

Strongest

Chapter 1303 – Secret Alchemy Technique

In the quiet herb garden, Shi Feng discovered quite a few Level 65, Tier 3 Demonic Guards and Two-headed Demonic Hounds in the courtyard as he logged in. Unlike the Demonic Beasts wandering about, these Demonic Guards patrolled the inner courtyard in groups of ten, with two Demonic Hounds accompanying each group.

Now, it was practically impossible to reach the tower safely.

–

[Demonic Guard] (Dark Creature, Demon)

Level 65

HP 30,000,000/30,000,000

[Two-headed Demonic Hound] (Dark Creature, Great Lord)

Level 65

HP 52,000,000/52,000,000

–

Even with Anna and Kite's assistance, taking on twelve Great Lords at the same time would be suicidal.

*What a tight security. This quest really isn't giving me any chances to break through.* After observing the patrolling monsters' pattern for over ten minutes, Shi Feng smiled bitterly.

Because he had ransacked the herb garden earlier, Raymond wouldn't give him a second chance...

Demons were far more intelligent than Demonic Beasts. Even if he attracted only one Demon's attention, the entire squad would charge at him. They would not give him any opportunities to pick them off one by one. Moreover, several squads patrolled the inner courtyard. The moment he set foot in the inner courtyard, he wouldn't have to face just one squad. At the very least, three or four squads would chase him down.

Demons were very similar to NPCs. They were capable of cooperation. Hence, the more Demons in an area, the more combat power they could exhibit.

Even a 1,000-man team couldn't defeat so many Tier 3 Demons at the same time, not to mention one person.

*It is impossible to reach the tower by force. I have no choice but to find a different way.* Shi Feng temporarily gave up on the idea of breaking through the patrols. He then shifted his gaze to other locations.

The inner courtyard was very large. Although there was only one main entrance, there were quite a few side entrances leading to the inner courtyard. Only, these side entrances were not as convenient as the main entrance, which led directly to the tower.

As Shi Feng was about to move towards one of the side entrances to take a look, a noise in the courtyard distracted him.

Turning, Shi Feng noticed six massive figures moving rapidly towards the herb garden. These figures didn't notice Shi Feng as they dashed towards the Silvermoon Tree.

These six massive figures were none other than the Silvermoon Bears that had fled earlier.

After returning to the Silvermoon Tree, the Silvermoon Bears lazed about.

*These Silvermoon Bears still dare to return?* Shi Feng was slightly confused as he watched the Silvermoon Bears snooze peacefully.

Although he had already killed off the Tier 3 Demonic Hunters that had guarded the garden earlier, the magic barrier Raymond had erected was still present. This magic array was a powerful deterrent against Demonic Beasts. This was also why Shi Feng could log out of the game without worry.

Yet, the six Silvermoon Bears had resisted and barged into the herb garden.

Shi Feng had previously assumed that the Silvermoon Bears had stayed close to the tree to protect the Moonlight Fruit. However, it would seem that was not the case. After all, he had already plundered everything the Silvermoon Tree had to offer.

*Hm? That's not right. Why do these Silvermoon Bears seem a little larger than the ones I saw from before?* Seeing the slumbering Silvermoon Bears, Shi Feng activated Omniscient Eyes.

—

[Silvermoon Bear] (Demonic Beast, Great Lord)

Level 65

HP 80,000,000/80,000,000

—

These bears actually had 6,000,000 more HP than the Silvermoon Bears he had encountered earlier.

*Why have they grown stronger?* Shi Feng was slightly confused.

Monsters didn't grow stronger unless they underwent an evolution or became a Mutant.

However, it was very clear that neither scenario had happened to these bears.

*Could there be something special near the Silvermoon Tree? But I don't think I felt anything different when I was harvesting the Moonlight Fruits.*

Shi Feng's curiosity grew. However, no matter how he racked his mind, he could only think of one possibility.

There was no other explanation for why these Silvermoon Bears would return to rest beside the Silvermoon Tree shortly after he had killed the Demonic Hunters.

Shi Feng then slowly approached the Silvermoon Tree.

As he walked, he surveyed his surroundings using Omniscient Eyes constantly to spot for anything hidden. Although his senses did not pick up on anything when he had harvested the Moonlight Fruit, something may have hidden from his five senses.

Eighty yards... Seventy-five yards... Seventy yards...

When Shi Feng was almost within the Silvermoon Bears' detection range, he heard the sound of a system notification.

—

System: You have discovered an ancient teleportation array.

System: Transferrable locations: Outer courtyard entrance requires 100 Seven Luminaries Shards; Demon Sealing Tower's first-floor main hall requires 200 Seven Luminaries Shards; Demon Sealing Tower's research area requires 500 Seven Luminaries Shards.

—

*So, the Seven Luminaries Shards serve this purpose as well.* Realization dawned on Shi Feng when he heard the system notification.

He thought the high teleportation fees were utterly fraudulent.

