

Strongest

Chapter 1315 – Asura VS Demon King

The instant the black pillar disappeared, the Demonic Wizards and Demon King Storas breathed a sigh of relief. In the next moment, however, a powerful pressure descended on them.

The Demons, weakened from the ritual, succumbed to yet another Attribute decrease.

In the blink of an eye, the Demonic Wizards, who originally had 33,000,000 HP, only had 1,320,000 HP remaining. In terms of Basic Attributes, they were not even a match for Level 70 Common monsters.

The Demon King Storas' HP was still unknown, and his aura was still considerably powerful. Any normal player bathed in this aura would feel as if they had just stepped into a muddy swamp as their movements grew sluggish.

*A Tier 5 Demon King really is powerful!* Shi Feng inwardly celebrated the fact that he had the Seven Luminaries Source Stone. If he had only relied on the Magic Backlash debuff and the Ring of Gospel's Skills, Storas would've killed him.

Following which, Shi Feng activated the Seven Luminaries Source Stone, the stone releasing a dazzling, red glow. Miniature, golden magic arrays began to form around Storas. Golden chains then emerged from the magic arrays, the chains sapping away the Demon King's power. Now, Shi Feng no longer saw Storas as an unreachable opponent.

"Despicable human! Why do you have that!?" Storas's blood-red eyes turned to Shi Feng in rage. However, upon seeing Shi Feng's tier, a human-like sneer appeared on his face. "Do you think that a puny Tier 1 Swordsman like you can kill me just by suppressing my power?"

"Foolish mortal, you'll pay for your foolishness!"

Storas stretched out his hand and summoned a bone spear. He then lightly tossed the weapon at Shi Feng, who was still over 40 yards away.

*Xiu!*

The spear shot towards Shi Feng like a meteor, so fast that Shi Feng could barely see it.

*So fast!* Shi Feng was surprised.

Storas had been weakened three times over. World Projection alone had reduced his physique by 30%. Normally, this was a massive disadvantage for both high-tiered monsters and players.

Yet, even after such severe debuffs, Storas was still frighteningly strong in all aspects.

With no other choice, Shi Feng immediately activated Heavenly Dragon's Power and Blade Liberation before executing Parry.

*Peng!*

The instant his swords collided with the bone spear, Shi Feng lost all sensation in his arms. He was also forced to take four steps back.

*His strength is still at the peak of Tier 3?* Glancing at the vanishing bone spear, Shi Feng gained a general understanding of Storas's current prowess. The realization shocked him.

Normally, only Grand Lords with unique bloodlines could exert strength at the peak of Tier 3. Or they were Grand Lords who had gone berserk. This was also the maximum power he achieved in his previous life.

Only now did Shi Feng understand why Sharlyn had said that Asura Mode represented mortals' limits.

Fortunately, his quest didn't require him to kill Demon King Storas. Following which, Shi Feng activated Absolute Time and Instant Strike before appearing in front of Storas. Storas maintained his calm as if he had prepared for this. Immediately, another bone spear formed in his hand, forming a white arc as it swept towards Shi Feng. The white arc was accompanied by a faint, black line, proof that the attack had cut through space itself.

Although Storas couldn't use Skills or Spells, he was still capable of executing advanced combat techniques.

Instinctively, Shi Feng executed Sword's Orbit.

In the blink of an eye, countless sparks flew around Storas and Shi Feng. As the weapons met, the clash sounded like an explosion, echoing throughout the temple.

Although Shi Feng had an advantage with his speed, Storas easily predicted Shi Feng's movements, reacting nimbly to every attack by either blocking or dodging. The difference between the combatants' physiques was obvious at a glance. Shi Feng couldn't inflict even the slightest damage.

"Mortal, you're doing pretty good! You've actually forced me to dodge! You are a first among mortals!" Storas was very calm as he looked at Shi Feng. He even had the leisure to praise his enemy.

"Unfortunately, you've reached your limit. In just another few seconds, I will give you a taste of true despair!"

"My limit?" Shi Feng smiled at the calm Demon King. "Who said this was my limit?"

Shi Feng had expected such a stalemate.

After all, this was not his first time against a Tier 5 monster. He knew just how terrifying such an existence was.

He then activated Phantom Kill and Nine Dragons Slash.

As soon as Shi Feng's doppelganger appeared, it, too, activated Instant Strike. With the attacks from the twelve Abyssal Blade phantoms, even with peak, Tier 3 strength, Storas was forced to defend himself. The Abyssal Blade phantoms even landed the occasional hit.

Unfortunately, the phantoms' damage was abysmal.

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The phantoms had only dealt an obligatory one damage. Storas's Defense hadn't weakened in the slightest. His Defense was still at the Tier 5 standard. Just scratching Storas was impossible, much less inflicting heavy injuries.

