

Strongest

Chapter 1311 – Upgrading to Fragmented Legendary Rank

*What?! This is the Moon God's Secret Record?!* Shi Feng stared at the ancient book in his hands time and again, his heart unable to calm down even after some time. Even his breathing right now had bated.

There were Five Great Alchemy Scriptures in God's Domain.

These Five Great Alchemy Scriptures were like the Holy Bible to Alchemists and were highly sought after. In the past, every Alchemist that had managed to get their hands on these Alchemy Scriptures had become famous individuals in the alchemy world.

Meanwhile, one of the Five Great Alchemy Scriptures was the Moon God's Secret Record. Legend had it that the Moon God had edited it extensively. However, many wars had also been waged between kingdoms and empires because of the Moon God's Secret Record, and it ended up divided and scattered all over God's Domain. Eventually, with the passage of time, the Moon God's Secret Record had disappeared entirely.

Shi Feng had never imagined that he would actually come across the Moon God's Secret Record, and even obtain it, in the Moonlight Courtyard.

Following which, he clicked excitedly to check the Attribute Panel of the Moon God's Secret Record.

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[Moon God's Secret Record (Volume 1)]

A detailed compilation of the Moon God's experiences and techniques in alchemy. There is a total of three volumes. One can obtain the Moon God's legacy when all three volumes are collected.

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*It's actually split into three volumes?* Shi Feng's initially passionate heart cooled down immediately.

However, after giving the matter some thought, he found the situation reasonable. The Moon God's Secret Record had been contested by ancient kingdoms and empires many times before. On the other hand, it had been many years since anyone had set foot into the Moonlight Courtyard. It was clear that the Moon God's Secret Record here did not possess any relation to the ancient wars waged on the continent of God's Domain. The only explanation for there being a copy here was that there wasn't only one Moon God's Secret Record.

Nevertheless, Shi Feng was already very satisfied with this outcome.

Among the three volumes comprising the Moon God's Secret Record, the first volume contained information regarding the various materials in God's Domain. It was like an alchemy encyclopedia.

With this book, players could understand the various properties of alchemy materials and establish a solid foundation for when they were trying to create new recipes.

The reason why Titan City's Research Rooms could aid players in reaching the Master and Grandmaster ranks was mainly because of the wealth of information contained within the rooms. Meanwhile, the research information of the Moon God was most likely not one bit inferior when compared to the alchemy database of Titan City. The Candlelight Trading Firm would have a much easier time nurturing Master Alchemists.

Following which, Shi Feng stored the Moon God's Secret Record and began checking the other items he obtained.

Although Shi Feng had placed all of his attention on Raymond inside the Research Room, before he sprang into action, he had already planned to take away the several items that radiated Divine Might.

*Excellent! There are exactly six God Crystals!* Shi Feng grew excited as he looked at the six items radiating Divine Might in his bag.

Currently, the Soul Orb was missing only six God Crystals to remove the first seal Paimon placed.

Although there were bound to be many more God Crystals, which he had not managed to discover, left inside the Research Room, Shi Feng had spotted only eight items with a high potential of being used as God Crystals. Meanwhile, as he was looting the room, he had managed to grab only seven of those items. If he had tried going for the last one, there was over a 90% chance that Raymond would have killed him.

Fortunately, his insight wasn't too bad. Of the seven possibles he picked up, after going through the Omniscient Eyes' appraisal, six were confirmed to be God Crystals. That was just the right number to lift the first seal on the Soul Orb.

This was also the reason why he had chosen to challenge the Asura Mode Promotion Quest back then.

As long as he removed the first seal, the Soul Orb would become his item entirely. Even if he died, he would not have to worry about the Soul Orb being teleported back to Paimon's hands. Even if he failed his promotion quest this time, he would not have made a wasted trip.

Thinking up to this point, Shi Feng took out the Soul Orb and started letting it absorb the God Crystals one after another.

One crystal... Two crystals... Three crystals...

With each God Crystal absorbed, the demonic power the Soul Orb radiated weakened slightly. At the same time, the pressure it emitted also strengthened.

