

Ark Vol 2 Chapter 8

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Hohoho,

This leecher has infiltrated the Japtem ranks to bring you an early release of Ark. The chapter was completed ahead of time, and the staff wanted it to be released early. However~ their evil Overlord, Cat, wanted to release it only a minute earlier!

I'm sure everyone is with me when I say 'How could she?!' So I brought the staff over to my side. The good side. We held Cat captive, whipped her, and got her to post this chapter early. You may very well thank us.

— A random leecher.


Giran, a Merchant's Battlefield

Hammer of Merciless Destruction (Magic)

Weapon Type

One-Handed Hammer


Attack Damage



15~20



Durability



31/50



Weight



60



Usage Restriction



More than 180 Strength

A hammer with a sharp, steel-forged edge, it is difficult to deal with the massive weight, but the power is outstanding. It boasts power mighty enough to reduce decent armor to scrap.

Option: +10% Armor destruction, 150% more damage to Undead.



Spirit of Separation (Magic)



Defense Type



Steel Helmet




Defense



40



Durability



11/45



Weight



45



Usage Restriction



More than 200 Strength

A helmet with overlapping layers of thin steel and specially made magic-resistant gold plate in between. Boasting strong defense, it has the effect of protecting the mind from mind-related magic.

Option: Mind-related Magic Resistance +30%.

Magic Scroll 'Lie'

1 hour duration. Single use item.

Magic Scroll 'Robbery'

1 hour duration, single use item.

"Yes, I'm sorry for misunderstanding."

"Not at all— in any case, I would've gone bankrupt if not for you, Ark-nim."

"Even so, it was a great help."

'Until now, I didn't have any interest in scrolls, but it's not something I can overlook.' Ark realized the value of information anew.

In fact, scrolls were such a specialized field that there was even a separate profession related to it. There were hundreds of types of scrolls, and among the Rare-class scrolls, there was even one that could deal a fatal blow to your opponent. And since the indirectly applied ones were also dangerous, even if he didn't use them himself, he needed to know them all to not be a victim.

'Kairote, huh...'

A village where only Chaotic players can enter. Since it was indeed a game with infinite freedom, it seemed there was a way for Chaotics could live with other Chaotics. Plus, countless scrolls with unknown effects were only sold in Kairote. If he could use those scrolls freely, it would definitely show an immense effect.

'I should go look for it one day.'

Ark also asked for information on various regions of the Schudenberg Kingdom, its specialties, and hunting grounds. Each time he asked, Sid answered him freely.

For a Merchant, information turns to money. Merchants who cleared routes alone didn't divulge such information lightly. No, other professions were the same. The reason why the information site forums were scanty was because information hoarding. Since Ark didn't share information about hidden dungeons, he couldn't blame them. But since Sid owed Ark a huge debt, so he couldn't refuse sharing information. It was valuable information money can't buy.

"Ah, do you by any chance know about a place called the Underground World?"

"Really? If I get some info later, I'll tell you by mail."

"Thank you."

In the end, although he valued them like his life, he handed over likenesses of Shin Saimdang (50,000 Won bill), Sejong the Great (10,000 Won), Yi I (5,000 Won), and Admiral Yi (100 Won) to the clerk.

[T/N: Ark is referring to famous figures in Korean history who are printed onto the currency. It's like talking about giving someone a Lincoln (\$5) or a George Washington.]

Auction Complete. Reaper's Scythe : 600,000 Won (~\$600)

Auction Complete. Merciless Hammer of Destruction: 800,000 Won (~\$800)



Sharkman Fang Dagger



Weapon Type



Dagger



Attack Damage



4~6



Durability



10



Weight



5



Usage Restriction

None

A dagger made from a sharp fang of a Sharkman; the Merpeople use it when collecting pearls. It does not rust in seawater, but it breaks easily and repair is impossible.

"Aaah! Just sell them at an auction and be done with it!"

"Yes, I'm trying to register these three."

"Please register the auction starting price and auction period."

Ark immediately ran over to the appraisal store.

The results: 4 were profitable, 2 were losses. Even with the auction and identification fee, there was a profit of 4 Gold left.

Inwardly, Ark cried out in joy. 'This is it!'

Though he wasn't completely convinced about the auction, 4 Gold was left even though he'd only gotten the cheapest goods. It wasn't much money, but the important thing was that he'd definitely made profit. If he won more expensive goods, the profit would rise too. In addition, if he had good luck he could even hope for a jackpot item. It was the fastest way to make money.

'Alright, I'm gonna catch my share with this!'

After that, Ark used the same method to win two more times. This time, both made profit and he was able to earn 20 Gold. Money was rushing in just by sneaking around the auction and making bids. After seizing 24 Gold in just 20 minutes or so, the auction was so fun for Ark that he was quivering with excitement.

'To think making money was so easy!'

As he gained confidence, Ark was emboldened. 'Alright, shall I try a bigger investment this time?'

The more money you invest the larger the profits. Ark chased Vidus around as he bid on very important auction goods. And after Vidus passed, Ark quickly raised the bid.

He chose 6 goods going for over 50 Gold. He poured out a fortune of 300 Gold!

As if fortune smiled upon him, Ark won all 6 bids.

'Hehehe, looking at past results 4 of these should be good items. Since there's been a profit of about 20% more than the investment, I should make 60 Gold. There's no time. I should take care of these quickly and do it again.'

Ark took the auctioned goods and hastily sought out the appraisal shop.

"Welcome, ah, is it these this time?" Once Ark became a regular, the item appraisal shop's Doltorun became pleasant as well. "Then I'll identify them right away."

Fshhh! Looking at the information window with expectant eyes, Ark's face was drained of blood.

Broken Armor

Armor Type

Plate Armor

Defense

1

Durability

2/2

Weight

80

Usage Restriction

More than 150 Strength

Armor in tatters from many battles. In this condition, it can't be used even after repairing it. You can only melt it down and recycle it.

"T-there's no way! Another one, identify another one!"

His tenacity flared up.