"Stop wasting your energy. A measly mortal like you can't harm me even if I stand here and do nothing." Ridicule filled Storas's gaze as he looked down at Shi Feng.

*No! That's not right!* As Shi Feng began to despair, he realized something. If Storas had the Defense of a Tier 5 existence, why had the Demon King defended himself?

If his attacks had been useless to begin with, Storas wouldn't have had to dodge or block his attacks. The Demon King could've stood there as he waited for ten seconds to pass. Moreover, his promotion quest's clear condition was to seal Storas. This showed that Storas had some sort of weakness. As long as he found that weakness, he could seal Storas. Hence, Storas defended himself.

Omniscient Eyes!

*Sure enough, there is a weakness!* Shi Feng immediately discovered a hidden magic array over Storas's heart. Currently, some kind of power suppressed the magic array. It resisted the golden chains around Storas's body, preventing the chains from exhibiting their greatest power.

*Damn it. Has he found it?* Storas's gaze turned chilly when he noticed the magic arrays surface in Shi Feng's eyes. Hurriedly, he pulled away from the Swordsman. As long as he survived for ten seconds, he could deal with this pest even with the magic array's suppression.

"You want to run?" As Storas retreated, the Demon King confirmed Shi Feng's suspicion.

Divine Steps!

Immediately, ten doppelgangers surrounding Storas. With Shi Feng in the lead, the ten doppelgangers swung their swords at the Demon King, their target being the magic array over his heart.

"Die!"

Suddenly, Storas went berserk as he thrust his spear at Shi Feng and his doppelgangers. The spear had a longer reach than one-handed swords. Before Shi Feng's swords could reach the magic array, his spear would penetrate Shi Feng. With Shi Feng's Attributes, he only needed one attack to kill the Swordsman.

Very quickly, Storas stabbed Shi Feng and all ten of his doppelgangers, revealing a vicious smile.

However, the doppelganger directly behind Storas, which had already been stabbed numerous times, revealed a smile, the Killing Ray in its hand abruptly piercing Storas's heart.

Illusory Shadow!

Killing Ray passed through Storas's heart and destroyed the crystal that suppressed the sealing magic array.

Chapter 1316 – Tier 2 Promotion

When the crystal in Storas's heart shattered, the power, which had been suppressing the sealing magic array, started to dissipate. At the same time, the golden chains grew stronger, sapping away Storas's power.

"No! No!!"

Storas desperately tried to break free from the chains' bindings. However, no matter how hard he struggled, the golden chains remained. On the contrary, they dragged Storas into the pitch-black portal that had appeared behind him. Eventually, Storas vanished into the portal.

As the seal contained Storas, the Demonic Wizards were forced out of the map as if the Moon God's Space had rejected them. In the blink of an eye, Shi Feng stood alone in the temple.

He then heard the sound of a system notification.

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System: Congratulations! You have cleared the Asura Mode Promotion Quest. Rewarding 60 Legacy Skill Points. Activating Tier 2 Legacy Skill Menu.

System: Congratulations! You have been promoted to a Tier 2 Blade Saint. All Attributes +150, all Resistances +30, Attack Power and Attack Speed increased by 20%, all Attributes increased by 50%, and physique improved by 50%.

System: Congratulations! You have completed your Tier 2 Promotion Quest. Please head to the Adventurer's Association to complete the Tier 2 promotion procedures.

System: Congratulations! You have completed your Tier 2 Promotion Quest. If you wish to leave, you may head to the teleportation array in the Moon God's Temple's main hall and exit the Dark Canyon.

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*It's finally over?* Shi Feng slumped to the ground powerlessly. He was both physically and mentally exhausted. When he saw the system notifications, though, joy bloomed in his heart.

The instant he was promoted to Tier 2, his Basic Attributes and physique improved significantly. Even if he wore Secret-Silver Equipment, he could easily take out a Tier 2 Lord. This was the frightening part of Tier 2 classes. Their strength was on an entirely different level compared to Tier 1 classes.

Moreover, because the Blade Saint class was one of the Ten Great Saint Classes, his Tier 2 boost was even greater than normal classes.

Normally, hidden classes only provided some extra Basic Attributes. On the other hand, the Blade Saint class provided an extra 10% to his physique.

In the past, Shi Feng could have been considered an expert, yet during his Tier 2 Promotion Quest, he had only cleared the Hard Mode difficulty. Now, however, he had completed the Asura Mode Tier 2 Promotion Quest.

The difference between his present and past self was like heaven and earth.

In God's Domain, expert players attempted to complete higher difficulty promotion quests due to the potential rewards. This was especially true when it came to Legacy Skill Points.