Just teleporting to the Demon Sealing Tower's first floor cost 200 Seven Luminaries Shards. He could synthesize four Seven Luminaries Crystals with that amount. Currently, he only had 714 shards on him.

He had no other choice. Either he paid the exorbitant fee or fought his way through the horde of Demons.

Shi Feng chose to teleport to the research area without hesitation.

Although the price of 500 shards was high, the Moon God was famed for its knowledge in alchemy and magic arrays. Every one of the Moon God's recipes that circulated the world was extremely valuable. The various Grandmaster Alchemists coveted every one of these items. Needless to say, the Moon God's research area would be extraordinary. Shi Feng naturally could not pass up the opportunity to ransack the Moon God's research room just to save some Seven Luminaries Shards.

Immediately, Shi Feng's vision blurred. In the blink of an eye, he found himself inside a spacious, crystal hall. The walls gave off a faint, blue radiance. Even without sunlight, light filled the hall.

—

System: You have discovered the research area.

—

*This is the research room?* Shi Feng was slightly surprised as he surveyed his surroundings.

There were three paths out of the hall, and each one led to a different location. One led to the Alchemy Room, another led to the Research Room, and the last was a hallway leading out of the research area.

Shi Feng was immensely excited. As a God's private tower, there was bound to be treasure. Immediately, Shi Feng set off to explore the area.

The Moon God's Alchemy Room was like a whole new world. The room was as large as a football field, and there were all sorts of research materials and foundational books. There were also plenty of alchemy tools. Although the majority of the books and tools had been damaged beyond recognition due to the passing of time, the items that survived fascinated Shi Feng.

Any random alchemy tool he picked up was at least Secret-Silver rank. If sold on the market, they could easily fetch over ten Gold. There were over 300 Secret-Silver tools. There was also a complete set of Fine-Gold alchemy tools. The set was easily as valuable as an Epic item. However, no one would be so foolish as to sell the set, regardless of the price.

The alchemy tools' value paled in comparison to the books he found. To alchemists, these books were priceless. Among the books he found, nine were introductions to Basic Secret Alchemy Techniques. There were also two books about Advanced Secret Alchemy Techniques. These tomes were similar to Secret Technique tablets, but they were much easier to learn than the Secret Technique tablets.

In the past, even Shadow's Master Alchemists had only learned two or three Basic Secret Alchemy Techniques, and the Guild had paid a massive price to do so. Among them, the best Secret Technique had cost one Epic item to learn. Of course, this price guaranteed that one would learn the Secret Technique. If the technique had only allowed one player to learn it, it would've only cost a few hundred Gold.

If an Advanced Alchemist could learn three to five Basic Secret Techniques, their chances of becoming a Master would double at the very minimum. Anyone who learned the Advanced Secret Techniques would be guaranteed to become a Master Alchemist.

"Huh? That is..."

Suddenly, Shi Feng noticed the surrounding Mana flowing towards a dilapidated stone table a short distance away. The Mana flow was slow and weak. If not for his improved physique after consuming the Moonlight Fruit, he would've been hard-pressed to notice this Mana flow.

Chapter 1304 – Treasure Transforms

A thick layer of dust covered the stone tablet, and Mana circulated around it. After taking a few steps towards the table, Shi Feng was assaulted by an immense pressure.

"This is...Divine Might!"

Although the Divine Might was faint, and he only sensed it once he was within 10 yards of the table, Shi Feng could still feel himself grow a little sluggish.

He was excited.

Items only exuded Divine Might if they were frequently used or painstakingly crafted by a God. Needless to say, any item a God favored would be valuable.

While resisting the Divine Might, Shi Feng started to tidy up the table.

Although Divine Might was very powerful, the table only exuded a very faint trace of it. Shi Feng could still move normally as he stood less than a yard away from the table. Very quickly, Shi Feng removed most of the dust covering the table.

Books and materials littered the table. However, due to the passing of time, these items had long since eroded. Aside from some mysterious patterns carved into the table, Shi Feng could not find anything noteworthy.

“Could the table itself be exuding the Divine Might?” Shi Feng could not help but frown.

He could already tell that the table before him was a treasure.

The faint trace of Mana around the table would definitely aid refining and synthesis work. The table might even have other function that he hadn’t noticed yet. In any case, it was undoubtedly useful for alchemists.

Only, the stone table wasn’t like other items. It could not be stored in a player’s bag space. If Shi Feng wanted to take it with him, he would have to carry it.

Clearly, this wasn’t a viable option.

The alchemy table was the size of a pool table. Even if he could carry it, he did not have the leeway to carry it around with him.

*If I can equip one of the Special Alchemy Rooms with this table, it could help the trading firm’s alchemists.* Shi Feng struggled with his disappointment.

Aside from alchemy tools, items such as this alchemy table were extremely precious. A good alchemy table could be as helpful as a Basic Secret Alchemy Technique.

However, since Shi Feng could not take the table with him, he had no choice but to take out the Soul Orb and absorb it.

