

## **Apocalypse 510**

### Chapter 510 Extreme Heat 2

After waiting for the cucumbers to be sliced and added to the cold noodles along with other fresh ingredients, the meal was finally ready.

Their drinks were cold melon milk—a refreshingly sweet and creamy treat, perfect for battling the scorching heat.

To add to their comfort, Rose used her unmelting ice crystal ability to conjure ice crystal spikes around the room.

The effect was immediate, creating a cool, soothing atmosphere that felt almost like being in an air-conditioned space.

As the icy breeze circulated, everyone began to relax, the oppressive heat fading into the background.

"The effects of climate change are really starting to bare their fangs," Duke muttered, his thoughts drifting to Kisha's explanation about how the ancient virus escaped the ice.

It all traced back to the relentless impact of climate change—a consequence of humanity's actions.

In a way, humans were like a virus to the Earth, he thought grimly.

They thrived within their host, yet their existence brought harm, inflicting damage that could ultimately destroy the very environment sustaining them.

And like any virus, the host's survival often required eradicating the invader—or both would perish together.

"Vice City Lord, the food is ready," Evelyn's voice gently pulled Duke's attention back to the present.

He approached the group, where a bowl of cold noodles and a jug of chilled melon milk awaited him.

The milk had large, translucent ice crystals floating inside, carefully prepared to be easily seen, ensuring Duke wouldn't accidentally bite or swallow one.

After everyone had their meals, they began eating, finally able to enjoy their food and drinks.

Rose's ice crystal spikes had transformed the oppressive heat into a tolerable coolness, reviving their appetites.

No longer feeling like parched fish left under the blazing sun, they ate in relative comfort.

Once the meal was finished, they rested for a while, savoring the refreshing atmosphere and reluctant to step back into the searing heat.

However, their journey couldn't be delayed forever. Eventually, they forced themselves to leave the cool haven and continued onward.

By late afternoon, the temperature outside remained relentless, the sun's oppressive rays making it feel as though layers of skin were peeling away under the heat.

Though they were fortunate to be superhumans with enhanced defenses, they couldn't help but think about how unbearable it must have been for ordinary humans without such defenses.

Back at the base, the extreme heat had taken a serious toll on the normal humans.

Many people were succumbing to heatstroke or severe dehydration and were being rushed to the medical facility, which was quickly overwhelmed.

Kisha was among those assisting with the growing crisis.

Even support-type awakened ability users, whose physical stats were not much better than those of regular humans, were affected and had to seek treatment themselves.

Ice-type awakened ability users were working tirelessly, conjuring ice to provide temporary relief for the patients.

However, their efforts felt futile; the ice melted almost immediately in the relentless heat.

Without Rose's ability to create long-lasting ice crystals, their attempts to cool down the facility seemed like a losing battle.

The head doctor, Eric, overwhelmed and running out of options, resorted to using his medical space to stabilize one patient at a time.

Yet this solution was temporary at best.

Once the patients were released from the cool environment of the medical space, the extreme heat would likely undo their recovery and potentially worsen their condition.

It was a dire situation with no clear solution in sight.

Fortunately, both he and Kisha remained calm as they worked to find a solution.

However, the situation was rapidly deteriorating.

The ice-type awakened ability users, having pushed themselves to their limits, began collapsing from sheer exhaustion.

Despite their best efforts, it felt like they had drained their spiritual energy without making a significant impact.

As the hours dragged on, the oppressive heat continued to take its toll.

More and more people succumbed to illness, the medical facility struggling to keep up as the number of heat-related cases soared.

The atmosphere grew heavier with desperation as they fought against time and the unrelenting conditions.

Kisha suddenly dashed out of the medical facility, leaving Eric momentarily stunned and unable to call after her.

With no choice but to stay behind, Eric focused on managing the chaos inside.

Outside, Kisha didn't slow her pace, her expression cold and resolute.

Even with her enhanced defenses, the scorching heat of the sun pricked at her skin like needles.

If it was this unbearable for her, how much worse must it be for the ordinary humans with no protection?

The sight of some civilians and support types beginning to convulse from the heat only fueled her urgency, propelling her forward despite the extreme heat of the sun.

Kisha immediately sent Vulture and Bald Eagle to patrol the area, directing them to assist anyone who needed help reaching the medical facility.

Fortunately, both stayed behind and were able to support the effort.

The medical facility quickly became overcrowded, spilling into the hallways, and the air grew thick and stifling.

The heat became suffocating, and it felt as though the oxygen had been sucked out of the space.

People began gasping for breath, as if they were suffocating in smoke or being slowly dried out by the relentless heat.

The pungent smell of sweat filled the air.

Then, out of nowhere, a cool breeze swept through the facility, causing a collective shudder of relief.

The sudden chill brought a brief but much-needed moment of comfort to everyone inside.

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A resonant thud echoed around the medical facility, followed by the sharp crack of ground splitting beneath a heavy impact.

The sound startled everyone, but their exhaustion left them powerless to investigate.

Gradually, a remarkable chill began to permeate the building, as though a massive air conditioning system had been activated.

The cooling effect revived their energy, allowing them to recover from the heatstroke and dehydration that had been ravaging them.

With the help of the medical staff providing hydration and stabilizing their conditions, the patients finally regained some strength.

Only after the immediate crisis subsided did the curious and concerned staff and patients venture to check what had caused the startling noise and sudden, welcome change in temperature outside.

When everyone stepped outside the medical facility, they were greeted by a surreal sight.

A mist-like cold air, resembling the vapor from dry ice, hovered just above the ground. Around the medical facility, towering ice spikes had been driven into the earth, almost as though they had been forcefully thrust there.

The ice didn't just surround the facility—it stretched outward, forming a protective barrier.

People, desperate to escape the brutal heat, began gathering near the facility, shielding themselves with umbrellas, tents, and even pieces of board to cover their heads.

They moved closer to the ice spikes, hoping to find relief from the scorching sun.

What was most surprising was that these ice spikes didn't melt under the intense heat.

Unlike ordinary ice, they remained solid and unyielding.

Curious, the ice-type awakened ability users started to approach and inspect the unusual formations, intrigued by their ability to endure in such extreme conditions.

"Ah!!! This is Captain Rose's Ice Crystal Spikes!" one of the ice-type awakened ability users exclaimed, his voice tinged with awe as he touched the towering ice crystal spike, nearly two meters tall.