

Strongest

Chapter 1305 – Perfecting Sword’s Orbit

Shi Feng frowned as he watched the NPC alchemist approach.

However, since this NPC alchemist didn’t seem to be in a hurry, it did not seem as if he had been discovered. Unfortunately, the fact that the NPC was heading towards him was still a problem.

Although the alchemist before him wasn’t as terrifying as Raymond, it was still astoundingly powerful.

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[Berenwoka] (Human, Great Mage)

Level 70

HP 7,450,000/7,450,000

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NPCs might have less HP than monsters and Demons of the same level, but when it came to combat techniques and the number of Skills they possessed, NPCs were leaps and bounds above monsters and Demons. While many experts could contend with Tier 3 monsters, if they tried fighting a Tier 3 NPC, they would be snuffed out of existence. Players most hated enemies were NPCs.

Although the Research Room was large, there was no place for Shi Feng to hide. Moreover, there was only one path behind him. He couldn’t avoid Berenwoka’s detection.

With no other choice, Shi Feng retreated from the room temporarily. He planned to hide in the Alchemy Room while he thought of another way to loot the Research Room.

However, after leaving the Research Room, Shi Feng discovered a magic barrier sealing off the path towards the Alchemy Room. Unfortunately, the hallway he was in was void of obstructions; one could see everything in it with a single glance.

Should I leave the tower for now? Shi Feng glanced towards the path leading outside. However, he quickly shook the thought from his mind.

The path to the Alchemy Room had been sealed off after he had explored and left it. If he left the research area now, he might not be able to get back in. If that happened, he would lose his opportunity to explore the Research Room.

Aside from the God Crystals, precious alchemy tools, and research materials the Research Room contained, Raymond’s Seven Luminaries Source Stone was enough of a reason to keep Shi Feng from leaving. After all, how was he supposed to deal with the Demon King without it?

It seems that I have no choice but to fight. Shi Feng’s gaze drifted back to the Research Room’s door.

With the situation as it was, both of his available options would lead to his death. His only hope was to defeat Berenwoka. He'd fail his quest if he didn't.

Following which, Shi Feng summoned Anna and Kite.

When he had used the teleportation array to enter the tower earlier, Anna and Kite hadn't teleported with him. They should both still be in the herb garden, so he needed to summon them once again.

Although Anna and Kite were not as high-tiered as Berenwoka, their combat power was no weaker than an ordinary Tier 3 NPC's. Shi Feng had only wanted to avoid a fight with the NPC alchemist for fear of attracting Raymond's attention. If Raymond noticed him, only death would await him. However, now that he had retreated quite a distance away from the Research Room, he didn't need to hold back.

Huh? I can't summon them? Shi Feng looked at the two unresponsive Summon Guard Scrolls in his hands, his chest tightening.

Suddenly, the door to the Research Room opened slowly. The hallway was less than 40 yards long. As soon as the Berenwoka left the Research Room, he noticed Shi Feng.

"Despicable intruder! You dare intrude on this holy land! Guards!" Berenwoka shouted.

Berenwoka was very loud, and his voice echoed throughout the research area.

"Damn it!"

Shi Feng hadn't considered that Berenwoka would call for reinforcements. Not only couldn't he summon his Personal Guards, but now, he also had to deal with more enemies.

Fortunately, a magic array isolated the Research Room from the outside world. No one within the room would hear them out here.

Shi Feng reacted quickly.

Immediately, he activated the Aura of Time's Absolute Time, preventing all enemies within range from using any Spells or tools. NPCs were no exception.

Heavenly Dragon's Power!

Blade Liberation!

Instant Strike!

Shi Feng wouldn't be careless against a Tier 3 NPC. Moreover, now that Berenwoka had called for reinforcements, he would die if he didn't end this before more enemies showed up. He instantly activated Twofold Berserk, his Basic Attributes skyrocketing. With the buff, his Basic Attributes far surpassed any Tier 3 player of the same level. In the blink of an eye, Shi Feng appeared before Berenwoka.

Sword's Orbit!

A galaxy of stars appeared around Shi Feng, resplendent and eye-catching.

As Shi Feng executed Sword's Orbit, he felt the technique reach new heights.

After consuming five Moonlight Fruits, his physique had permanently improved by 10%. He now had the physique of a Tier 2 player. Hence, his physical control and flexibility had skyrocketed.

Berenwoka drowned in starlight. However, Berenwoka was a Tier 3 Great Mage. Even though he had been Silenced, he still had the Basic Attributes of a Tier 3 NPC. His physical attacks with his staff still posed a threat.

In God's Domain, although magical classes typically bombarded their enemies with Spells, that did not mean they were incapable of melee combat. They were just not fond of it. Silencing a magical class would drastically weaken their combat power.

Unfortunately for Shi Feng, Berenwoka was extremely adept with his staff, defending and attacking. It was clear that he was executing some kind of advanced combat technique. Players might not be able to predict Sword's Orbit's attack trajectories, but the combat technique was nothing to Berenwoka. The NPC deflected every one of Shi Feng's attacks.

What a brilliant defensive combat technique!