Since the alchemy table radiated Divine Might, it could be considered as a God Crystal. One of the reasons he had chosen the Asura Mode Promotion Quest was to obtain a large number of God Crystals to lift the Demon God Paimon’s seal.

*Please let it absorb this table!* Shi Feng silently prayed. He then clicked the “Absorb Divine Power” button on the Soul Orb’s interface and selected the alchemy table as the target.

Currently, no one owned the alchemy table. Shi Feng wasn’t sure if the Soul Orb could actually absorb an ownerless item. After all, he had never tried.

The Soul Orb immediately began to emit a dark smoke, which soon enveloped the table.

However, even after several seconds, there was no indication that the smoke was devouring its target.

“Don’t tell me it’s not possible,” Shi Feng muttered worriedly.

As soon as Shi Feng had said so, however, the sound of a system notification reached his ears.

—

System: Do you wish to allow the Soul Orb devour the Magic Alchemy Table?

—

Without hesitation, Shi Feng clicked the “Agree” button. The Magic Alchemy Table might even be more valuable than an Epic Weapon, but it was worthless if Shi Feng couldn’t take it with him. He would rather sacrifice such a treasure to lift the seal on the Soul Orb than leave it behind.

As Shi Feng clicked “Agree,” the Magic Alchemy Table began to radiate a golden glow. It was clearly trying to resist.

Unfortunately, the Soul Orb was the fragment of the Treasure of Illusion, an item on par with a Godly Relic. How could a measly Magic Alchemy Table resist it?

In the next moment, the Magic Alchemy Table melted at a speed visible to the naked eye. Streams of golden air flowed into the Soul Orb. In less than a minute, the Magic Alchemy Table had vanished. Meanwhile, the Soul Orb’s statistics had changed slightly.

Aside from the absorbed God Crystal counter increasing from 0 to 1, it now only required 95 player souls to form a drop of Soul Water.

*Absorbing God Crystals has other effects?* Shi Feng could not help his surprise. He was instantly ecstatic.

If he didn’t need to absorb as many souls, he could craft Soul Water much faster.

Once he finished absorbing the Magic Alchemy Table, he activated Omniscient Eyes to search the room once again.

If he relied only on his five senses, it would take him a long time to find other items like the Magic Alchemy Table. He might even miss some. With the Omniscient Eyes, however, nothing within 100 yards of him could hide.

*Sharlyn didn’t lie to me. A God’s previous residence has plenty of God Crystals to offer.* After activating Omniscient Eyes, Shi Feng discovered another potential God Crystal. This one was a broken chair. Shi Feng hadn’t noticed the Divine Might radiating from it earlier due to a suppression magic array, and since it was a broken chair, he hadn’t paid any attention to it.

Following which, Shi Feng absorbed this broken chair, increasing the God Crystal counter to 2.

To ensure that he didn’t miss any God Crystals, Shi Feng scoured the Alchemy Room. He scanned the entire room with Omniscient Eyes again and again.

*This is surprising. A single room had four God Crystals. This is a huge harvest.* Shi Feng’s eyes burned with excitement when he saw that the Soul Orb only needed six more God Crystals to remove Paimon’s seal. He only needed 80 souls now to produce a drop of Soul Water.

The Soul Orb had been one of the Seven Treasures. However, due to Demon God Paimon, it couldn't exert its true strength. The Flower of Seven Sins had nurtured hundreds of experts in the past, even without unlocking the Soul Orb's full potential. If Shi Feng could use the Soul Orb without fear of repercussions, the outcome would be incredible.

After sweeping through the Alchemy Room, Shi Feng made his way towards the Research Room.

The Research Room was far more luxurious than the Alchemy Room as it had been used to invent high-end alchemical products. Until now, the only known location that could help players surpass the Master threshold to become Grandmasters were Titan City's special rooms.

As soon as Shi Feng entered the Research Room, he froze.

*Why is he here?!* Shi Feng felt as if he had just fallen into a death trap when he saw the familiar figure wandering around the Research Room.

This figure was none other than the Dark Wizard Raymond!

Currently, Raymond was in the midst of concocting a potion. Fortunately for Shi Feng, Raymond was very focused on his task. Including the several bookshelves that served as cover and the magic arrays to prevent interruption, Raymond did not discover Shi Feng immediately.

Even so, Shi Feng could feel a headache brewing.

The Research Room was different from the Alchemy Room. It had been well-maintained and was in excellent condition. Needless to say, this room contained several treasures. Even without using Omniscient Eyes, Shi Feng had already noticed two potential God Crystals. If he used Omniscient Eyes, he would discover many more. He might even find enough to lift the Soul Orb's seal and still have some to repair other items.

Not to mention, the Moon God was famous for its alchemy research. Needless to say, the Moon God had spent a lot of time in this room.

*Should I go in, or not?* Shi Feng knew that if he moved another ten yards into the room, Raymond would discover him. If he were discovered, he would die.

As Shi Feng considered his options, an NPC alchemist, who assisted Raymond, began to walk towards Shi Feng.

*Crap! Have I been discovered?!*