

## The Strongest

### Chapter 55 – Moon Drip

Shi Feng entered deep thought. He did not understand how Fantasy Extinguisher completed this Epic Quest in his previous life.

Who the heck would know where the Bible of Darkness was stored?

Moreover, in his previous life, the information Shi Feng collected regarding this Quest was very incomplete, so the parts he could use as reference were extremely limited.

Currently, the evil curse Shi Feng was shouldering even made leveling a problem. No matter what, he had to think of a solution to this problem. Otherwise, the problems he would face in the future would be even greater.

“Esteemed Miss Sharlyn, I am now cursed by the demon. Do you have any methods to resolve it?” Shi Feng calmed his heart. He turned to look at Sharlyn, who was currently in a delicate state, asking, “Also, where can I find the Bible of Darkness? Even just a clue is helpful.”

Hearing Shi Feng’s series of questions, a bright smile appeared on Sharlyn’s pure countenance.

“You sure have a lot of questions, huh, you little bastard? It’s not like I don’t have a method to resolve your curse. However, you should know, to get something, you have to give something in return. There is only one way to dispel the curse, and that is to carry out a Moon Drip. The Moon Drip is a ceremony that can dispel all magic and curses in the world. However, many materials are required to carry out this ceremony. I will provide the materials required, but in return, you have to pay 3 Gold Coins as remuneration for my services. If you wish to obtain a clue to the Bible of Darkness, you have to pay an additional 10 Gold Coins as an information fee.”

Shi Feng felt a chill going down his spine as he looked at Sharlyn’s expression, which became more excited the more she explained. It was especially true for Sharlyn’s eyes. Even if she looked incomparably pure right now, her appearance was still not enough to hide the burning desire within her eyes.

In the end, one word still dictated everything.

Money!

System: Do you wish to accept the Quest to dispel the curse?

“Esteemed Miss Sharlyn, I am willing to pay the remunerations.” What else could he have said? However, Sharlyn’s asking price of 3 Gold Coins was just too high. There was not a single player in White River City who could afford such an amount right now.

“Since you are willing, then pay a deposit of 1 Gold Coin,” Sharlyn stretched out her delicate hand without restraint.

Seeing Sharlyn’s actions, Shi Feng suspected that she had some sort of x-ray technique. However, he had to pay the money sooner or later, so Shi Feng reluctantly handed over 1 Gold Coin to Sharlyn.

The moment Shi Feng had handed over the money, he went from being a wealthy tycoon to being a poor peasant.

“Here, this is for you. You need to fill the energy within this thing first. It will lead you to the Moonlight Forest to collect thirty pieces of Moonstone. It’s fine if you just bring them back to me,” Sharlyn took the shining Gold Coin with lightning speed, then took out a fist-sized crystal orb and passed it to Shi Feng.

System: Quest “Moon Drip” accepted. You must collect thirty pieces of Moonstone and 2 Gold Coins for Sharlyn. Upon completion, Sharlyn will dispel the evil curse of the Great Demon on you.

Shi Feng received the crystal orb and took a look at it.

[Teleportation Magic Orb]

Able to teleport the user to and from the Moonlight Forest immediately after activation.

Activation condition: 200,000 EXP needed to be stored.

Two hundred thousand experience points were enough to let the average player rise from Level 0 to Level 7 within an instant. To Shi Feng right now, such an amount was asking for his life.

Currently, the experience he obtained from killing monsters would be reduced by 95%. He would obtain absolutely no experience from killing monsters of the same level. As for Elites, he would just be able to obtain around 10 EXP for killing one that was a Level higher. That meant he would have to kill twenty thousand Elites that were 1 Level higher than him to collect 200,000 EXP. How long would it take for him to kill that many?! Moreover, there weren’t even that many Elite monsters in Red Leaf Town.

“It really is worthy of being called an Epic Quest? The difficulty is truly insane,” Shi Feng bitterly laughed.

In Shi Feng’s previous life, Fantasy Extinguisher had the support of the first-rate Guild, [Fantasy Shrine]. So, he was able to complete the Quest after much difficulty. However, Shi Feng did not have the support of a first-rate Guild. It would be extremely difficult if he wanted to complete the Quest. However, as long as Shi Feng completed it, the rewards would easily outshine the troubles. The rewards for this Epic Quest resulted in Fantasy Extinguisher’s fame.