When the Soul Orb absorbed the last God Crystal, it suddenly struggled free from Shi Feng's grasp and flew up into the air. It then formed in the sky a sevenfold magic array covering a radius of over 1,000 yards. The amount of Mana the magic array drew was several times more than when Raymond was mobilizing the Mana in the Research Room.

Meanwhile, the pressure the Soul Orb emitted also transformed into Divine Might. Like a slumbering Dragon awakening, the Soul Orb made the distant Demonic Beasts and Demons shudder involuntarily, their bodies collapsing to the ground as they became paralyzed with fear.

A frightening Mana vortex then formed around the Soul Orb. A will descended from the Soul Orb with pitch-black demonic power vying to suppress this will.

“Who is it?! Who dares break my seal!?” An illusory figure suddenly appeared in midair. Although Shi Feng could not get a clear look at this figure’s appearance, the way the figure looked down on all lifeforms and the aura of a ruler the figure exuded prompted Shi Feng to lower his head instinctively. Meanwhile, the rage contained in that figure’s voice made even Shi Feng’s soul shudder.

Fortunately, when the Soul Orb broke through the suppression of the demonic power, this illusory figure also disappeared.

With the removal of the seal, the Soul Orb’s appearance underwent significant changes. Now, faintly visible golden divine runes circulated on the surface of the orb. Meanwhile, its size also shrank. Previously, it was roughly the same size as an adult’s fist. Now, it was only half that size. When the Soul Orb landed back on Shi Feng’s palm, he no longer felt like he was under surveillance.

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[Soul Orb] (Fragmented Legendary Rank Item)

Originally a fragment of the Treasure of Illusion. However, due to being refined by the Demon God Paimon, the fragment’s true power has been sealed. Currently, a small portion of its power has been repaired.

Additional Active Skill 1-

Soul Water: Creates Soul Water from the souls willingly contributed by players. No Cooldown. (Every 50 souls of players absorbed will produce one drop of Soul Water.)

Additional Active Skill 2-

Crystal of Souls: Creates a Crystal of Souls through absorbing a portion of monsters’ souls. No Cooldown. (Every 30 souls of monsters at Great Lord rank or above absorbed will produce one Crystal of Souls. Monster’s level must be five levels higher than wielder.)

Additional Active Skill 3-

Divine Power Absorption: Absorbs divine power to recover the Soul Orb itself. (There are a total of three seals. The removal of the second seal requires ten God Crystals. Current absorbed number: 0)

Although Demon God Paimon has sealed the Soul Orb, it has been awakened by the Golden Stigmata. The seal can be removed by absorbing divine power.

Cannot be destroyed.

Owner: Ye Feng

If this item is wielded by anyone else, they will receive a backlash from both demonic power and divine power.

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*Amazing! These Attributes are truly amazing!* Shi Feng was astounded by the text introduction of the Soul Orb.

Back when the Soul Orb was still at Epic rank, it was already plenty amazing. Now that it had recovered and reached the Fragmented Legendary rank, its Attributes had become even more awesome.

Not only was the number of souls required for the Soul Water halved, but now, he could even produce the Crystal of Souls. Although making a Crystal of Souls was much more troublesome than the process for the Soul Water, the Crystal of Souls was an item that could be obtained only through luck in God's Domain. Meanwhile, the Crystal of Souls could not only raise a player's focus like the Soul Water could but also gather Mana around itself, allowing players to remain at peak mental conditions and further increasing their focus. Moreover, the Crystal of Souls had a duration of 5 hours, while its Cooldown was 10 hours.

In God's Domain, the Crystal of Souls could rank within the top ten among the various support items for combat players. Normally, the crystal could only be found in ancient ruins.

Now that the Soul Orb had gained such an ability, Shi Feng could not help but wish he could immediately set out and massacre a bunch of Great Lords. Moreover, even if he died now, the Soul Orb would not drop from his bag. He could move about without fear. At the same time, without the surveillance of the Demon God, Dark Players would have a difficult time finding out that the Soul Orb was in his hands.

