

Strongest

Chapter 1309 – Ring of Gospel

As soon as Raymond finished speaking, a crisp shattering sound rang out inside the Research Room.

The previously frozen Mana in the room promptly went berserk, surging towards Raymond. Meanwhile, Raymond began transforming from an elderly man into a dignified youth at a rate visible to the naked eye.

In simple terms, the Silence effect was achieved through freezing the target's Mana flow or retarding it considerably. For Raymond, someone who had gazed into the abyss of magic, resolving such a situation was not a difficult task. Meanwhile, one of the most effective ways to remove a Silence debuff was to forcibly break free from the restrictions placed on their Mana. This was also the reason why the Silence debuff was very weak against high-tiered existences.

“Disappear from this world!”

At this moment, not only was Raymond chanting an incantation, but he was also writing runes in midair. Meanwhile, both his chanting and writing speeds were beyond anything Shi Feng had ever seen before.

Despite Shi Feng having activated a Berserk Skill and being under the effect of various Acceleration Skills, before he could even reach the next research table, four magic arrays had already appeared around Raymond. Meanwhile, each magic array gathered a frightening amount of Mana.

If Phoenix Rain were present right now, she would definitely be stupefied by this scene.

The reason for this was the technique Raymond had just displayed—it was literally the ideal sought after by all magical class players.

Quadruple speed-casting!

Moreover, every Spell Raymond cast was a Tier 5 Spell capable of heavily injuring Tier 5 classes. If struck by all four Spells, even a Tier 5 player would die instantly.

In the next moment, spatial tears formed around Shi Feng, surrounding him. Following which, flames, lightning, and ice began descending from above, sealing off Shi Feng's paths of retreat completely.

*Boom! Boom! Boom!*

A series of explosions rang out in the Research Room in rapid succession. If not for this room being the creation of the Moon God, it would've been reduced to a pile of rubble already.

However, after suffering this bombardment, Shi Feng still managed to arrive at the research table safely, where he frantically grabbed everything he could. He did not pay attention to what his hands picked up as he tossed everything into his bag. He even went as far as implementing Sword's Orbit with his arms to

increase his looting efficiency. After plundering everything on the research table, he headed straight for the experiment table with the dragon skin parchments on it.

“Damnable ant! Who gave you the Seven Luminaries Ring!?” Raymond shouted reflexively in both surprise and rage when he noticed the golden divine runes flowing around Shi Feng’s body. In the next instant, however, Raymond’s eyes turned red with greed and passion. “Don’t think that the Seven Luminaries Ring’s power can save you! Before me, nobody can escape! If you hand over the Seven Luminaries Ring now, I can promise to turn you into my servant and let you have the opportunity to come into contact with the abyss of magic!”

However, Shi Feng did not respond to Raymond’s demand as he continued his looting operation without pause.

Shi Feng knew full well that the Aura of Earth’s Absolute Defense would not last long. Moreover, even Skills that provided invulnerability couldn’t offer unlimited protection against someone like the Black Shaman King.

After all, nothing was truly invulnerable. It was only a matter of whether one was strong enough to overcome a particular invulnerability effect.

If the Seven Luminaries Ring he possessed right now were the real deal, needless to say, defending against Raymond’s attacks would be a piece of cake. However, the Seven Luminaries Ring he possessed was a Replica; it wasn’t a Godly Relic. Just being able to ward off Raymond’s quadruple casting was already fortunate. If Raymond really got serious, Absolute Defense most likely wouldn’t be able to stop the NPC’s attacks.

“Since you’re not willing to hand it over, become my living puppet!”

Raymond began chanting once again. Unlike before, however, his chanting speed was not particularly fast this time. Moreover, the runes he wrote were incomparably complex. Even Shi Feng, someone who had conducted plenty of research into runes and magic arrays, could not identify what those runes were meant for.

Not daring to be careless, Shi Feng started looting the items on the experiment table as soon as he arrived before it. Absolute Defense’s duration had less than two seconds remaining. Although he could not plunder the entire experiment table, he took most of the items on it.

At this time, Raymond pointed his staff at Shi Feng and shouted, “Shatter!”

In the next moment, a black beam of light shot at Shi Feng’s body. Immediately, the divine runes surrounding Shi Feng’s body started crumbling. It was obvious that Raymond’s attack had broken through Absolute Defense.

“Become my loyal slave!” Raymond then slammed the butt of his staff on the floor.