Shi Feng was surprised. He had never thought that Berenwoka had grasped a combat technique.

However, at the end of the day, Instant Strike was a Tier 2 Taboo Skill. Moreover, Sword's Orbit had grown stronger.

Even if Berenwoka focused on defense, he couldn't keep up with Shi Feng's lightning-quick attacks.

Among the six strikes Shi Feng had sent at the mage, three had found their targets. With his cloth armor and weak Defense, three massive damages appeared above Berenwoka's head.

-91,618!

-184,983!

-93,189!

In the blink of an eye, Berenwoka's HP bar had dropped by a sizeable chunk.

After taking damage, Berenwoka's anxiety surfaced on his pale features. Immediately, he began to retreat towards the Research Room while shouting, "Guards! Guards!"

"Don't even think about running back into the room!"

Shi Feng quickly circled to Berenwoka's back. Both the Abyssal Blade and Killing Ray bit into the mage, the impact sending the NPC flying over a dozen yards away, increasing the distance between Berenwoka and the Research Room.

Realizing that he was in trouble, Berenwoka wisely fled in the opposite direction. However, Shi Feng didn't give the NPC the opportunity to get away as he pointed the Abyssal Blade at the NPC.

Abyssal Bind!

Suddenly, nine pitch-black chains emerged from the ground and bound Berenwoka, holding him still for Shi Feng.

Phantom Kill!

Nine Dragons Slash!

Unable to defend himself for three full seconds, Berenwoka's HP decreased rapidly.

95%... 90%... 80%...

However, despite dealing frightening amounts of damage, Shi Feng did not feel the pressure on him decrease in the slightest.

When Absolute Time's 30-second duration ran out, Berenwoka would be able to save himself. Shi Feng needed to kill the NPC before he ran out of time. Furthermore, Absolute Time was only fully effective against enemies of the same tier. Against Berenwoka, it wouldn't be as effective. According to Shi Feng's estimates, he'd be lucky if the Skill Silenced Berenwoka for half of the duration. Trying to kill Berenwoka in 15 seconds would test Shi Feng's explosive power.

When Abyssal Bind and Instant Strike's duration ran out, Berenwoka sneered at his enemy.

"Despicable intruder, I'm going to offer you to Lord Raymond as a guinea pig!" Berenwoka retreated while blocking Shi Feng's attacks, which had slowed significantly. "Guards! Get over here and save me!"

Berenwoka was only 20 yards away from the hallway's exit.

Shi Feng had only dealt so much damage and overcome Berenwoka's defensive technique due to Instant Strike increasing his Attack Speed by 500% and damage by 400%. Now that the Taboo Skill was on Cooldown, Berenwoka had a much easier time defending himself. Even against Shi Feng and his doppelganger, Berenwoka easily blocked half of the attacks.

When Berenwoka's HP fell to 43% and the NPC was about to leave the hallway, Shi Feng used everything he had left.

Abyssal Curse!

Suddenly, as if Berenwoka had just stepped in muck, he couldn't move or attack.

Dragon Breath!

Divine Providence!

Both Shi Feng and his doppelganger used Flame Burst simultaneously and dealt a total of 30 devastating attacks. Every attack devoured over 100,000 of Berenwoka's HP. Eventually, the NPC alchemist's HP fell to zero. Berenwoka glared at Shi Feng with reluctance as he collapsed to the ground.

Chapter 1306 – Unforgivable Person

The instant Berenwoka's body hit the ground, a golden glow enveloped Shi Feng's body as his experience bar increased from 82% of Level 50 to 4% of Level 51. He obtained more EXP from the NPC alchemist than from the two Tier 3 Demonic Hunters he had killed earlier.

Suddenly, Shi Feng heard the sound of a system notification.

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System: Congratulations! You have killed the Fallen Berenwoka. You may head to the Alchemist's Association at a later time to retrieve the Hand of Alchemy as your reward.

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So, he was a Fallen. No wonder why he gave so much EXP. Realization dawned on Shi Feng as he read the system notification. He was also ecstatic

Fallen was a very rare title in God's Domain as it was akin to receiving a bounty from the human race as a whole. The Fallen had committed far more severe crimes against the human race than Dark Players. Normally, one only gained this title after destroying an NPC city.

Obviously, anything capable of destroying an entire NPC city had to be terrifyingly powerful. In fact, it was very easy to tell how powerful Berenwoka actually was by his defensive combat technique. If not for Absolute Time's Silence effect, Shi Feng wouldn't even have a corpse to speak of right now.

As Berenwoka died, a pile of items had appeared around his corpse. At a glance, Shi Feng counted at least 50 items.

What a rich NPC! Shi Feng was stunned.

Although the majority of the loot consisted of various Attribute Gemstones, these Gemstones were extraordinary. Even the most inferior among them were Tier 3. Several rare Gemstones had also dropped.

The Mana Gemstone was one example. When equipped, the Mana Gemstone increased a player's maximum Mana by 3%. Each player could equip a maximum of three Mana Gemstones. In the past, these Gemstones easily fetched over 200 Gold on the market; they had never gone out of style.

