level 0 (5 SP for 20 seconds of continuous use and 1 SP per second)

Talent: Close Combat, Heightened Senses

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

Ability: Telekinesis (Mental)

This time, she noticed that two additional stats had improved by three points each, totaling six. This was a significant boost, but the experience multiplier remained at 0.5 per spoonful. She wondered whether increasing her intake would affect the multiplier or if consuming it more frequently throughout the day would speed up the increase.

If she only took a spoonful a day, it would take her 20 days just to achieve an experience multiplier of 10, which felt like a waste of time. Although she could simply use 10 level-zero crystal cores, she felt the multiplier offered better results. Besides, she had leveled up multiple times in her previous lives using the regular method.

She believed that finding a different way to continuously grow and consolidate her foundation while taking a spoonful daily was the best path to becoming stronger. She felt confident that the Scarlet Honey would work miracles in this regard.

But 20 days of waiting still felt too long. She took a deep breath, scooped another spoonful of Scarlet Honey from the bottle, and consumed it, eager to see if it would indeed lead to the energy fluctuations she anticipated.

The moment she put the second spoonful of Scarlet Honey into her mouth, it glided smoothly at first. Instead of the euphoria that had previously given her an almost sensual sensation and relief, she felt a burning fire starting in her throat. It traveled down to her stomach, spiraled there for a while, and then spread throughout her body.

It was so intensely hot that it felt like molten iron was coursing through her veins, causing searing pain until it settled in her brain. Her head throbbed with such agony that she could feel the blood vessels in her forehead bulging and throbbing madly. Even without looking, she could imagine the veins popping out of her forehead up to her scalp. The pain was excruciating.

She bit her lower lip to keep from shouting, knowing that any sound might alarm the people nearby. If they were alerted, Duke would somehow sense it too, and come running from the other side of the mountain.

Kisha tried to regulate her breathing and shift her focus away from the intense pain coursing through her body. This was close to torture, lasting as long as the euphoria she'd felt before, but now, it was anything but pleasurable.

She gritted her teeth so hard that she could hear them grinding against each other, she even feared her own molars might break under the pressure. When the awful sensation finally disappeared, she felt completely drained. She lay limply on the boulder, cold sweat the size of bullets trickling down her forehead, her body drenched from the ordeal.

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'Everything in excess is harmful,' Kisha murmured, feeling on the brink of passing out. Despite the intense discomfort, she pushed herself to set an hour timer before attempting another dose. The pain was familiar to her from past lives, but that didn't make it any less uncomfortable. She was determined to push her limits and understand the full extent of what she could endure.

