



Stellar Blade Developer Discusses New Hero Design and Sony Support

Description

Shift Up's boss, Hyung-Tae Kim, recently spoke to Korean media about their new game, Stellar Blade: Blood Rain. He announced that a new character named Evie will replace the existing heroine, Eve. Although Eve might still appear in the game, Evie's design aims to enhance the close-combat experience.

Kim explained that Evie is designed to look shorter and younger to match her tough fighting style, which he describes as cool and stylish. However, this change has caused some controversy in the West, with concerns that Evie looks too young compared to Eve's design in the first game, which had a more sexualised focus.

Despite this criticism, Kim believes that Evie's smaller size contrasts well with her strong combat abilities. The team is still working on the character's design, as the original character, Eve, also underwent several changes before her launch.

Shift Up plans to self-publish the game to reach more platforms. Kim praised Sony's support but noted that self-publishing allows more flexibility. The first Stellar Blade was popular in markets like China, and the team wants to cater to that audience better.

The game has been in development for only a year, so a release date is still uncertain. Fans have found instances of AI-generated content in the game, which Kim hopes will be removed before the final launch.

Vocabulary List:

1. **heroine** //ˈhɛrəʊɪn// (noun): main female character in a story or game
2. **enhance** //ɪnˈhæns// (verb): make something better and more effective
3. **controversy** //ˈkɒntrəˌvɜːsi// (noun): public argument or disagreement about something
4. **sexualised** //ˈsɛkʃuəlɪzɪd// (adjective): shown in a way that is mainly about sex
5. **cater** //ˈkeɪtər// (verb): provide what a particular group wants
6. **development** //dɪˈvɛləpmənt// (noun): process of creating or improving something

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice



1. What is the name of the new character in Stellar Blade: Blood Rain?

- Option: Eve
- Option: Evie
- Option: Evelyn
- Option: Evan

2. Who is the boss of Shift Up?

- Option: Kim Tae-Hyung
- Option: Hyung-Tae Kim
- Option: Jin Hyeok
- Option: Lee Sang-Moo

3. What is the main focus of Evie's design?

- Option: To look older
- Option: To enhance close-combat experience
- Option: To be more sexualised
- Option: To match Eve's design

4. What does Kim believe contrasts well with Evie's smaller size?

- Option: Her younger looks
- Option: Her stylish appearance
- Option: Her strong combat abilities
- Option: Her connection to Eve

5. What publishing method will Shift Up use for Stellar Blade?

- Option: Partner with Sony
- Option: Self-publish
- Option: Sell to Epic Games
- Option: Publish through Steam

6. In which market was the first Stellar Blade popular?

- Option: Japan
- Option: America
- Option: China
- Option: Europe

True-False



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7. Evie is designed to look taller and older than Eve.
 8. Shift Up plans to self-publish Stellar Blade to reach more platforms.
 9. The first game had a more sexualised focus compared to Evie's design.
 10. Kim has confirmed a release date for the game.
 11. Kim has received criticism about the design of Evie from the West.
 12. AI-generated content will definitely remain in the final launch of the game.

Gap-Fill

13. The new character in Stellar Blade is named _____.
14. Hyung-Tae Kim is the boss of _____.
15. The release date for the game is still _____ at this time.
16. Evie's design aims to enhance the close-combat _____ experience.
17. Shift Up wants to cater better to the _____ audience.
18. There were instances of _____ content found in the game.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Evie 2. Hyung-Tae Kim 3. To enhance close-combat experience 4. Her strong combat abilities 5. Self-publish 6. China

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. Evie 14. Shift Up 15. uncertain 16. combat 17. Chinese 18. AI-generated

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)



1. In literature, what is a term often used to describe a female protagonist?

- Option: antagonist
- Option: heroine
- Option: supporting character
- Option: narrator

2. Which word best describes the act of improving something?

- Option: diminish
- Option: endure
- Option: enhance
- Option: ignore

3. What is often sparked by a heated debate or differing opinions?

- Option: agreement
- Option: consensus
- Option: controversy
- Option: harmony

4. What term describes a continuation of a story in a movie or book?

- Option: prequel
- Option: sequel
- Option: spin-off
- Option: adaptation

5. Which of the following means to make something known publicly?

- Option: withheld
- Option: discovered
- Option: announced
- Option: ignored

6. What is a short promotional video for a film called?

- Option: trailer
- Option: documentary
- Option: feature
- Option: sneak peek

7. What term refers to fragments or remnants left after destruction?

- Option: intact
- Option: debris
- Option: whole
- Option: structure



8. What is the layer of gases surrounding a planet called?

- Option: surface
- Option: core
- Option: atmosphere
- Option: stratosphere

9. What term describes something that has broken apart into smaller pieces?

- Option: assembled
- Option: disintegrated
- Option: unified
- Option: constructed

10. Which of the following means to get something back?

- Option: discard
- Option: retrieve
- Option: lose
- Option: forget

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. A meteor entering the Earth's atmosphere produces a bright _____ as it burns up.

12. During the landing phase, the spacecraft deployed _____ to slow its descent.

13. The team developed a _____ plan to achieve the project's goals effectively.

14. The new spacecraft was designed with a larger _____ to carry more crew members.

15. The countdown for the rocket _____ began three hours before the scheduled time.

16. The project is making significant _____ towards its completion ahead of schedule.

17. The film faced criticism for its _____ portrayal of female characters.

18. The exhibition will _____ the latest innovations in technology and design.

19. Fans _____ the release of the sequel to the popular movie with great excitement.

20. The study aimed to determine the _____ of the new treatment on patients.



Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The emergency raft will automatically inflate when activated.
22. Astronauts will need to retrieve samples from the lunar surface during the mission.
23. The topic sparked controversy among experts and the general public.
24. The development of new technologies is essential for sustainability.
25. The old building began to disintegrate after years of neglect.
26. The company plans to announce its new product line next month.
27. The spacecraft is expected to make touchdown on Mars within the hour.
28. The sequence of events leading to the accident was carefully investigated.
29. The new campaign aims to attract a younger audience to the brand.
30. The art gallery will showcase works from emerging artists all month.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. heroine 2. enhance 3. controversy 4. sequel 5. announced 6. trailer 7. debris 8. atmosphere 9. disintegrated 10. retrieve

Gap-Fill: 11. fireball 12. parachutes 13. strategic 14. capacity 15. launch 16. progress 17. sexualised 18. showcase 19. anticipate 20. outcome

Matching sentence: 1. inflate 2. retrieve 3. controversy 4. development 5. disintegrate 6. announce 7. touchdown 8. sequence 9. attract 10. showcase

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