

## The Crafts 78

Chapter 78: 97% Mortality Rate

"I'm tired of this farce."

As the crossbreed said this, he gave up on defence as he launched a self-inflicting tactic against Lily. He was wide open to her attack, ignoring it while swinging both arms at her.

Lily was immediately taken aback by the act, but responded quickly by lunging towards the side.

The crossbreed waved his left arm and took a nick at Lily's armour, leaving a mark on it.

"You guys are too inefficient with your powers. Fourth level Apertures Opening stage and you depend so much on your vestige. Well, what can I expect from people living on the fringes. With all that power and all you can do is wave a stick, how laughable."

Snickering, the crossbreed stretched his hand towards Lily with the palm facing her.

"Let me show you how to truly use stellar energy."

Suddenly, a small gust of air flowed by as a swirl of stellar energy gathered in front of the crossbreed's palm. A green-black ball of stellar energy was taking shape on his palm and it evoked a sense of danger from Lily's instincts.

Just as the crossbreed was about to attack, he suddenly raised his eyebrows with his lower pair of eyes widening abruptly. The hand that held onto the energy ball quickly turned to the side and aimed to the sky.

\*Vroom\*

The green-black ball of energy exploded into four green-black energy beams, as thick as an adult's arm, that shot into the air.

In mid-air, another energy beam, even thicker, was rapidly descending towards the crossbreed. However, it met with the green-black beans instead and collided into them.

\*Boom\*

The two attacks crashed into each other and set off a magnificent explosion in midair. Radiation burst from the point of collision as a stunning yet lethal aurora formed right after. However, that wasn't all.

Almost immediately, more beams of sizzling energy shot down from the small fleet of sare shuttles, simultaneously targeted at the crossbreed.

The crossbreed didn't have enough time to think and simply raised both arms up, shielding his face.

\*Boom\*

\*Boom\*

\*Boom\* Find your next read on empire

Multiple beams struck him, scorching the ground black and raising a large amount of dust into the air. The explosions were so powerful and loud that even the saurian and the lieutenant from the City Defence Force paused their battle and looked that way.

"Ginon..." The saurian said as it stared at the centre of the explosion.

Lily had already retreated after the attack, and she gazed at the scene, narrowing her eyes at the location of the crossbreed.

"Did we get him?" A voice sounded from her battle suit.

It turned out that there was a communicator on it, and Lily had used it to signal the fleet to attack.

"Good job." Lily commented, "but it's not over yet."

"How come?" The speaker on the other side was surprised by her conjecture.

Lily, however, didn't reply and remained staring at the area.

A gasp could be heard on the other side of Lily's communicator, but she didn't even notice it. Rather, her focus was on the alarming energy signal she could sense from the centre of the explosion.

"Haha. That was a nice party trick." The crossbreed's voice sounded from the centre of the area.

The crossbreed waved his arm once, shoving away all the dust in the area. His stature was revealed to the open, devoid of any critical injury or harm. There were only a few burnt patches on his red skin with a portion of his hair being gone. Apart from this, the only injury worthy of note was a ping-pong sized hole on his left arm.

"You..." Lily's eyes were wide open as if she had seen a ghost.

She wasn't dismayed at the fact that the crossbreed survived that assault without any serious injuries, although that in of itself was shocking. Lily's speechless expression instead laid in what she sensed from his body.

"This energy...it can't be."

"You know, you guys almost caught me there. If I were a regular fourth level practitioner, I would be dead, or at the very least, lost half my body. Unfortunately, you weren't aware of my full capability."

From the body of the crossbreed, the aura radiated was no longer that of a fourth level Apertures Opening stage stellar practitioner, but a fifth level.

"I was really thinking of holding back all through, but you forced my hand." The crossbreed sighed.

He then waved his right hand in the direction of the small fleet of six sare shuttles. Even the seventh shuttle which was used by the lieutenants to arrive was targeted.

A bizarre and invisible vibration coursed through the air at the speed of sound, reaching the shuttles before they even noticed it. When the waves touched the shuttles, they were immediately torn apart. There was no explosion, no flames, or any backward movement; the shuttles were simply shredded into metal scraps.

Some of the scraps were stained red or with fleshy parts stuck to them, but neither Lily nor the other lieutenant paid attention to this. They were appalled by the ability the crossbreed had demonstrated. That wasn't a simple manifestation of stellar energy; that was a superpower.

For humans, only at the tenth level would they possess such due to their inadequate physical form. There might be exceptions, but even they could only utilise a tiny bit of their innate superpower. But the same wasn't so for alien species. Unlike humans, most alien species could use stellar energy and even more so, had innate superpowers.

The more superior races could already use it right from birth.

The crossbreed was born of both a human and an alien species, so he possessed the qualities of both sides. Hence, it wasn't strange for him to be able to have an innate superpower at the fifth level rather than the tenth level.

The saurian, not wanting to be left behind, similarly burst out in power.

'Oh no.'

The lieutenant tried to retreat, but the alien, despite its heavy body, flashed and reappeared in front of him, sticking one of its legs through his body

"Puah."

The lieutenant puked out blood with his eyes wide open.

As the saurian, Mikolos, pulled out its leg, the lieutenant collapsed to the ground with blood rapidly flowing from the new hole in his body.

"We have to get going." The crossbreed, Ginon, sighed.

"In my eyes, you're no different from us, but even more pitiful. So, I'll spare you today. Bye~"  
Ginon smiled before tossing out a strange orb behind.

The orb exploded and formed a blackhole which he and Mikolos stepped into before it closed up.

Thirty-four stellar practitioners were sent on seven separate shuttles to take down the terrorists. Even if they couldn't, they were expected to hold them back just long enough for reinforcements to arrive.

However, in less than seven minutes, thirty three (33) of the thirty four (34) practitioners were killed; a mortality rate of 97% percent.