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# 'Stellar Blade' Offers a Superficial yet Satisfying Glimpse of Korean Aesthetics

## Description

As someone of Korean descent who has spent time in South Korea, I am well aware of the cultural emphasis on beauty and appearance. This pressure is felt not only by women but also by men in Korean society. The country's obsession with conventional beauty standards trickles down to various aspects of life, from career opportunities to job applications requiring headshots. Even children are targeted by the vibrant cosmetics industry, and plastic surgery advertisements are prevalent, promoting a certain image of what is considered attractive.

Recently, a new game called "Stellar Blade" has sparked controversy in the gaming community. The game features a character named Eve, a representation of Korean beauty and philosophy. While discussions have arisen about objectification and the "male gaze" in the game, the director, Kim Hyung-tae, emphasizes that Eve's beauty is meant to be portrayed without restrictions.

Despite initial skepticism, "Stellar Blade" proves to be a unique and engaging experience, blending elements of Korean culture with sci-fi themes. The game's combat design stands out, offering addictive and crunchy gameplay that sets it apart from other similar games. Overall, "Stellar Blade" manages to carve out its own identity in the gaming world, much like its lead character Eve represents a different facet of beauty and Asian culture.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Emphasis** // (noun): Special importance value or prominence given to something.
2. **Obsession** // (noun): Compulsive preoccupation with a fixed idea or unwanted feeling.
3. **Trickles** // (verb): To flow in a small stream.
4. **Prevalent** // (adjective): Widespread in a particular area or at a particular time.
5. **Controversy** // (noun): Disagreement typically when prolonged public and heated.
6. **Representation** // (noun): The action of speaking or acting on behalf of someone or the state of being so represented.

## Comprehension Questions

## Multiple Choice

1. What is the name of the controversial new game in the gaming community?

- Option: Starlight Sword
- Option: Eve's Reign
- Option: Stellar Blade
- Option: Celestial Saber

2. Who is the director of the game "Stellar Blade"?

- Option: Kim Jong-un
- Option: Kim Hyung-tae
- Option: Park Jin-young
- Option: Lee Min-ho

3. In which country is the cultural emphasis on beauty and appearance intense as described in the text?

- Option: Japan
- Option: South Korea
- Option: China
- Option: India

4. What is the name of the lead character in "Stellar Blade"?

- Option: Ava
- Option: Eve
- Option: Luna
- Option: Sage

5. What is a prevalent feature of the gameplay in "Stellar Blade"?

- Option: Puzzle-solving
- Option: Combat design
- Option: Farming resources
- Option: Role-playing elements

6. How is Eve's beauty described by the director of "Stellar Blade"?

- Option: With restrictions
- Option: In an exaggerated manner
- Option: Without restrictions
- Option: According to specific guidelines

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Stellar Blade 2. Kim Hyung-tae 3. South Korea 4. Eve 5. Combat design 6. Without restrictions

## Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Which term describes something that is particularly noticeable or exceptional?

- Option: Standout
- Option: Comparison
- Option: Iconic
- Option: Speculation

2. What do you call a series of related media in which several creative works have been produced?

- Option: Enclave
- Option: Franchise
- Option: Champion
- Option: Revolutionize

3. Which term refers to the elements related to sight in a game or media content?

- Option: Triggered
- Option: Automated
- Option: Visuals
- Option: Unmoderated

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

4. In a speech it is important to place \_\_\_\_\_ on key points to highlight their significance.

5. The article sparked a \_\_\_\_\_ due to its sensitive subject matter.

6. The government decided to impose a \_\_\_\_\_ on the use of plastic bags to protect the environment.

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

7. The video game was designed to provide a difficult and demanding gameplay experience.
8. The film aimed to provide an accurate portrayal of the protagonist's cultural background.
9. Despite the slow start success began to in gradually for the small business.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Standout 2. Franchise 3. Visuals

**Gap-Fill:** 4. emphasis 5. controversy 6. ban

**Matching sentence:** 1. Challenging 2. Representation 3. Trickles

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