Normally, players only obtained one Legacy Skill Point every three levels. One could also obtain some by completing special quests. However, these special quests were extremely rare, and they didn't award many Legacy Skill Points. Accumulating Legacy Skill Points was typically very difficult.

Depending on the promotion quest's difficulty, it would award a different number of Legacy Skill Points.

In the past, Shi Feng had only received 20 Legacy Skill Points after completing his Hard Mode Promotion Quest, yet he had received 60 points after completing this Asura Mode quest. The additional 40 points were the equivalent of 120 levels.

After including the points he had accumulated previously, Shi Feng now had a total of 72 Legacy Skill Points. He could easily learn several powerful Tier 2 Legacy Skills.

*There sure are a lot of Tier 2 Legacy Skills unlocked.* Shi Feng's eyes shone as he opened the Legacy Skill Menu.

When he had been Tier 1, he had only had 6 Tier 2 Legacy Skills available. Now, however, he had 17 Tier 2 Skills to choose from.

However, Tier 2 Skills required far more Legacy Skill Points to unlock. Even the most ordinary Skill cost six points to unlock. That was three times more than ordinary Tier 1 Skills...

Among the 17 Tier 2 Skills, 11 required six points to unlock. Among the remaining six, two were Tier 2 Berserk Skills; one was an option to upgrade Blade Liberation to Tier 2, and another was called Blade Awakening.

These two Berserk Skills each had their own specialties. Blade Liberation improved the user's Basic Attributes. As for Blade Awakening, although it provided a much lower bonus to the user's Basic Attributes, the Skill improved the user's physique. Both were undoubtedly precious.

As Shi Feng had already learned Blade Liberation, he didn't have to spend as many points to upgrade it to Tier 2, only requiring 20 Legacy Skill Points. Blade Awakening, on the other hand, required 40 points...

Most players wouldn't have 40 points even after completing their Tier 2 promotion. Only someone like him, who had cleared the Asura Mode Promotion Quest, could possibly afford such an expenditure.

Without hesitation, Shi Feng learned both Berserk Skills, spending all 60 Legacy Skill Points he just earned instantly.

Legacy Berserk Skills were extremely rare even among hidden classes. Not many hidden classes possessed such Skills. Moreover, Legacy Berserk Skills could stack with non-Legacy Berserk Skills. They were must-have Legacy Skills as they could save his life during crucial moments.

Blade Liberation had already saved his life many times. He had decided to spend the points to upgrade it due to how much time it took to increase his Proficiency with the Skill. He did not have the time to wait for the Skill to reach Tier 2.

As for Blade Awakening, needless to say, an additional Berserk Skill was an additional trump card. Although Blade Liberation and Blade Awakening couldn't be used at the same time, they were interchangeable, further increasing his survivability.

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[Blade Liberation] (Action-type)

Requires: Sword

Tier 2 (Proficiency needed to upgrade to Tier 3: 0/50,000)

Grants player unparalleled strength for 24 seconds. Effect varies based on the weapon's unlocked potential. Player is Weakened once the duration ends. All Attributes decrease by 70% for 2 minutes, 30 seconds.

Cooldown: 7 hours

[Blade Awakening] (Action-type)

Requires: Sword

Tier 2 (Proficiency needed to upgrade to Tier 3: 0/50,000)

Improves the player's Attributes and physique for 24 seconds. Effect varies based on the weapon's unlocked potential. Player is Weakened once the duration ends. All Attributes decrease by 70% for 2 minutes, 30 seconds.

Cooldown: 7 hours

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Aside from these two Berserk Skills, Shi Feng spent his remaining Legacy Skill Points to unlock Sword of Shadows, a Skill that needed exactly 12 points.

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[Shadow Blade] (Action-type)

Requires: Sword

Tier 2 (Proficiency needed to upgrade to Tier 3: 0/30,000)

Every attack can invoke shadows to attack the target. Every shadow possesses 120% of user's Strength and causes 100% darkness damage. Accumulate one shadow every three seconds. Can hold a maximum of nine shadows.

Cooldown: 3 seconds

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Although it was not as powerful as a Sure-kill Skill, it had its own power in how often it could be used.

*Now that I've finished learning my Skills, I should head back and deal with my Tier 2 promotion procedures.* Shi Feng was quite satisfied with the Tier 3 Skills he had learned. Without waiting for his Weakened state to end, he impatiently activated the teleportation array in the Moon God's Temple and left the Dark Canyon.

Although he had already completed his promotion quest, he wouldn't officially be a Tier 3 class and wouldn't have access to the privileges that came with it until he updated his status in the Adventurer's Association.

Only after becoming a Tier 2 class officially would he have crossed the new milestone.