Although Shi Feng did not have a first-rate Guild supporting him, he was a reincarnated person. He still had quite an advantage over the other players. At the very least, he would not lose out to the first-rate Guilds regarding earning money.

“It looks like I can only return and forge Garrison Armors for now.” Shi Feng kept the crystal orb and left the Library. He planned to first earn enough Gold Coins before thinking of a way to store up 200,000 EXP.

The sky outside was already bright by the time Shi Feng returned to the Trade Area. Many players already left to kill monsters and level up, emptying the streets by quite a bit. Shi Feng immediately went to the Bank to retrieve the forging materials and the Philosopher's Stone.

Just when Shi Feng was headed to the Forging Association, a notification came from the System.

System: The Garrison Heavy Armor you have placed on auction has been sold. After deducting the processing fees, a total of 31 Silvers 53 Coppers have been added to your bag space.

"Is it worth that much?" Shi Feng was shocked.

The Level 3 Garrison Heavy Armor was just a piece of equipment that had similar Attributes to a Mysterious-Iron Equipment. At most, it was worth 20 Silver Coins. Now, however, it had been sold for over 30 Silver Coins. One could just imagine how frantic these Guilds were towards the Garrison Heavy Armor.

Shi Feng's enthusiasm was further boosted with the arrival of this information. He could not help but wish he could immediately forge a hundred pieces of Garrison Armor, selling them and making a big profit.

Hence, Shi Feng activated Windwalk as he rushed towards the Forging Association. Without hesitation, Shi Feng reserved an Intermediate Forging Room for twenty hours. If he did not reap the money of those Guilds right now, he would not be doing justice towards his own reincarnation.

Inside the Forging Room, Shi Feng refined all the Stone he collected, going all-out as he forged the Garrison Armors.

When the first Garrison Armor was successfully forged...

System: Garrison Armor has been successfully forged. Forgery Proficiency increased by 2 points. Obtained 800 EXP.

System: Do you wish to store the experience obtained in the Teleportation Magic Orb?

Suddenly, Shi Feng halted the work he was doing. He called out the System Interface, taking a careful look.

"I obtained 800 EXP from forging?" Shi Feng placed a hand on his chin, pondering. Suddenly, he said with a smile, "How could I forget about this in a panic? The curse is only aimed at the experience obtained from killing monsters. It has no effect towards experience that is rewarded."

Although a lot of time was needed to forge a piece of equipment, it was a different story if the success rate was very high. Shi Feng's leveling speed at that time would be a lot faster than the average player, even with the 95% experience reduction state he was currently under.

With such an opportune method in hand, the difficulty of the Epic Quest had been greatly reduced in an instant.

Moreover, Shi Feng had the Book of Forging. It could increase the success rate of forging the Garrison Armor up to 60%. With it, Shi Feng's leveling speed would greatly surpass even the expert players. It would not be long before he would finish collecting the 200,000 EXP.

In such a way, Shi Feng could earn not just money, but experience as well. It was killing two birds with one stone. It was absolutely great.

Fantasy Extinguisher most likely did not imagine there was such a quick method to dispelling the curse.

Thinking up to this point, Shi Feng immediately adjusted for the System to distribute 100% of the experience he obtained to be stored in the Teleportation Magic Orb. Then, he picked up an ore and started happily forging equipment.

Because of his improved mood, Shi Feng's hands became much more nimble. The Hundred Refinement Hammer in his hands was like a musical instrument, rhythmically beating out a moving melody.

By the time Shi Feng regained his sense of self, he was suddenly dumbfounded by the Garrison Armor before him.

#### Chapter 56 – Glimmer Chestplate

The current Garrison Armor before Shi Feng was largely different than the previous ones. Its design had largely changed, and even the color had become a pale gold. This was absolutely not the Garrison Armor.

"Crap," Shi Feng understood he had failed.

Before, he was too absorbed into his own excitement while he was forging the equipment. He smashed the hammer in whichever way he wanted, giving the Garrison Armor a completely different appearance. He even felt good about it.

