

Strongest

Chapter 1325 – Difference in Tiers

Above the stage, the duel's timer counted down, second after second.

Tension gripped the audience in the spectator stands. Their focus was glued to the stage.

It was the first time a match of such high standards had occurred in Stone Forest Town's Battle Arena.

Not even the major tournament, which was held once every fifteen days, could hold a candle to this upcoming match.

After all, Shi Feng, who had killed today's undefeated champion instantly, stood on one side. On the other side stood Evil Fire. Although Evil Fire had yet to fight, his weapon, equipment, and frightening aura were enough proof of his strength. There was also the fact that Evil Fire's group treated him like a leader. All these factors suggested that Evil Fire was far stronger than Mighty Tigers.

However, while nobody knew what kind of outcome to expect, they knew that they would miss the clash between these two players if they didn't pay close attention.

When the timer reached zero, Evil Fire unsheathed the Storm Warblade from across his back and shouted. Arcs of blue electricity danced across his body. The intensity of his aura increased considerably. Right now, he seemed like a ferocious, prehistoric beast.

Evil Fire had just used his Berserk Skill, Lightning Beast's Rampage. It was a super-rare Berserk Skill that increased its user's Strength, Attack Speed, Movement Speed, and HP by 100% for 90 seconds.

"Let us begin!"

Evil Fire's gaze sharpened as his near-tangible killing intent enveloped Shi Feng. It seemed as if Shi Feng was the only person in Evil Fire's world. In his mind, the audience members below the stage and crowding the building didn't even exist.

*Why is his killing intent so powerful?!* The approaching Berserker surprised Shi Feng. His mind constantly warned him of an imminent threat, and he couldn't help but focus on his opponent.

With his current strength, he could even go toe-to-toe against a Grand Lord. Only Tier 4 Mythic monsters might be able to give him a challenge, yet Evil Fire achieved the same by activating a Berserk Skill. For a moment, Shi Feng even felt as if Evil Fire had surpassed a Tier 4 Mythic monster. It was unbelievable.

Even the audience struggled to breathe, their expressions becoming indescribably grim.

"So strong! His aura alone is so powerful! Zero Wing's in danger." Many expert players looked at Evil Fire with fear in their eyes.

Meanwhile, Evil Fire left an afterimage behind him as he used Charge against Shi Feng, his speed increasing tremendously as he approached his opponent like a violent gale.

When Evil Fire was only ten yards away from Shi Feng, he adjusted his footwork.

Like Mighty Tiger, Evil Fire turned and circled around Shi Feng. He used the same strategy as Mighty Tiger. Only, this time, not even the experts in the audience could keep up with Evil Fire's speed.

Mighty Tiger, who had returned to the VIP stands, could not help but laugh. "Hahaha! Ye Feng must be stunned! I'm not the only one who knows how to use Ghost Steps! And Evil is way better than I am! Even our team leader had to be careful against Evil!"

He could only mesmerize his enemies with his Ghost Steps. However, Evil Fire's Ghost Steps could force his opponents to focus on him and nothing else, causing his enemies to make all sorts of mistakes.

It did not even matter if his opponent's Attributes were higher than his.

After all, one's Attributes were only useful if they hit their target. If they couldn't land a hit, all the Strength in the world would be useless. Furthermore, Evil Fire had activated his Berserk Skill. His Strength and speed were both superior to Shi Feng's. The duel would end the moment Shi Feng made the slightest error.

When Evil Fire was within eight yards of Shi Feng's side, his footwork changed once more. Unlike Mighty Tiger, Evil Fire didn't circle to Shi Feng's back. Instead, he charged at Shi Feng's side, swinging his greatsword and sending a purple arc towards the Swordsman's neck.

Beheaded!

Suddenly, Killing Ray appeared in the Storm Warblade's attack trajectory.

*So fast!* Evil Fire was stunned to see the Sacred Sword. He had not even noticed Shi Feng swing his blade.

Although Shi Feng's reaction speed surprised him, he didn't falter. On the contrary, Evil responded with a sneer.

While Evil Fire found it surprising that Shi Feng had seen through his Ghost Steps and executed a proper defense, Shi Feng hadn't activated his Berserk Skill when the match had begun. Even if Shi Feng activated a Berserk Skill now, he would still have an absolute advantage in terms of Strength over the Swordsman. Even if Shi Feng blocked the attack, the impact would knock back the Swordsman.

He could then continue his fierce assault and force Shi Feng to use his Lifesaving Skills. Once Shi Feng expended the Skill, he could easily kill the Swordsman.

*Dang!*

However, the instant the two Famed Swords collided, Evil Fire's expression changed.

*How?! Did he use a Berserk Skill?!* Evil Fire was surprised to feel the sensation in his arms.

As his greatsword struck Killing Ray, it felt as if he had hit an indestructible wall. Rather than forcing the Sacred Sword back, the impact. His hands tingled, nearly numb. His HP had also fallen by over 100 points. In contrast, Shi Feng remained unharmed, still standing in his original position.

However, before Evil Fire could understand what had happened, Shi Feng's Abyssal Blade was already moving towards Evil Fire's ribs.

"Scram!"

When Evil Fire noticed the Abyssal Blade's approach, he knew that he couldn't block the attack. Despite his awkward posture, he forcefully executed Whirlwind Slash, using the AOE Skill to block the attack.

