

## The Crafts 100

### Chapter 100: Peak Premium Model Rating

With the freelancer asking for the vestige duel to continue without a break, the overseer looked towards Lucas for his opinion. After all, both were the two sides of the duel and their input was needed before any decision was taken.

"Sure." Lucas expressed his thoughts.

"Okay. For the next test, it would be the stellar energy purity test."

The robo-testers took the vestiges from the durability testing equipment for the environmental phase, and stood before the crowd. On one hand was the vestige and on the other metallic mechanical arm was a small piece of equipment. It was a stellar energy meter, which was used for measuring stellar energy and determining its purity.

It was a pretty common piece of equipment not just for vestige-smiths, but also freelancers and a couple other professions.

The stellar energy meter used for the vestige duel was one specifically for vestiges.

For the stellar energy purity test, the vestiges would be tested by the meter which would then take the readings. Compared to all the other tests, this was one of the simplest and least complicated, as just about anyone could carry it out.

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The meters began to make beeping sounds once their probes were placed on the vestiges. After a short while, the beeping stopped and some values appeared on the meters. However, the crowd couldn't see this just yet.

"Announce the results." The overseer said to the robo-testers.

"Hozier-class Halberd. Alpha reading, Grade 2. Final class reading, Median Orange."

Unlike the physical test that utilised a uniform system in their calculated values, the stellar energy purity test used a different value system.

The Greek alphabet was used to identify which stage of stellar refinement the quantity of stellar energy within the vestige was qualified as. The grading was for the grade of the vestige. As for the class reading, it was the purity of the vestige's stellar energy and was identified via a six-colour scale, from the least pure to the purest: Red, Orange, Yellow, Ice-Blue, Grey, and White.

Each colour was further separated into three sub-groups: light, median and deep.

An Alpha reading implied that the tested vestige was at the Apertures Opening stage. As for the stellar energy purity, it ranked orange which was pretty high. In Baylands city-state, the highest reading ever recorded was median Ice-Blue, and this was for a Grade 1 vestige. Going higher, it became more difficult to achieve better purity levels, even for a Tier 1 Grandmaster.

Orange was pretty much the standard for premium models irrespective of the grade of the vestige, although the entry point was light orange. Very few premium models could achieve deep orange.

The freelancer smirked at the result. A median orange class was pretty good as the average Hozier-class Halberd was at the light orange class. It was probably due to the fact his vestige was a customised model that it had managed to be better than the standard models.

'Let me see you beat this.' The freelancer waited to Lucas' robo-tester to announce its result.

"Unknown dagger. Alpha reading, Grade 2. Final class reading, Deep Orange."

Another win.

"Impossible!" The freelancer yelled.

Despite interrupting the contest, no one actually stopped him. In fact, the crowd was stunned speechless that they couldn't even help but doubt their ears.

"What did you say? Repeat it." The overseer glanced at the robo-tester.

"Unknown dagger. Alpha reading, Grade 2. Final class reading, Deep Orange." The robo-tester repeated the exact words with the same tone.

The overseer inhaled a large amount of air at the response. Still doubting, he asked the robo-tester to conduct the test again, but this time it swapped the stellar energy meters with the other robo-tester. As for the other robo-tester, it re-conducted the test on the Hozier-class Halberd as well.

Once done, the two robo-testers announced the results and it was still the same.

"Pe-peak premium model rating." Someone in the crowd stuttered after regaining himself.

With the robo-testers having re-conducted the tests after exchanging meters, no one could doubt the results any longer. Lucas had one, and he had done so in a terrific manner.

While the crowd was still shocked by this, Lucas couldn't help but sigh. Unlike the other vestige-smiths, he never had a habit of testing his vestiges after they were created. By mere glancing at it, he could instinctively estimate its quality. This was a skill Lucas had learned from his extraordinarily long time as a magic weapon forger, and his powerful soul improved this ability.

However, Lucas' estimates were usually done with the standards of his past life in mind, and not that of the vestige-smith community. With this being the first time a vestige of his was tested by this world's methods, Lucas couldn't help but release a sigh.

'If it's deep orange class then it means the others were at light yellow or even median. I guess this is how far I can go without stellar energy.'

The dagger was the weakest item. It was so weak that even Wally's spear was of a better quality. However, this allowed Lucas to be able to estimate the quality of his other works. The result was disappointing for him and it made Lucas want to learn stellar energy refinement desperately.

'I guess I finally know why the system charges so high now. Orange class is the standard for a premium model, but my creations are already an entire class above that. Charging two hundred percent more doesn't sound so absurd now. In fact, I think it's even cheap.'

Lucas suddenly had this feeling that maybe Harry was aware of the truth, which was why the latter would always try to get Lucas to owe him a favour and cash that in for a vestige.

'I'm not letting him go easy the next time I see him.' Lucas thought.

While he was absorbed in his thoughts, Lucas failed to notice that many in the crowd were staring at him. When they heard his sigh and saw the look of disappointment on his face, they couldn't help but twitch their lips. Some of them had almost ran towards Lucas to strangle him.

Who the hell would sigh and display a disappointed face after taking out a vestige that has achieved a deep orange class?

What kind of two-faced shameless actor was that?

This was deep orange class!

Only those top companies, like the ones in the Silver Fig Consortium could actually make one of these. Even though the vestige was Grade 2, which dropped the difficulty for achieving purity, deep orange still wasn't something just any riffraff or average vestige-smith could pull off.

"Hmm? What are you still waiting for? Let's wrap this up." Lucas glanced at the overseer.

The latter almost spewed out blood and cursed, but as Lucas was a competitor and he simply acted the role of an overseer, the middle-aged man held back his temper.

"Fine."