Still, the appearance of this new Plate Armor looked extremely cool. It would definitely look majestic while worn.

Following which, Shi Feng chose to identify the equipment's information.

The System took a whole 10 seconds before giving a conclusion this time.

[Unnamed] (Bronze-rank Plate Armor)

Level 3

Equipment Requirement: Strength 12

Defense +23

Strength +3, Endurance +3

HP +120

Durability 35/35

Additional Ability-

Healing Power: Healing effects received are increased by 10%.

Restricted to Shield Warriors and Guardian Knights.

System: Unnamed equipment has been successfully forged. Forging Proficiency increased by 3 points. Obtained 1,100 EXP.

System: Congratulations! You are the first player to forge an entirely new piece of Bronze Equipment in God's Domain. Obtained 3,000 EXP. Rewarding 1 Runic Hammer (Mysterious-Iron rank) that increases forging success rate by 5%.

System: Please give a name to the equipment you have created. You are also able to leave a personal mark on this piece of equipment.

Shi Feng was slightly shocked when he saw these notifications. He had unintentionally remodeled the Garrison Armor, and successfully at that. He even created an entirely new piece of Bronze Equipment. His luck was truly good. The Attributes of this equipment had already reached the level of an average Mysterious-Iron Equipment. If only the materials used were not so poor, it would definitely have become a Mysterious-Iron Equipment.

In God's Domain, players were able to create equipment. However, this was an extremely difficult task to accomplish. Not only did the player have to be extremely familiar with forging, but they also had to have a thorough understanding of the various materials available. After undergoing hundreds of trials, only then could completely new, and good quality, equipment be created.

Usually, players who wanted to create new equipment would only start to do so after they had risen to become an Advanced Forger. After all, to become a Master Forger, not only did a player require sufficient Proficiency, they also needed to create three entirely new pieces of Mysterious-Iron Equipment, and also one entirely new piece of Secret-Silver Equipment. Only after all those conditions were achieved could a player become a Master Forger.

Due to this condition, the players who became Master Forgers were extremely rare.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng unintentionally created an entirely new piece of Bronze Equipment. Of course, the Book of Forging's effect played a large part in contributing to this success.

"Since the color has become a pale gold, and it's giving off a dull glow, let's call it the Glimmer Chestpiece." Shi Feng immediately confirmed the equipment's new name. After which, he left an imprint of a black flame at a corner of the equipment. This imprint was the equivalent of a forger's name. In the future, when others see this symbol, they would know that this equipment was created by Master so-and-so. At the same time, the symbol also served to prevent others from falsifying the equipment's original creator.

In the blink of an eye, the equipment's information also had a change to it.

[Glimmer Chestpiece] (Bronze-rank Plate Armor)

Level 3

Equipment Requirement: Strength 12

Defense +23

Strength +3, Endurance +3

HP +120

Durability 35/35

Additional Ability-

Healing Power: Healing effects received are increased by 10%.

Restricted to Shield Warriors and Guardian Knights.

On the right breast of the Glimmer Chestpiece, the mark of a black flame appeared. The flame constantly faded in and out of existence, further enriching the aesthetics of the Glimmer Chestpiece.

System: "Black Flame" Imprint has been successfully registered. This Imprint has been bound to your gaming account, and nobody else is able to use it.

System: Naming successful. Forging Design for the Glimmer Chestpiece has been automatically generated. Player can now voluntarily draw the Forging Design for the Glimmer Chestpiece, allowing others to learn the Forging Design.

Suddenly, an additional window appeared in Shi Feng's Lifestyle Panel. It was called Forging Design Creation, and it allowed players to create their own Forging Designs.

Shi Feng felt endless ecstasy when he saw this new window.

This was the benefit of creating something original. As long as Shi Feng had a Pen and Drawing Paper, he could fabricate as many Forging Designs for the Glimmer Chestplate as he wanted. This was the treatment that was only available for original creations. Forging Designs were much more valuable than the equipment itself.