There was also the Magic Barrier Gemstone. When equipped, it would wrap players in a magic barrier that reduced all damage received by 2%. As with other Gemstones, only three could be equipped at a time. It was an amazing Gemstone for MTs. In the past, each had sold for 400 Gold.

Lastly, there was the Dexterity Gemstone. When equipped, it improved a player's physique by 1%. It was also the most expensive Gemstone on the market, with each easily selling for 1,000 Gold in the past. However, it was as difficult to obtain as it was expensive. Shadow had only ever gotten its hands on a total of 11 Dexterity Gemstones in the past.

Yet, Shi Feng had just obtained four Dexterity Gemstones by killing Berenwoka...

Shi Feng had also obtained six Mana Gemstones and five Magic Barrier Gemstones. Including the other Tier 3 Attribute Gemstones and slightly rare Gemstones, overall, Shi Feng had earned over 10,000 Gold's worth of Gemstones by killing Berenwoka.

Berenwoka had dropped three other items as well, two of which were equipment. One of the two pieces of equipment was a Level 60 Fine-Gold ring called Chanter's Ring. Although its Basic Attributes were

average at best, when equipped, it increased the wearer's spellcasting speed by 2%. It was an effect that magic classes were desperate for.

The other piece of equipment was a cape called Alchemist's Pledge.

Although it was only a Level 50 Fine-Gold cape, and its Basic Attributes were very poor, the cape had two Passive Skills that any Alchemist would want: Mental Focus and Soul of Alchemy.

Mental Focus increased the wearer's focus when carrying out a task. Although it didn't seem like a special effect, it was even more useful than high Mana density when one crafted items.

Soul of Alchemy was even more impressive. The Skill increased the wearer's alchemical success rate by 3% and production speed by 30%.

With these Passive Skills, it would be a piece of cake for alchemists to raise their Proficiency quickly. Moreover, these Skills would assist players with their promotion to Master and Grandmaster rank.

I can offer the Alchemist's Pledge as the benefit for the trading firm's Chief Alchemist. Shi Feng smiled.

Any Guild or trading firm that wanted its members to improve quickly needed to provide a competitive environment. To gain this competitive edge, they needed to offer powerful benefits as motivation.

While the Candlelight Trading Firm offered various benefits, none of them were unique. Its benefits weren't particularly tempting to the truly excellent Lifestyle players out there.

However, if he offered the Alchemist's Pledge as a benefit for becoming Candlelight's Chief Alchemist, it would spark a burning passion in the trading firm's Alchemists. He also had Secret Alchemy Techniques. He could similarly use these techniques as a reward for alchemists who performed well.

Following which, Shi Feng picked up the last item Berenwoka had dropped.

This item was an old, gray key. It was clear that it had originated from an ancient era and hadn't truly belonged to Berenwoka.

Shi Feng then clicked to check the item's introduction. However, he discovered that the item couldn't be appraised.

Cannot be appraised? What kind of key is this? Shi Feng's curiosity grew.

Omniscient Eyes!

The system reported that he would need 20 seconds to appraise the key. The duration was even longer than when he appraised Epic items.

Time passed quickly. When the loading bar was finally complete, the gray key transformed. The key started to radiate a faint, golden glow.

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[Moon God's Secret Key (Unique)]

Possesses the power to control all magic arrays in the Moonlight Courtyard. Can also be used to lock or unlock the Moonlight Courtyard's rooms.

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So, they could enter and leave this place freely due to this key. Realization dawned on Shi Feng.

The Moon God created the Moonlight Courtyard. Even if the Moon God were no longer here, not just any entity could take up residence in the courtyard due to its many powerful traps. Even someone as powerful as Raymond would lose his life if he accidentally triggered a trap.

However, it was a different story if Raymond had the Moon God's Secret Key. With this, he could move around the Moonlight Courtyard as if it were his own backyard.

Raymond must've asked Berenwoka to pick something up for him. This is a convenient development. Shi Feng suddenly thought of a plan to obtain the Seven Luminaries Source Stone.

The Seven Luminaries Source Stone was the key component for completing his promotion quest. Without it, sealing the Demon King was practically impossible.

Shi Feng hadn't had a way to secure the stone as he wasn't strong enough to take out Raymond. However, the situation had changed. With the Moon God's Secret Key, he had full control over the Moonlight Courtyard.

First, Shi Feng had to rest. Since he had activated Twofold Berserk, he was currently in a Weakened state, his Attributes having decreased significantly. With his current Attributes, he wouldn't even have time to react to Raymond's casual attacks, much less steal the Seven Luminaries Source Stone.

With nothing better to do in the meantime, Shi Feng logged out of God's Domain and entered his offline space.

Unlike in the Dark Canyon, he still had access to his communications system in the offline space. The moment Shi Feng logged out of God's Domain, he received a series of system notifications, all of which were messages from within God's Domain. Overall, he had received dozens of messages and several communication requests.

Why are so many people trying to contact me? Shi Feng gave the notifications an odd look.

Aside from Aqua Rose and Gentle Snow, Phoenix Rain had even sent him urgent messages. Moreover, she had tried to call him three times.

Has something happened? Shi Feng opened his Friends List and called Aqua Rose.