A shadow instantly formed beneath Shi Feng’s feet. Gray strands slowly rose from the shadow, binding Shi Feng’s body.

*Why does he know even the Necromancer class’s Dark Bondage?!* Shi Feng frowned when he saw the gray strands wrapped around his feet.

Dark Bondage was a Tier 4 Spell that could turn a living creature into one's slave. The success rate of the Spell depended on the user's and target's levels and tiers. On average, the success rate was very low. Of course, this was only in the case of players. It was a different story if a powerful NPC like Raymond cast the Spell.

When nearly half of Shi Feng's body was bound, Raymond revealed a sneer on his face.

Divine Steps!

Suddenly, ten doppelgangers formed around Shi Feng. He then chose to switch positions with one of them. Even a Spell like Dark Bondage couldn't stop Shi Feng from swapping places with his doppelganger. He promptly took another item from the experiment table.

However, as soon as Shi Feng stored the item into his bag, he suddenly found himself as well as his ten doppelgangers appearing before Raymond.

*What!?* He knows even the Tier 5 Curse Space Conversion! Shi Feng was surprised as he swept a glance at his surroundings. Hurriedly, he started switching places with his other doppelgangers, which were slightly farther away from Raymond.

At this time, Raymond also activated his Domain once more, directly suppressing Shi Feng and preventing him from moving whatsoever. Only Shi Feng's ten doppelgangers, which were invulnerable like Shi Feng, could still move. However, no matter where the doppelgangers went, as long as they remained inside the range of Raymond's Domain, even if Shi Feng switched places with them, he still couldn't budge from there.

"A futile effort." Raymond waved his staff once more, and his surroundings turned into a world of frost, trapping Shi Feng's doppelgangers. Although the doppelgangers were invulnerable, they did not possess the ability to pass through physical objects. Without any Strength of their own, they could only remain trapped inside the ice.

"Is that so?" At this moment, Shi Feng revealed a faint smile as he switched places with the doppelganger that stood less than a yard away from the golden ring.

He had not hurried to leave and dared to take sure, bold actions all because he had suddenly recalled something about this golden ring.

In the past, the alliance of superpowers had been able to kill the Dark Shaman King because they had managed to destroy one of the NPC's items at the cost of plenty of sacrifices—that item was the Ring of Gospel. It was also the key to killing the Dark Shaman King.

The item Raymond had been producing happened to have the shape of a circular ring. As a result, Shi Feng could not help but link it with the Ring of Gospel.

Since he had already made it all the way here, he naturally could not let such a good opportunity get away.

"Despicable rat! Die!" When Raymond saw Shi Feng grabbing the golden ring, he was like a cat that just got its tail stepped on. He literally jumped up in anger before bombarding Shi Feng with one Tier 4 Spell after another. At this point, he had lost all intentions of making Shi Feng a puppet.

One after another, silvery-white Frost Lances began shooting at Shi Feng from all directions. The cold air radiated by every one of these Frost Lances made Shi Feng shudder. He could also faintly see golden arcs of electricity wreathing these Frost Lances. As they moved, even their surrounding space showed signs of shattering.

Shi Feng did not doubt that even one hit from these Frost Lances would kill him instantly.

*I can't stay here any longer.* This time, Shi Feng knew that Raymond was no longer holding back. Immediately, he chose to switch positions with the doppelganger summoned through Phantom Kill.

*Boom... Boom... Boom...*

As soon as he switched positions, hundreds of Frost Lances pierced his doppelganger, killing it on the spot. The doppelganger did not even have time to react.

*He really is too strong.*

Standing by the Research Room's entrance, Shi Feng was greatly shocked by this scene. He hurriedly left the room, not daring to remain even a moment longer. Meanwhile, as soon as he exited, he sealed the door, using the Moon God's Secret Key.

The instant the room was sealed, Shi Feng felt the door shaking violently.

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The door of the Research Room was made using a special method. Moreover, the Moon God had reinforced it with divine runes. Even a Tier 5 Grand Wizard would have difficulty leaving a scratch on it.

However, the violent tremors of the door made Shi Feng doubt it could hold back the Dark Shaman King.

After all, Raymond was an NPC capable of becoming the Final Boss of one of God's Domain's major expansion packs. He definitely was not an existence that ordinary Tier 5 NPCs could compare to.