In Shi Feng's previous life, countless Master Forgers constantly researched various materials and used all sorts of methods to develop new equipment. Other than trying to become a Grandmaster Forger, their main goal was to obtain an Original Forging Design. This item was the reason why some Master Forgers were extremely rich. The process of fabricating a Forging Design was very simple, and they could easily make tens to hundreds of them any time they wanted. Otherwise, how much money could they make, even if they exhaust themselves by forging equipment every single day?

With the Glimmer Chestplate Forging Design, earning 10 Gold Coins was a small matter. At that time, it was even possible for Shi Feng to earn up to 30 or 40 Gold Coins. After all, there were a lot of players in White River City and no shortage of Guilds, either.

Afterward, Shi Feng continued forging Glimmer Chestplates, no longer forging Garrison Armors. Both of them required the same materials to make; however, the Glimmer Chestplate had a cooler-looking appearance and even came with an Additional Ability.

There was another benefit for an original creation. When forging your own creation, the success rate for it was increased by 10%, and the equipment would also have a higher chance to come with an Additional Ability. As long as the Glimmer Chestplate's fame spread, Shi Feng would have no troubles selling its Forging Design.

Time passed, bit by bit.

Shi Feng was completely unaware of his surroundings as he forged equipment. His heart was filled with the thoughts of money. One Gold Coin... Two Gold Coins... Three Gold Coins...

Piece after piece of shining golden equipment piled up in the entire Forging Room.

When ten hours had passed since Shi Feng rented the Forging Room, a loud notification had come from the System. Only then had Shi Feng suddenly realized ten hours had already gone by.

His gains were even more shocking, however. He successfully made a total of 142 pieces of equipment, and the materials he had bought were nearly depleted.

Amongst the Attributes of the equipment, there were some that were good, and some that were bad. The difference between them was the healing effects. The bad ones had 5%, while the good ones had 12%. There were a total of 76 pieces that had their healing effects below 7%, 48 pieces that had their healing effects between 7% and 9%, and 18 pieces that were between 10% and 12%. These pieces of equipment filled up over half of Shi Feng's bag space.

At the same time, Shi Feng's Proficiency also had a big increase, reaching up to 514 points. Shi Feng was now halfway to becoming an Intermediate Forging Apprentice.

Shi Feng took out the Teleportation Orb to have a look. The experience it had currently stored up was close to 150,000. As long as Shi Feng continued putting in an effort for several more hours, he would be able to store up the 200,000 and immediately go to the Moonlight Forest.

The speed at which Shi Feng gained EXP was at least two to three times faster than the Guild Leaders of first-rate Guilds.

After leaving the Forging Association, Shi Feng ran to the Auction House.

Currently, a majority of the average players should have already risen to Level 3, whereas many veteran players should have risen to Level 4. Only expert players would be closing into Level 5. After all, a lot of experience was required to rise from Level 4 to Level 5. The amount needed was at least three to four times the amount needed to rise from Level 3 to Level 4.

Right now was the perfect time for Shi Feng to sell the Level 3 Bronze Equipment. The various Guilds should also have amassed quite an amount of wealth after more than ten hours had passed, so it was a good chance for Shi Feng to make a big catch. If another period of time were to pass, the prices of equipment would most likely be greatly reduced.

After arriving at the Auction House, Shi Feng noticed that the number of logistic players present significantly had reduced. It seemed as if they were no longer as enthusiastic towards the Garrison Armor as before.

“Fellow brother, why are there suddenly so few people at the Auction House?” Shi Feng walked up behind a logistic player, asking.

The tall and bespectacled logistic player was slightly surprised, explaining, “Have you been killing monsters outside town all this time? You don’t even know about such a huge matter?”

“Yeah, I’ve just returned after making some money from killing monsters and selling materials. Wasn’t that Garrison Armor super popular? I, too, wanted to buy a piece,” Shi Feng nodded.

“No wonder you don’t know about it. Three hours ago, a player called Hammer Trading had sold a lot of Level 3 Bronze Plate Armor Equipment. Although the Attributes on it were slightly weaker than the Garrison Armor, its price was extremely low, costing only 4 Silver Coins. Moreover, that player even announced that there would be discounts if you contacted him and ordered in bulk. Naturally, the various Guilds all contacted him and ordered. That equipment is now extremely popular, so who would remain here and pay attention to the Garrison Armor?”