

Apocalypse 776

Chapter 776 - Learning Alchemy

Kisha felt as if an invisible hand had gripped her heart tightly. No matter how many system points she currently had, she just couldn't bring herself to spend that much on these items.

After all, 008 had already warned her that the equipment might still get damaged during the alchemy process, which meant she'd have to keep replacing them if something went wrong. Just thinking about it made her heart ache.

Instead of torturing herself further by browsing high-tech equipment, she changed tactics and typed 'Spiritual Flame' into the search bar. Instantly, a flood of different flames appeared—many just as expensive as the equipment she'd seen earlier.

She couldn't help but narrow her eyes. Was 008 doing this on purpose, or was it just an unfortunate coincidence?

But the most expensive ones were three to ten times pricier than the alchemy equipment she'd seen earlier, with grades ranging from Unique to Legendary, Mythic, and even Divine.

Thinking there might be better options, she decided to check the Achievement Shop, knowing it usually offered rarer items—true artifacts, some even tied to divine beings.

With that in mind, she opened the Achievement Shop, tapped on the search bar, and typed in 'Spiritual Flame.'

Sure enough, a wide array of flames appeared, and not a single one was below Unique grade. As for the prices... they were something she didn't even want to look at. The cost of a Divine flame? A staggering 2 million achievement points. She barely had 35,000.

Even the cheapest one—a Unique-grade spiritual flame—was priced at 100,000 points. She was still 65,000 short, making it completely out of reach for now.

But what truly made these flames stand out was their quality. Compared to the ones offered in the system shop, these were easily a hundred times more powerful and refined.

With no other option, she had to settle for the next best thing. She scrolled through the options in the system mall until one finally caught her eye—Silver Flame, a Unique-grade item priced at a staggering 30 million system points.

[Do you want to purchase the 'Silver Flame' for 30,000,000 system points?][Yes] or [No]

With trembling hands and a heart that felt like it was bleeding, Kisha clicked [Yes].

Spending that much on a single item nearly made her stomach twist, but it was a necessary sacrifice. Afterward, she also purchased the specialized alchemy tools 008 had recommended earlier, which added another 700,000 system points to her tab. Then, she bought 100,000 system points' worth of various materials and ingredients she would need to create the Stamina Booster.

Knowing she would likely fail multiple times during the process, she stocked up on as many resources as she could afford—determined to practice, refine, and perfect it.

After purchasing everything she needed, Kisha took out a marble table from her inventory and carefully arranged the alchemy instruments and ingredients she had just acquired.

Once everything was laid out neatly, she took a seat on a nearby boulder and opened the Silver Flame that was placed inside a glass jar with intricate inscriptions, as if it was sealed there, this is what she had spent so much to obtain.

[Do you wish to use the Silver Flame?][Yes] or [No]

Without hesitation, she clicked [Yes]. She needed to see for herself what made this flame worth 30 million system points.

In an instant, the silver flame appeared before her, flickering calmly in midair—until it suddenly expanded.

Caught off guard, Kisha flinched, but before she could move, the flame surged toward her, engulfing her entirely in its shimmering silver light.

At that exact moment, Duke happened to open his eyes to check on her. The sight made his heart drop—he immediately sprang to his feet and bolted toward her.

"Don't come!" Kisha shouted, even though the silver flame had completely enveloped her. She couldn't see beyond the blinding light, but she could still access the system map. Fear surged in her chest—the last thing she wanted was for anyone to jump into the flame after her.

If that happened, she wouldn't know how to save them. So, she kept a close eye on the people around her, hoping they would stay put. Luckily, her instincts kicked in just in time, because Duke was already about to rush toward her.

Despite his enhanced defenses, he wouldn't escape unscathed.

"But—" Duke began to protest, but Kisha shouted again, more urgently this time.

"Don't come!" she screamed, her voice filled with pain as the silver flame seared her body. She could feel the excruciating sensation as it crawled up her skin, creeping into her veins, melting her from the inside out. Her bones felt like they were burning away, and she could see her body darkening, as if she were turning to ash.

"Host! You must tame this fire! Prove to it that you are worthy, or else it will burn you to ashes!" 008's frantic voice echoed in her mind.

"Why are you only telling me this now?!" Kisha spat through gritted teeth, her entire body feeling like it was being burned from the inside out. The agony was so intense that a painful scream escaped her lips.

The sound only fueled Duke's frustration, making him even more agitated. He wanted to help, to rush to her side, but Kisha wouldn't let him get any closer.

Confused and desperate, Duke struggled with the desire to disregard her commands and rush in to save her. But just as he began to act, Kisha encapsulated herself inside the Rainbow Cube. No matter what Duke tried, he wouldn't be able to break through the barrier—it was clear now that this was exactly what Kisha intended.

He realized with a mix of concern and understanding that she might be awakening a new ability, perhaps something related to fire, similar to his own.

But the truth was, Kisha had no choice but to encase herself in the Rainbow Cube. The 'Silver Flame' was so overwhelmingly powerful that it threatened not only to scorch the flower garden but also a significant portion of her territory. More importantly, it could harm the people around her—Duke included.

Tame the flame? Kisha didn't even know where to begin—this was her first encounter with a Spiritual Flame, and she had no idea how it worked. Her lack of knowledge was now putting her life in even greater danger.

Sensing her distress, both Zeus and Bell became alarmed and immediately rushed toward her. Zeus leapt forward, ramming into the Rainbow Cube with all his might, while Bell began slashing at it furiously. But the Cube's absolute defense held firm—neither of Kisha's battle pets could leave even a scratch on its surface.

Zeus barked wildly, his howls echoing through the territory and alerting everyone nearby. One by one, people began running toward the source of the noise, panic and confusion in their eyes.

Duke, already tense, became even more alarmed when he saw Bell and Zeus so frantic. If even they sensed that Kisha's life was in danger, then there was no time to hesitate. Gritting his teeth, he drew his spear and sprinted toward the Rainbow Cube, ready to smash it to pieces—

But before he could get any closer...