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Chapter 274 How His Awakened Ability Works

"So, I think every time you use your awakened ability to enhance the growth of the crops, your Gift, 'green thumb,' automatically plays its part. If I remember correctly, your awakened abilities are Water, Earth, and Wood, right? Are you using your Wood ability to increase the crops' growth?" Kisha asked.

She recalled that those with Wood abilities could indeed conjure trees or plants from the ground up, but these are usually used for defense or offense, like Mrs. Winter's vines. Typically, they aren't things that could be eaten, and even if they try to increase the growth of a crop, it doesn't work and often ruins the crop.

She surmised that the imbalance between their awakened abilities and the crops was causing the crops to fail. Forcefully injecting their energy into normal crops overwhelmed the plants, resulting in failure. However, if Marcus was using his awakened abilities in tandem with his Gift, then it was likely his Gift that made his attempts at increasing the growth of the crops successful.

"To answer your question, Young Madam, I don't think I'm only using the element of wood when I try to increase the growth of the crops. I usually feel a harmony of elements inside me whenever I'm planting and farming. The soil feels like it's happily communicating with me, the moisture in the soil greets me warmly, and the seeds feel like sleeping children.

As they grow, it's as if they're speaking to me. I don't know how else to explain it except for the harmony I feel each time. I can't even tell which specific ability I'm using because I just follow my instincts."

"Perhaps I can explain it this way: I use the water flowing around the farm to water the crops and manipulate it at will to make my work easier. I can control the soil to create burrows for planting seeds without getting my hands dirty, and I use my wood ability to uproot grass that invades the crops' space." Marcus paused, deep in thought, trying to convey his experiences to Kisha.

"And when those abilities merge, creating a harmony inside me, it's as if the crops sing and grow," Marcus added, a look of enlightenment on his face, finally expressing what he truly wanted to convey.

"So, you're saying that all three of your abilities merge into one and create a perfect balance to help increase the growth of the crops, and it works perfectly with your Gift? Or do you mean that your Gift acts as a bridge to create this balance in your awakened abilities, enabling them to enhance the crops' growth?" Kisha asked, trying not to confuse herself.

Although she understood the essence of his Gift, the mechanics were a bit complicated—or perhaps she was overcomplicating things out of curiosity.

"Young Madam," Marcus began, scratching his cheek as he blushed. "Um, actually, I don't know the difference. It feels the same to me, and it's really hard to explain. It feels so natural that before my brain can understand, my body has already responded."

"It's probably because your Talent is 'Farming,' and if that's the case, then your Gift and Talent are likely working together to create the perfect harmony for this to work. Your Gift, 'Green Thumb,' is guided by your Talent. Either way, I can see that your Talent and Gift perfectly match the work on the farm, and I'm happy to see you becoming stronger." Kisha patted his shoulder.

Marcus, still looking a bit confused, chuckled foolishly when she complimented him.

"Keep consolidating your awakened ability, and as you level up, your powers will grow stronger and your body's capacity will increase," Kisha advised, nodding in satisfaction at her decision. Marcus's awakening

would help her complete her A-Class Mission, 'Planting and Harvesting.' "By the way, what about your grandchildren? Have they awakened as well?"

Kisha suspected that individuals with a talent and gift prior to awakening were almost guaranteed to awaken, while those without these traits might acquire them post-awakening, depending on their potential. However, those with pre-existing talents and gifts generally had greater potential.

Regardless, with her 'Eye of Truth,' she could identify these individuals and recruit them for roles that suited their abilities, ensuring mutual benefit for both them and her operations.

"No, Young Madam, they're currently helping me with the livestock and checking on the aquatic animals to see if they're growing well and if we can harvest them soon. My youngest granddaughter assists with the farm because the lake is too far away, and managing the livestock alone was too much for her," Marcus explained, straightening his posture as if he were reporting in the garrison.

"Wow, you have some truly responsible grandchildren!" Kisha praised. "Keep up the good work. For now, be sure to monitor them closely for any signs of awakening. It could be dangerous if they awaken and aren't properly taken care of."

Marcus stiffened at the reminder, particularly concerned about Gant, who had gone up the mountain to the lake. He was the farthest away and would be the hardest to reach if he did awaken.

Noticing Marcus's growing anxiety, Kisha quickly understood his concern. She decided not to prolong the conversation and instead activated the territory interface of her space. Instantly, a hologram of the entire island appeared before her. Marcus gasped in amazement, prompting Kisha to turn her attention toward him. She saw him staring in awe at the holographic display floating midair.

"Can you see what's in front of me?" Kisha asked, astonished. Until now, no one had ever been able to view this display, no matter where she opened it.

Marcus couldn't find his voice, his eyes wide and his mouth agape as he stared in awe. He managed to nod, completely mesmerized by the futuristic display. The hologram projected a detailed miniature version of the entire island, and he noticed two green lights on the flat ground where the farm was. He surmised that these represented himself and Kisha.

Seeing Marcus intently studying the hologram, Kisha realized he could indeed view it. It seemed it was because he now had the authorization clearance to access her space, which might also grant him access to some of its features. She thought she should sit down and review the features available to him.

If he wasn't familiar with them, she could teach him so he could effectively utilize these tools to assist with his work.

When Kisha glanced back at the hologram, she noticed that, aside from the green dots representing herself and Marcus, there were three other indicators in blue. These were around the lake, the pig pen, and one that appeared to be moving about the flower field—likely Daisy.

It seemed that because the HOPE Base was outside her designated territory, its inhabitants weren't considered part of her people. Since they weren't hostile, their status was shown in blue. It appeared that blue represented neutral entities, while red was reserved for enemies.

Marcus was marked with a green dot because he now had authorization to access her space, signifying that he was considered one of her people. Using the holographic map of the island, Kisha methodically checked each blue dot to ensure the children were safe within the territory. Marcus watched intently as she operated the map, clearly fascinated.

The hologram displayed real-time images of his grandchildren, moving about the territory with an adventurous energy. Seeing them all safe and well, Kisha could tell that Marcus was both relieved and awed by the technology.