

Apocalypse 334

Chapter 334 Barricade

Vulture and his team, following Kisha's precise instructions, constructed a second barricade 2000 meters ahead of the original wall, which was built from abandoned vehicles on the road. This secondary line of defense provided an extra buffer against incoming zombie hordes.

Whenever a horde approached, the strategy was clear: unawakened warriors, those without special abilities, would take positions at the rear to secure the fallback line, while the awakened ability users moved to the front.

Together, the two groups formed a coordinated defense, with the awakened warriors in the vanguard using their powers to launch devastating attacks on the zombies, while the unawakened warriors covered any breaches, ensuring no undead made it through. The teamwork between both groups allowed them to efficiently neutralize the threat, combining raw strength with tactical precision.

Since most of the awakened ability users in Vulture's team had defensive powers, he had them focus on constructing earth walls. Typically, two ability users would work together to raise a human-height wall before others summoned earth spikes for added defense.

However, because they were all relatively new to their abilities, the process of conjuring the walls and spikes was slow and the structures somewhat fragile.

To compensate for their inexperience, the team worked closely with non-ability users for support. The non-ability warriors would protect the awakened users as they built their defenses. Once the barriers were in place, they would reverse roles—the awakened users would shift to providing defensive cover while the non-ability fighters took on the zombies directly.

This back-and-forth strategy allowed the team to function efficiently, despite their limitations.

This approach ensured that everyone on the team had the opportunity to face the zombies and kill them with their own hands. By doing so, no one would develop the habit of relying on others for protection or making excuses for staying in the background simply because they lacked abilities.

It fostered a sense of shared responsibility, ensuring that both ability users and non-ability warriors gained valuable experience and built their courage equally.

This strategy significantly boosted the defensive team's morale, leading to improved teamwork and smoother coordination. As they continued to employ this tactic, their confidence grew. Since Level 0 zombies were relatively slow—depending on how intact their bodies were—the team could handle them efficiently.

As a result, Kisha and Vulture didn't even need to intervene, allowing the warriors outside the wall to manage the situation on their own by teaming up in pairs or groups.

After one warrior successfully killed a zombie that had been thrown and decapitated by Kisha's recent attack, they felt a surge of courage. This newfound confidence fueled them to take down more immobile zombies. When they later faced an incoming zombie as a pair, the fear that once gripped them before heading out was greatly diminished, allowing them to fight with more resolve and composure.

While some warriors focused on pushing abandoned vehicles into position to form a barricade, others stood at the vanguard, fending off approaching zombies to ensure they wouldn't interfere with the construction. This coordinated effort allowed the team to work efficiently, maintaining both defense and progress on the barricade.

They had initially considered using the crane or forklift from the base, but Kisha and Vulture quickly vetoed the idea. Fuel had become a precious resource, reserved for the essential generators powering the camp.

Besides, pushing the abandoned vehicles manually served a dual purpose—it not only conserved gas but also provided excellent lower body training, strengthening the warriors' core and balance in the process.

Even though the warriors were tempted to argue their case, they couldn't deny the logic in Kisha's reasoning. She was right—manual labor would only enhance their strength and overall physical conditioning. So, despite their growing exhaustion, they pressed on with the task. Noticing their fatigue, Kisha leaped down from the wall and made her way toward the vanguard, moving with deliberate calm.

The soldiers stationed atop the wall, vigilantly keeping an eye on the warriors working outside, remained on high alert, ready to provide assistance if necessary. They were taken aback by Kisha's sudden movement. Seeing her heading toward the vanguard, they tried to stop her, concerned that she might be overexerting herself.

After all, she had just performed an exhausting display of her godlike awakened ability, and they assumed she would be too drained to continue.

Kisha, however, chose to ignore their frantic shouts and continued walking forward despite the desperate calls from atop the wall urging her to return. When their attempts to halt her proved futile, the gatekeeper dispatched four soldiers to serve as her bodyguards, ready to protect her if necessary.

This decision overlooked the fact that Kisha could effortlessly handle hundreds of zombies without breaking a sweat.

As Kisha approached the weary warriors, her passive skill activated automatically. By simply drawing near, her presence began to rejuvenate their stamina and spiritual energy, causing their exhaustion to gradually ease.

[Passive Skill: Healing Dome in effect, Spiritual Energy and stamina recovering]

The warriors began to feel a noticeable improvement, sensing that they only needed a brief rest before resuming their tasks. They couldn't quite determine whether their renewed energy was due to Kisha's presence or if it was simply the result of an adrenaline surge, making them feel invincible and braver.

Regardless of the source, they were ready to return to their work, rejuvenated and motivated, as if they had just had a full night's rest.

When Kisha saw that the warriors around her had regained their stamina and spiritual energy, she then moved to the next location. Unwittingly, she had become a portable human charger, revitalizing her comrades with her mere presence. From an outsider's perspective, however, Kisha's role seemed straightforward: she was merely supervising their work and ensuring their safety.

Her true influence remained hidden, masked by the facade of her diligent oversight.

Kisha didn't bother correcting their misunderstanding about her actions. Instead, she continued her patrol, occasionally stopping to survey the area. The four soldiers, who were accompanying her, followed quietly behind, maintaining their watchful presence.

As the hours passed, the warriors were so absorbed in their task that they hardly noticed the time. By lunchtime, they had been working for six hours, making significant progress by constructing a barricade extending 50 meters around the base. Just then, Aston emerged from the gate with a few soldiers, driving a military truck loaded with lunch to deliver to the hard-working team outside.

Vulture divided the team into two groups: the first group, a mix of superhumans and regular warriors, was given the chance to eat lunch first, while the remaining warriors continued their guard duties, staying alert for any approaching zombies.

Many of the soldiers found this arrangement disheartening; the pervasive stench of rotting flesh and decay was so strong that they felt as if it had permeated their very bodies, making their stomachs churn and their appetites disappear.

Given the grim conditions, expecting the soldiers to eat outside was nearly impossible. The overpowering stench of decay made it difficult for anyone to enjoy the meal, even if they were hungry.

The delicious aromas of the hot lunch—chicken soup, stir-fried beef with broccoli in oyster sauce, two to three servings of hot white rice, sweet and sour chicken, and cold bottled tea—were almost entirely lost on them.