In retrospect, considering how several superpowers had needed to work together to defeat Raymond, Shi Feng could only conclude that Raymond had to be at the Demigod standard already.

Thinking up to this point, Shi Feng felt that he still wasn't safe. He left the research area right away. When he entered the corridor leading out of the research area, he even used the Moon God's Secret Key to seal off the corridor. Although the corridor's seal was not as powerful as the door of the Research Room, it could more or less stop Raymond for a short while.

After Shi Feng left the research area, it was as if he had entered a whole other world. When he exited the corridor, he arrived at a place filled with greenery. He could see hills and waterfalls in the distance as well as hear bird calls and smell flowers. He could also pick up the roars of many Demonic Beasts. At the same time, he spotted many demonic patrol squads making the rounds of the forest paths.

Although the guards in these demonic patrol squads were not as strong as the Demons guarding the inner courtyard, each patrol still consisted of one Level 70, Tier 3 Demonic Guard and nine Level 70, Tier 2 Demonic Soldiers. To Shi Feng, who currently couldn't summon his Personal Guards and Mount, they were extremely dangerous opponents.

Immediately after, the sound of a system notification entered Shi Feng's ears.

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System: You have discovered the top floor of the Demon Sealing Tower, Moon God's Space.

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*What? This is the top floor of the Demon Sealing Tower?* Shi Feng was stunned when he looked at the system notification.

Based on the system map, the Demon Sealing Tower had a total of 36 floors. Meanwhile, each floor could easily fit a Small Town inside. If Shi Feng had tried climbing from the first floor to the top floor, he would have needed plenty of time. Although he had already steeled himself for a long battle, climbing all 36 floors would not have been an easy task.

Previously, Shi Feng had still thought that spending 500 Seven Luminaries Shards to teleport to the research area had not been worth it. Now, however, it would seem that he had just made a huge profit.

Immediately, Shi Feng found a safe location to hide before adjusting his mental state and organizing the items he looted.

From beginning to end, his exchange with Raymond had lasted only seven or eight seconds. However, despite this brevity, his Stamina and Concentration had been depleted as if he had fought normally for several hours. The exchange had taken a severe toll on his Concentration, in particular. Due to the frightening pressure Raymond gave off, as well as the NPC's Domain, every second he spent fleeing from the NPC was equivalent to fighting against an opponent of equal strength for an hour.

In fact, from the moment Shi Feng started facing off against Raymond until he exited the Research Room, Shi Feng had not even taken a breath. After all, even the slightest delay in his actions could lead to his death, rendering all his efforts since entering God's Domain useless. One could imagine just how much pressure Shi Feng felt during those short seven or eight seconds.

Hence, Shi Feng wished to slowly relax his tense mental state.

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Meanwhile, at the Asura Mode Regional Dungeon Frozen Scar...

Many of Star-Moon Kingdom's powerful and well-known Guilds were currently gathered here. There were even large Guilds from other kingdoms and empires coming to raid the Regional Dungeon. At this moment, hundreds of thousands of elite and expert players were at Frozen Scar, and the competition here was considerably intense.

In just the few short hours since Frozen Scar became a Regional Dungeon, over 50,000 elite players had already died in it. This situation immediately deterred members of small Guilds and independent players from entering the Dungeon.

However, in one forest filled with snow, a 1,000-man legion was calmly pressing forward. The legion easily killed off any Level 46 Lord ranked Snow Yetis and Level 45 Elite ranked Snow Giants and steadily advanced towards the location of the Frost King. When the elite legions of other Guilds came across this legion, they would hurriedly avoid it, afraid of provoking it.

After all, the Guild this 1,000-man legion belonged to was none other than Heaven's Burial, the official number two Guild of Star-Moon Kingdom.

Currently, Singular Burial was even personally leading this elite legion.

Among the members of this legion, even the weakest was Level 41, whereas the experts were Level 42. There were even some experts that had reached Level 43. Meanwhile, these players were all geared in Level 40 top-tier equipment, with the most inferior being Fine-Gold rank and the majority being Dark-Gold rank. The strongest among all these players was Singular Burial. Although he was only Level 43, he was equipped with the Level 45 Dark-Gold Set Equipment for Rangers, the Hundred Beasts Set, and wielded a pitch-black double-stringed bone bow that gave off the Epic rank glow effect.

