

Welcome to the Domination podcast episode 12. We're beginning to feel the heat here in Stranglethorn, as Booty Bay is starting to get steamy. That means summer is well on its way, and with that, we're going to try to turn up the heat ourselves on all the best tips and tricks for you to burn your way through World of Warcraft.

With me in the studio is the somewhat smoldering Moneybaggins, I'm sure he's got a couple of hot tips for you today, even though no one would ever call him hot.

Well that's your opinion there lunch meat. I've got a fire spec and a wicked hot babe, so HoTs is in the eye of the beholder I suppose.

Lunch meat? Is that the best you've got – cow references? You've got a Tauren yourself, so I wouldn't get too feisty if I were you.

HA! I've got it all dude! The gold, the girl, the MOVES! GNNHH, MMMHHH, YEAHHHH!

Sigh

Hey mon, don't make me kill yah.

You can't touch this!

Good Grief – while Money goes Dance Dance on us we'll be moving right along with the mega hot Bonehammer.

I told yah Loggerheads before – that ain't no kinda dancing. I should hex him and put us out of his misery.

He'll run out of steam in a minute, let's keep right on movin!

Getting on wit da show mon!

Today on the show we're going to do a little housekeeping and cover some basics, and give you an update on Jewelcrafting – so here we go.

Topic 1 – Speaking of Jewelcrafting, Blizz is going to remove the prismatic designation for the JC only gems. They will have a color, and JC's who have already made those suckers will be getting an award refund to replace them if they wish. I would interrupt Money's goofiness here for some input, but he doesn't even like Jewelcrafting so I'm on my own on this one.

You can't touch this!

Up until now JC's can make the Dragon's Eye gems and stick them in any which socket they liked. Well, you will still be able to stick them in any socket, but they won't count

as prismatic. If the socket is yellow, you'll have to use a yellow gem to activate the socket bonuses just like everything else. In other words, JC's won't have instant Meta activation. We say, it was pretty OP to give JC's not only by far the very best gems in the game, but to have them be prismatic as well was just too much. The JC's will QQ to be sure, but they should have seen it coming. This won't happen for sure until the next major patch, so you've got some time to plan around the changes. From what we can tell, it's going to hit certain classes harder than others, but the only way it's going to be a huge problem is if you've gone min/max and every single toon you have is a JC – and that would be really odd.

Min max this!

Topic 2 – where have all the shaman gone? Maybe it's just us, but there sure seem to be a lot more paladins around and a lot fewer shaman. We reported a long time ago, way back in BC that the shaman was a great choice for anyone having trouble deciding what they should roll or play as their main toon. You want to chime in on this one there flash dance, or are you still flailing?

No, I'm done now, whew! I'm not real sure why everyone has a shaman alt, but doesn't see them as a main. Shaman – and especially the Resto or elemental shaman can almost always get a raid spot because of Blood Lust and the killer group buff totems they drop. A single shaman can mean the difference in many boss fights, and a good one can be in higher demand than almost any other class.

Plus, the shaman needs and uses gear no one else wants, except the odd hunter here and there, but good raid leaders as loot masters know which side their bread is buttered on. In other words, their not going to let some knuckleheaded huntards take minor upgrades on loot that is better suited for their shammies.

What's really weird is that I can't figure out why someone would level a shaman and then try to take them into raids as enhancement. They will never catch rogues or any other melee DPS class on DPS, and have better group buffs as elemental or Resto, it drives me nuts to get excited about getting a shamy in the raid and then have them insist on doing what other classes do so much better. I know you probably leveled enhancement, but give it up when you reach 80 please.

We took our level 80 shaman and suited him up in crafted items for a 10 man Naxx run last night and ended up doing 2k dps in goop gear. Plus, in a single run he picked up 7 new epic bits of gear and only one of those was rolled on by any other class. So if you want a little easier time getting into raids, and a lot of loot with almost no competition, consider a shaman.

Topic 3 – the other class that rules. We're just having fun here folks, but really, is there anything better than playing a druid? If you're bored, and just can't imagine playing a shaman for whatever reason, or you are new to the game and don't know what you are going to like best, roll a druid and you're set for life.

Since druids can take on all 4 raid roles and do them very well, they provide almost infinite variety. Plus a well-played druid makes a wicked PvP toon. They might not wipe the floor with folks, but they certainly give every other class fits. If you can't beat them in 2 seconds – make them mad for 10 minutes.

