

The Crafts 101

Chapter 101: Final Test

Looking at the overseer that had almost lunged at him, Lucas was confused for a second, but quickly understood. Nonetheless, he didn't care.

To the people around him, a deep orange might be impressive, but it was lackluster to Lucas. Having been aware that there was a much wider world out there, Lucas couldn't keep his sights on Eretre alone; and this was not even considering the fact that he had transmigrated from another world.

Deep orange class might seem impressive to the crowd, but Lucas believed that it was nothing in some planets out there.

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Eretre was one of five inhabited planets in the Kellan solar system. The Kellan solar system was one of four populated solar systems in the Blue Mist star region. As for the Blue Mist star region, it was one of five star regions in the humankind's Niera galaxy. The number of planets alone in this galaxy was staggering, even after the abandoned and uninhabitable ones were taken out of consideration.

The Blue Mist star region was an average star region. It couldn't compare to the Eastern star region that was the centre of production, or the galaxy's centre of wealth and power, the Arcadia star region. It also couldn't compare to the Calux star region that was inhabited by many alien species, making it a melting point of technology and culture.

What's worse, the Kellan solar system was a miniscule solar system in the Blue Mist star region, that didn't get as much attention as the other three solar systems in the star region.

From this, one could see that Eretre was a kind of backwater planet in a backwater solar system. The citizens were aware of this, but they didn't think too much about it. Just exploring the entire planet alone was a herculean task for many, much less the entire solar system. As for the star region? That was left for the powerful or excessively rich folks.

But what Lucas took from this was that he shouldn't base his standards with this planet's. He should always aim at least three floors higher.

The system wanted him to be a Crafts-God and to be honest, Lucas wanted that too. Who wouldn't want to be the God of a hobby or activity they loved? As such, Lucas always had to walk more than three steps of the crowd. If others worked hard, he had to work at least thrice as hard. Even one hundred times as hard shouldn't be out of the equation.

There was no such thing as too much hard work on the path to becoming a God. As a former grandmaster for sixty (60) years, and the youngest at four hundred and forty three (443) years old, Lucas knew the importance of hard work and dedication. From the tender age of 14 until 443, all those years were spent building the foundation of one who was to become the youngest ever grandmaster blacksmith.

But to build a god, the difficulty level would be incomparable, even with the system assisting him. The mentality was still very much needed.

"Next test and the final test. The stellar matrix efficiency test."

The stellar matrix test was quite similar to the stellar energy purity test, but the main difference was that it wasn't the vestige's dormant stellar energy being tested but the runes and matrices inscribed in it. This was done by having stellar energy power them to check their functionality, while a scan would also be carried out to check the skill level of the inscription.

For accurate measurements, a stellar energy meter was also used, but the settings would be rewired, not to measure purity but efficiency.

Fixed to the meters were a pair of extended probes with one side connecting to the vestige and the other side free.

"Can we get two participants to assist us?" The overseer looked towards the crowd.

After a short while, two people stepped out with one grabbing the halberd while the other took hold of the dagger. The robo-testers then attached the free probe of each meter to the practitioner holding the vestige.

As soon as the practitioners released stellar energy through their hands and into the vestiges, the meter would quantify the amount of stellar energy released. Once the stellar energy flowed from one end of the vestige to the other, through the runes and stellar matrices, the other probe would similarly quantify the amount of stellar energy flowing through the inscriptions.

Both values would be gathered and their differences taken by the sensor's processors.

If there exists a loss in stellar energy, the processors would be able to determine the size of the loss. The amount of losses experienced would equate to the quality of the stellar matrices.

Losses during transmission were a natural and almost unavoidable incident for vestige-smiths. It was the same even for modern technology. The more complex the matrices were, the harder it was to prevent stellar energy losses. It was only in an ideal situation that there would be no losses.

However, an ideal situation was only a theoretical situation and couldn't exist in reality due to various reasons and conditions.

When the signal was given to the two participants, they released their stellar energy into the vestiges. The two were at the second level of the Apertures Opening stage. This made them suitable to test out the Grade 2 vestiges as their stellar energy was neither too strong nor too weak.

After about thirty seconds pumping in their stellar energy into the vestiges, the two stopped and retrieved the energy. Only a negligible amount was expended since they didn't battle with it.

As the crowd waited in abated breaths, with even the freelancing tightening his fists, the robotesters called out the readings.

Just as with the stellar energy purity test, the values for this test didn't follow the standard for the physical category.

It simply made use of a 0-10 range, with 0 meaning no loss and a count of ten signifying 100% loss. However, this didn't mean that every one digit was a ten percent loss.

For a premium model, the typical value was around 4 points. The halberd was expected to get just around that, or maybe even 3.

This time around, Lucas' scores were called out first.

"Unknown dagger, rating of 3."

"It's over." Someone quietly whispered.

Even though the Hozier-class Halberd's rating hadn't been called out yet, many doubted it could beat Lucas' dagger. A rating of 3 just about meant that the energy loss was at the level of a premium model vestige.

Even if by some stroke of luck, the Hozier-class Halberd was at the same rating, it would be a tie, but Lucas would win the duel as he was currently leading. As for winning? Only a peak premium model vestige could top this level and the Hozier-class Halberd wasn't one.