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However, Shi Feng did not know that after he lifted the seal, a commotion erupted among all the dark forces.

The original bounty Paimon had placed on Shi Feng had already tempted many people into action. Now, however, the bounty became even more lavish.

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When this recovery order was released, it immediately tempted countless Dark Players into action.

It was already plenty difficult to get promoted to the Baron rank. Yet, now, the Demon God Paimon was actually offering to raise them directly to the Viscount rank, which was one rank higher than Baron. How could they not be tempted?

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Elsewhere, Shi Feng remained ignorant of this matter. He simply sat quietly beneath a tree as he carefully admired the golden ring he had stolen from the Dark Shaman King, Raymond.

Chapter 1312 – Madness Among the Dark

Dark Night Empire, Headwind Outpost:

Headwind Outpost was a Level 50 to Level 70 high-resource map located close to the imperial capital Dark City. Strong winds blew here all year round, but due to the wind's Dark Corrosion effect, very few people were willing to level up or quest here.

However, a 100-man team currently fought a large group of Cyclopes in the area.

The Cyclopes were Level 53 and Level 54. Some wielded swords and shields, some wielded chains, and some wielded bows. The Cyclopes standing at the rear even controlled ballistas to attack from range. These Cyclopes were much more intelligent than the monsters in lower-level maps, and they were capable of fighting as a team. There were even Chieftain and Lord rank Cyclopes that issued proper commands. From time to time, they also snuck around the players and targeted the enemy healers themselves.

However, the players facing these intelligent Cyclopes remained unperturbed by their enemies' intelligence. A Level 43 Shield Warrior wielding a square, scaled shield easily blocked three Level 54 Lords as they tried to break through the frontline. Even after blocking the assault, the Shield Warrior only lost a little over 4,000 HP. Meanwhile, this HP recovered instantly as the MT received a heal from a healer in the rear.

Suddenly, a Level 44 Berserker charged forward as he swung his spear horizontally.

Whirlwind Slash!

Immediately, a violent gale knocked the three Level 54 Cyclops Generals back, forcing them to retreat by three steps. A damage of -15,000 also appeared above each of their heads. The three Lords were enraged as they swung their massive stone axes at the Berserker from three different directions.

"Scram!"

Roaring, the Berserker relied on a mysterious body technique to avoid the incoming attacks. His spear spun as he reacted.

Cleave!

With a single attack, the Berserker threw all three Cyclops Generals to the ground, a damage of over -20,000 appearing on each of their heads. The three Cyclops Generals' ambush attempt was thoroughly foiled.

"Boss Brute is so strong! He dealt with three Cyclops Generals all by himself!" someone on the team exclaimed.

"This is nothing for Boss Brute! Boss Brute is the number two Berserker in our Sin of Pride. If Boss Brute transforms, he can easily handle ten Cyclops Generals at once, much less three!" a black-clad Ranger boasted.

Many of the team members looked at Brute Spear with reverent gazes.

Throughout the Sin of Pride, Brute Spear was the first person to become a Demon Baron. When Brute Spear entered his demonic state, he even had the power to rival Tier 2 players. If he completed his promotion and became a Tier 2 player himself, his prowess would be unimaginable. He might even rank within the top 10 in the Sin of Pride. In a Super Guild, he would be peerless aside from those old monsters.

“Stop chit-chatting and finish these Cyclops off! We’re not here to grind monsters!” Brute Spear reprimanded his people in the team chat.

Hearing Brute Spear’s words, everyone refocused as they began to attack in a frenzy.

Suddenly, they all heard the sound of a system notification.

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“Crap! Am I seeing things?! A Viscount?!” The notification stunned every member of the team.

Throughout the Sin of Pride, only Brute Spear had become a Baron. There wasn’t a single Viscount among all of the players in the Flower of Seven Sins, much less the Sin of Pride. A Demon Viscount was on an entirely different power level. When they transformed, their physiques would improve by 50%. The boost was even greater than when players completed their Tier 2 promotion. Even now, no one throughout the Flower of Seven Sins was close to becoming a Viscount, yet a single quest offered the position as a reward...

