

Apocalypse 379

Chapter 379 Double Green Thumb 2

"Which means that, with or without your direct involvement in farming, the entire territory will still receive the boost," 008 continued, its voice filled with excitement.

"Soon enough, you might even harvest spiritual crops. And with Marcus' own 'Green Thumb' Gift in play, you could end up with cabbages as big as watermelons!"

Kisha's mouth formed a big 'O' as she absorbed 008's explanation.

She had assumed she'd need to be hands-on with farming for the boosts to take effect, and it had been weighing on her how to balance managing the base and dedicating time to farming like Marcus.

But with this incredible news, she realized the effects would flow through her territory effortlessly, without her lifting a finger.

The best part was the realization that this applied to all her achievement titles, not just the 'Green Thumb Achievement.'

It extended to the 'Better Be Prepared Achievement,' 'Survival Of One, Survival Of Many Achievement,' and any future achievements she earned.

All those boosts and effects would stack, making her exponentially more powerful without any extra effort on her part.

She couldn't have asked for a better reward.

Despite the frustration of her other missions and the sudden challenges that arose, this level of reward left her feeling pacified and deeply satisfied. It was more than she could have hoped for.

Kisha couldn't stop the corners of her mouth from twitching as she fought to suppress a wide grin.

She was as happy as could be, her eyes betraying her excitement just as much as her lips. Even Duke noticed the shift in her expression but had no idea what was running through her mind.

Duke strolled over to the nearest plot of land, where a cabbage caught his eye.

It didn't appear fully mature, yet he couldn't be certain; it looked as large as a basketball, and its surrounding leaves were nearly the size of lotus leaves.

Although he wasn't particularly knowledgeable about vegetables or their appearance before hitting the market, the cabbage before him was far larger than he remembered any cabbage being.

'Maybe I was mistaken? Perhaps it is already mature?' Doubt crept in as he crouched down to examine the enormous cabbage. Just then, Marcus appeared, swinging a sickle as he approached.

"Good afternoon, Young Madam and Young Master! You're awake! Are you here for the inspection?" Marcus greeted warmly, his eyes crinkling with delight.

"Take a look at this cabbage! Not just this one—almost all the vegetables have grown larger than the first batch I harvested. They're not only bigger and juicier, but they also taste better than ever. The best part? The crops are growing faster too! This cabbage will be fully mature in just 3 to 4 hours outside time!"

Not only did Duke hear Marcus's words, but so did Kisha, and it reinforced what 008 had just explained to her.

Marcus likely believed that these changes were due to his 'Green Thumb' gift, which seemed to have become even more effective after repeated use.

Unlike skills, talents, and gifts don't level up, with the exception of her 'Eye of Truth,' which is a growth-type gift.

Therefore, while Marcus's gift wouldn't actually improve or change, its effects combined with Kisha's achievements felt like a double 'Green Thumb' boost.

This synergy was responsible for the impressive growth of the crops, making their current state all the more remarkable.

However, Kisha's sensitivity to Spiritual Energy detected a strong fluctuation emanating from the center of the farm and several scattered areas nearby.

She quickly moved toward the nearest source and discovered a small tomato plant shimmering with a mesmerizing sparkle, as if glitter was dancing around it.

The reddish tomatoes appeared to be on the verge of ripening, radiating a warm golden glow that signified their exceptional quality.

"Host! That's a Spiritual crop!" 008 exclaimed.

"Consuming a Spiritual crop can potentially increase your Spiritual Energy pool purity. Typically, only cultivators in the Murim world possess such pools, where they store the energy of heaven and earth, which they refer to as their cultivation."

"However, you have a similar energy system; instead of a dantian, you have an energy core where you store this energy. I believe it functions in much the same way, and these Spiritual crops could have similar effects." With Bell absent, 008 took it upon itself to relay this crucial information.

Kisha's eyes widened in surprise. Just the other night, she had used the 'Jade Earring' to artificially boost her Spiritual Energy.

Typically, her Spiritual Energy would only increase with leveling up, as the crystal core contained spiritual energy that would aid her in expanding her energy core and the capacity for storing more Spiritual Energy.

This revelation about the Spiritual crops was both unexpected and exciting.

"Well, host, since spiritual crops are infused with Spiritual Energy, they can function similarly to crystal cores and assist in expanding your energy core. However, unlike crystal cores, spiritual crops contain pure energy that doesn't require processing within your body."

"This is because crystal cores often contain impurities mixed in due to the virus, making spiritual crops a cleaner and more direct source of energy."

"And as a result, consuming spiritual crops won't trigger a level-up. Instead, they will purify and condense the energy within your core, enhancing the strength of your abilities by providing you with purer energy."

"So, in a way, you can compare it to Scarlet Honey. While Scarlet Honey enhances one's constitution, Spiritual Crops enhance the purity of your energy. Essentially, this means they can help expand your energy pool; the purer your energy, the more powerful your attacks become, and the less energy you need to expend when using your skills," 008 explained thoroughly.

"So, while you use Crystal Cores to stimulate your Energy Core for a level-up and trigger the virus within your body, these Spiritual Crops will not only purify your energy but also expand your energy pool the longer you consume them."

"Combined with the Crystal Cores, you'll effectively have double the size of your energy pool compared to others," 008 added, emphasizing the benefits.

The more Kisha listened, the wider her eyes grew as she marveled at the impressive crops flourishing on her own farm. 'Isn't this like a miracle crop then?' she wondered, a sense of awe washing over her.

"Marcus! Marcus!" Kisha called out excitedly, her voice brimming with enthusiasm. Startled, Marcus and Duke rushed to her side, their faces a mix of curiosity and concern.

"W-What happened, Young Madam?!" Marcus exclaimed, hurrying to her side, his eyes wide with worry.

"This... this..." Kisha exclaimed, her voice bubbling with excitement as she pointed at the small tomato tree in front of her. "Do you see the difference compared to the other crops?" Her doe-like eyes turned to Marcus, sparkling with anticipation.

Marcus and Duke exchanged curious glances, tilting their heads slightly as they examined the vibrant plant before them, contemplating the contrast with the other crops in the field.

"It seems to be... glowing?" Marcus replied, his tone laced with uncertainty.

"Yes! This is a Spiritual Crop!" Kisha exclaimed, her excitement palpable.

"Spiritual what?" Marcus asked, confusion flickering across his face as he struggled to grasp the concept.

Kisha's excitement bubbled over. "This is good stuff, really good stuff!" she exclaimed, her eyes gleaming as she focused on the tomato.

"When this one matures and ripens, please place it in a separate basket and deliver it to me directly—don't put it in the territory's storage. And keep an eye out for any other crops like this; make sure to separate all the Spiritual crops and bring them home."