Despite going up against over 50 Frost Yetis and 1,000 Frost Giants, Singular Burial managed to command his team properly and keep the situation under control. In the end, Heaven's Burial's elite legion bombarded these monsters to death without even a break in their frontline. This situation inspired serious envy in the players from other Guilds watching from afar.

Just as Singular Burial and his team were cleaning up the remnant Frost Giants, he suddenly received a communication request.

"Ghost, did something happen on your side?" Singular Burial asked as he looked at the indifferent Level 43 Assassin in the screen.

"Something happened over at Zero Wing's side," Ghost Shadow reported. "For some reason, instead of advancing towards the Frost King, Zero Wing's team has actually turned around and is currently headed towards the Blizzard Fortress. By the looks of it, they are planning on raiding the Dungeon."

"Raiding the Blizzard Fortress?" Singular Burial could not help but be stunned. "Are you sure? Blizzard Fortress is a Level 50 large-scale Team Dungeon. Why are they even trying to raid it? For them to give up on the Frost King so willingly, could they have discovered something we don't know?"

The information regarding the Frost King was something he had released to the public himself. Meanwhile, his reason for doing so was to lure Zero Wing's main force over and use the opportunity to weaken it. At the same time, he could also complete his quest.

"I don't know. However, the information about them heading towards the Blizzard Fortress is definitely true. As for Zero Wing's elite members, they have also left Frozen Scar already." Ghost Shadow was similarly confused by this situation. Killing the Frost King would grant a Guild access to Evernight City, yet Zero Wing had actually given up such a good opportunity in favor of raiding a Dungeon. Moreover, it

was even a Level 50 large-scale Team Dungeon. Even he, an expert who had fought in the virtual gaming world for many years now, could not understand what Zero Wing was trying to do.

“Forget it. Ignore them for now. You and your men regroup with us as well. The number of Guilds joining the competition is growing increasingly higher, so we need to hurry up ourselves. Once we’re done with our quest, Star-Moon Kingdom will become Heaven’s Burial’s possession. Even if Zero Wing manages to raid the Dungeon, it would be useless,” Singular Burial said, sneering.

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*I’ve really lucked out this time.* Shi Feng could not help sighing happily as he looked at his bag space.

Previously, all of his attention had been on Raymond. Hence, when he was looting, he simply shoved everything he could get his hands on into his bag without caring what they were.

Now that he got to take a closer look, however, even Shi Feng himself was stupefied by the spoils.

Among the items he looted were eight Dark-Gold alchemy tools. There was also a set of Dark-Gold alchemy tools made from Magic Jade called the Green Jade Set. If placed on the market, this set could easily sell for over 30,000 Gold.

On its own, Magic Jade possessed the ability to absorb Mana from its surroundings. When made into an alchemy tool, it could pull out the best effects of herbs.

In total, the complete set of Magic Jade alchemy tools increased alchemy success rates by 10% and alchemy production speeds by 20%. There was also a 3% chance for the created product to have its effects strengthened.

In the past, even Grandmaster Alchemists had been extremely eager to get their hands on such a set. Unfortunately, even Super Guilds had a very difficult time obtaining a set of Dark-Gold alchemy tools, not to mention something like the Green Jade Set.

Aside from alchemy tools, Shi Feng’s bag had many sheets of ancient, tattered pages. Recorded on these pages were recipes made by the Moon God. However, as the pages were dilapidated, they could not be used.

After Shi Feng used Omniscient Eyes to appraise one of the tattered pages, the sound of a system notification suddenly entered his ears.

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System: Ancient Tattered Page discovered. Repairing it requires 100 Magic Crystals.

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*Dragonskin parchment sure is amazing. Even after enduring tens of thousands of years of corrosion, it can still be repaired using Magic Crystals. No wonder Gods would use dragonskin parchment to make records in ancient times!* Realization dawned upon Shi Feng.

Having picked up so many tattered pages, he never hoped that every one of them would still be usable; he would be fine with just one. At the very least, he wouldn’t have wasted his precious time trying to collect all these tattered pages.

Hence, it was truly surprising that the pages could be repaired.

Shi Feng started repairing page after page right away. As he repaired the pages, he also organized them based on the page numbers, and surprisingly, the pages actually automatically combined. After around ten minutes passed, he was finally done repairing all 31 pages he picked up. Suddenly, the combined pages transformed into a thick, ancient book that radiated a faint trace of Divine Might.

Meanwhile, there were four words, written in the ancient divine language, on the cover of this ancient book.

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