That's right, druids can tank, heal, melee DPS and ranged DPS. Paladins come close in the hybrid realm but have no caster spec. You might have a little competition for kitty gear, and you rarely see cat form in raids, but melee is an option at least. Personally I think if you're going to roll a toon to be a main, it's super tough to beat a druid for all around fun and longevity.

If you get bored playing a druid you're not trying very hard that's for sure. I know we have some alcoholics out there, and I've been accused of that myself, but a druid is more like 4 classes in one, so they really have more ways to keep you entertained than any other class.

Topic 4 – Back to being a little more serious here, so let's help the poor JC dood figure out what to do. If you've spent a TON of time and effort on JC you might pick up blacksmithing. The Dragon's eyes may not be prismatic any more, but they can fit into a prismatic socket for sure without hurting you. Blacksmithing gives 2 extra BS only sockets to jam those JC only gems into.

For some time the best combo for many classes was Blacksmithing/Jewelcrafting. I'm actually considering it myself for that shaman we mentioned earlier. I've just never liked Jewelcrafting since it's probably the worst profession for making gold there is.

You'll get some argument there from guys at other sites who say JC has been like one of the best gold-making professions.

Yeah I read that link you sent me – all I can say is NUB FTL WTF ROLMAO. Seriously – if you FARM, and sell gems in trade chat I guess you can do ok with it. But what a monumental waste of time. I make more money in my sleep than any JC on the planet. I would compare money per time spent with anyone, and I virtually guarantee that JC would be at the bottom of the list – please.

The same guy also said that enchanting was like the worst profession for gold making.

Again, NOOB! You cannot be serious. IF you were trying to sell enchants – then yes, it would not be a good way to make money. Why is it that people think you should actually use professions to make money directly off of other people outside of the AH? Let me repeat myself folks, trade chat is a waste of time and farming is for guys making 1 dollar a day somewhere.

We have a unique view of professions at DYS. We say professions are for buffing your toons, and some professions are better for that than others, but as you can see with this JC

thing – that changes from time to time. So what we do is have one of each profession, although JC is SO bad for making money that we skipped it completely. That way no matter what we need *(outside of gems) we can just make ourselves. And because we own the auction house, we can normally make what we want cheaper per unit of time by purchasing the mats from some poor farmer than we can wasting the time to go farm the mats ourselves.

That's right. If I can make 600 gold per day playing for a little more than 5 hours, it means I make about 120 gold an hour and never farm. So if it's going to take me an hour to go farm 60 gold worth of mats, it's more worth my time to spend the 60 gold instead of wasting my time for an hour farming when I make 120g an hour by not farming. That doesn't mean I never farm stuff, but I only farm for mats I can't get on the AH because they are in low supply.

Right – recently we started making flasks to sell. There was almost no Lich Bloom for sale and prices for Lich Bloom were going through the roof. So we spent about an hour grabbing Lichbloom but didn't sell it directly. The rising price of Lichbloom was making flasks even rarer and pushing the price for flasks higher than even the cost of the mats, so we DID use a profession to make gold, but not in the way you would think.

Exactly. I didn't go farm for hours and hours to find all the mats for all those flasks. LilSparky's told me I could buy the mats at 100% of market value for Flask of the Frostwurm for around 43 gold, but sell the flasks for 70 gold. So off we go to the AH for 40 stacks of each. There weren't 40 stacks of Lichbloom, so we went and got some to start the process. Then I just told all my guildies I was paying 40g a stack for Lichbloom and they have kept me supplied ever since. Now I'm making a good 300g profit a day from flasks and doing basically nothing.

That is how you Dominate with professions folks. And take it from us, JC is the worst. The deposit costs for gems are too high and there is just too much supply to ever be able to buy a single uncut gem or ore from the AH, cut gems and resell them for a profit. And if you can't do it in bulk on the AH while you are logged out of the game – it's NOT a good way to make gold. I don't even supplement my income much with dailies. I don't mind picking up an extra 100 gold a day if I'm working through the Argent Tournament or whatever, but dailies aren't a good way to make gold either. It's too much time spent for not enough money. I like my gold in great big piles, not in little bags from goblins.

You've yakked us clean outta time mon – better get goin now!

Holy Kodos you're right! Thanks for putting up with us getting on our soapbox today folks, but there is so much bad information out there from so called experts that will have you wasting time in epic ways. Stick with us at DYS and we'll show you how to cut through all the crap and truly Dominate.

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