“Boss Brute, the rewards are intense. Should we accept the quest?” the black-clad Ranger, Chen Xu, quietly asked Brute Spear.

Only a few of them knew that Frost Eye currently had the Soul Orb. Previously, the Demon God had only stated that those who recovered the Soul Orb would earn a reward. At most, the quest awarded some Reputation. This was of little use to Brute Spear, who was already a Baron.

However, the situation had changed.

If the Sin of Pride had a Demon Viscount, it would gain an edge over the other six Sins.

“A Viscount?” Even Brute Spear was tempted. Immediately, however, he shook his head and said, “We’re talking about taking on Frost Eye. I think we should inform Big Sis and let her decide.”

Chen Xu nodded in agreement.

Chen Xu had witnessed Frost Eye’s strength personally. Frost Eye was an expert capable of killing Hell Fiend, someone who held the title of Adjudicator in King’s Return, and he had gotten away safely.

Moreover, Frost Eye had defeated Brute Spear in just a few moves. He was not an expert to be underestimated.

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Meanwhile, on a Bronze Speedboat in the Reef Sea, Hundred Leaves, who currently led the Freedom Alliance's Eighth Fleet, had also received the message from Demon God Paimon. When she read the system notification, she was stunned.

*Just what did he do to Demon God Paimon? He's caused enough trouble for Paimon to announce one bounty after another.* When Hundred Leaves saw the system notification, she could not help but recall the mysterious Shi Feng.

Dark Players like herself would die to form some sort of relationship with the Demon God. However, Shi Feng was driving the Demon God mad, going as far as to offer the rank of Viscount as a bounty reward.

*This is going to be interesting. The Guild Leader might even decide to stop ignoring the guy.* Hundred Leaves could not help but smile.

She had been greatly displeased when her Guild Leader had told her to give up on pursuing Shi Feng. However, the situation had changed. If the Sacred Temple had a Demon Viscount, it would greatly help the Guild's future plans.

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For a time, Demon God Paimon's bounty tempted many Dark Experts, and many of them accepted the quest. They also began to research the Soul Orb and its wielder's identity.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng was wholly ignorant of this matter as he inspected the golden ring.

The more he inspected it, the more excited he became. Everything was as he had guessed. The golden ring was indeed the Ring of Gospel. Meanwhile, it was because of this ring that Raymond had obtained the confidence to contend with God's Domain's various countries. In the past, the various Super Guilds had been helpless against the NPC individually. Only after working together and sacrificing tons of expert and elite players had these Super Guilds destroyed the ring and defeated the Dark Shaman King Raymond.

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[Ring of Gospel (Unfinished Product)] (Epic Rank Item)

Crafted by the Dark Shaman King after gathering the world's energy, this ring contains a miniature world. The ring can suppress an area's space, granting the wielder absolute dominance over the space.

Additional Skill 1-

World Projection: Suppress a radius of 3,000 yards. All enemies within the area cannot use teleportation tools or teleportation-type Skills and communication with the outside world is severed. Weakens enemies' physiques by 30% and decreases Basic Attributes by 20%. Maintaining World Projection costs 5,000 Magic Crystals every 10 minutes. No Cooldown. (Cannot be used before binding.)

Additional Skill 2-

Ring of Brilliance: Improves all allies' physiques by 10% and increases Basic Attributes by 10% within a

1,000-yard radius. Increases an area's Mana density by 100%. Maintaining Ring of Brilliance costs 2,000 Magic Crystals every 30 minutes. No Cooldown. (Cannot be used before binding.)

As the Ring of Gospel's external divine runes and magic arrays and inner world are incomplete, the ring cannot exhibit its full strength. Only after the divine runes, magic arrays, and inner world are complete will the ring exhibit its full strength. (Current completion rate: 30%. Not bound.)

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As soon as Shi Feng finished reading the statistics, the sound of a system notification reached his ears.

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System: Do you wish to bind the Ring of Gospel?