

Hammer God 324

Chapter 324 Modular

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"For example, Rank S Materials. Silvester can make new materials that are technically on the level of Rank S Materials, but they are not really Rank S Materials."

"As a comparison, you can view the synthetic Rank S Materials as steel, while an actual Rank S Material would be titanium. Both of them are very useful for weapons, but one of them is made of two other materials."

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"Yet, what if Silvester also understands everything about Rank S Materials? In that case, wouldn't he be able to create something that doesn't exist? A Rank SS Material, if you want. And with his Core Spark, he could elevate it to something like a Rank SSS Material."

"Because of that, I assume that Skysand isn't part of the normal Law about sand."

"It seems to be some kind of special or higher-level kind of sand."

"I suspect that Hieronymus managed to comprehend some kind of Advanced Spark or second Law dealing with the composition of Skysand. Because of that, he can create Skysand and strengthen it with his normal Law of Sand."

"That works?" Kyle asked.

"Probably," Theodor said. "As I've said, Hieronymus keeps the details of his power secret. I suspect that Laws are a complete base and Fragments are modules."

"Wait, I heard that word before," Kyle said. "What exactly is a module?"

"A detachable, attachable, and independent unit of something. Imagine a long stick. You can use it as a crutch or hit people with it. Even on its own, the stick is useful. However, you can also attach it to a sharp blade, creating a spear, and you can also detach it to make the stick again."

"I believe Fragments can be useful on their own, but they can also be metaphorically slotted into Laws. It's possible that Hieronymus simply took out the normal sand composition module and replaced it with a Skysand composition module. It's similar to replacing the common wooden shaft of a spear with one of higher quality."

Kyle blinked a couple of times in surprise.

"That's... something," he said. "Modular Laws."

"In a way, yes," Theodor answered. "As I've said, these are just suspicions and theories."

"So," Kyle said. "If I want to reach that level of power, I should comprehend all the Metal Material Fragments, including the Rank S Material Fragment, right?"

"No," Theodor said. "I don't think there is a realistic way to comprehend the Rank S Material Fragment. You need to be able to see, touch, and analyze them, and we can't be sure how many there are. The Nature Gods have some of them, but I doubt they have all of them."

"My plan for you is different. I would advise you to understand the same Law as Silvester. Then, after that, you should focus on an entirely different Law."

Kyle looked a bit uncomfortable. "As far as I know, understanding one Law is already hard enough. I mean, the Transcendents don't even know a second one, right?"

"I never said it's easy, but it's your best shot," Theodor said. "After all, your goal is not to be as powerful as Hieronymus but more powerful."

"Hieronymus knows one Law and a powerful Fragment. Knowing two Laws should be stronger."

"Additionally, we don't know what happens if you become a Transcendent with two Laws."

"Will they fuse?"

"Will you gain two Core Sparks?"

"Will you have to choose one?"

"We don't know, but there is a chance that it will make you stronger than him."

Kyle took a deep breath. "That sounds like a lot of work."

Theodor didn't answer.

"But fine," Kyle added. "That's nothing new to me."

Then, he looked at the bunch of materials in front of him.

"Better get started right now."

After that, Kyle walked over to the first pile of materials.

It was copper.

"So, how do I go about understanding this thing?"