He had already upgraded his Whirlwind Slash to Tier 1, Level 10, and it was only a level away from Tier 2. The Strength he could exhibit while using the Skill was 50% higher than his normal attacks.

This time, Shi Feng was forced to take a step back as he received the attack. Seeing this, Evil Fire immediately pulled away from Shi Feng.

He had been forced to move awkwardly when he had executed Whirlwind Slash. Although he had managed to deflect Shi Feng's blade, he was not in a good position to launch another attack. He needed to readjust his stance before doing so.

Ten yards separated Shi Feng and Evil Fire once more, both fighters observing each other quietly.

Although both sides had already clashed twice, the encounter had only lasted a brief moment. The clash had occurred so quickly that both fighters were ten yards away from each other before the audience could react.

The tournament hall fell silent.

"Impossible! He saw through Evil's Ghost Steps and blocked the attack?! Is he even human?!" Mighty Tiger's eyes nearly fell from their sockets as he looked at Shi Feng.

Previously, after activating his Berserk Skill, Evil Fire had relied on this same attack strategy to kill a superpower's peak expert, yet Shi Feng had deflected the move effortlessly. The Swordsman had even forced Evil Fire to use Whirlwind Slash.

Excitement filled Evil Fire's gaze as he watched Shi Feng. He felt as if he had just found a worthy rival.

"You really can't trust rumors. I never expected Zero Wing to have such an impressive expert. Since you blocked my previous move, you must rank within the top 100 on the God's Domain's Expert List," Evil Fire could not help but praise his enemy. "However, I told you that this duel would end very quickly if you hold back. This is my last warning. This will be the first time I try this next move. I had planned to save it for Black Flame, but I've decided to test it out on you first."

Saying so, silver divine runes began to surface on Evil Fire's arms and forehead, giving the Berserker a sacred feeling. Evil Fire's aura also grew stronger.

*Divine Warrior?*

Shi Feng was shocked to see the silver divine runes on Evil Fire's forehead.

In God's Domain, aside from the Ten Great Saint Legacies, which he had only learned about in this life, there were the Sixteen Great Peak Legacies. These were the strongest among Peak Legacies.

One of them was the Divine Warrior!

As Evil Fire used Ghost Steps once more, more clones appeared around Shi Feng. To the audience, Evil Fire had just left long-lasting afterimages behind him. Before anyone had realized it, Evil Fire arrived a short distance away from Shi Feng's side. It seemed as if two Evil Fires graced the stage.

"Die!"

Evil Fire tightened his grip on the Storm Warblade as he swung it at Shi Feng. The greatsword created a powerful gale as it sliced through the air. It seemed as if the greatsword had split the air as it descended on Shi Feng.

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*So fast!*

Although Evil Fire's Ghost Steps hadn't confused Shi Feng, Evil Fire moved so fast that he could only catch a glimpse of the Berserker's afterimage. In the blink of an eye, Evil Fire had reached his side.

While under the effects of Twofold Berserk, Evil Fire's Strength was on par with a Great Lord. Moreover, he had surpassed an ordinary Great Lord.

As the purple glow descended on him, Shi Feng intercepted it with Abyssal Blade.

Although Shi Feng's Attack Speed could not outstrip Evil Fire's, his Tier 2 physique gave him godlike reaction speed. Before Evil Fire had begun to swing his greatsword, Shi Feng had already started swinging the Abyssal Blade.

Parry!

When the Storm Warblade collided with the Abyssal Blade, a loud boom shook the tournament hall, the resulting impact scattering the dust on the stage.

Suddenly, a figure flew out of the dust cloud and slammed into the ground over ten yards away. This figure was none other than Shi Feng.

The Abyssal Blade in Shi Feng's hand still vibrated from the impact.

*Sure enough, he has the Strength of a Strength-based Great Lord of the same level,* Shi Feng thought when he felt his hand numbed. *No wonder why he is so confident against me.*

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Meanwhile, the audience members in the spectator stands were stupefied.

“Is he a monster?”

“What kind of Strength is this?! Was his Strength just as high as Ye Feng’s?!”

Due to Evil Fire’s attack, the air above the stage seemed as if it had split in half. It looked like a cracked mirror.

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“What?! He can use Twofold Berserk as well?!” Blackie’s jaw dropped. “Just who are these people?”

As far as they knew, Twofold Berserk was Shi Feng’s trademark move. By activating Twofold Berserk, he could gain the strength to fight opponents of a higher tier for a short time. Against players without Twofold Berserk, he had an overwhelming advantage.

Throughout Zero Wing, no one, aside from Shi Feng and Gentle Snow, could block Evil Fire’s attacks. Even Fire Dance was no exception.

Blackie found it truly hard to imagine that a group of independent players would not only possess so many skilled fighters, but also have someone in possession of a Peak Legacy. Not even most first-rate Guilds had players with Peak Legacies. The majority of those Guilds’ Legacies were limited to Basic and Advanced rank.

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“Ye Feng is doomed. Evil’s Divine Warrior hidden class is a Peak Legacy famed for its destructive power. Not only does its Legacy Berserk Skill increase Strength, Agility, and Endurance by 120%, but it also boosts the user’s reaction speed and Movement Speed by 100%. It’s one of the strongest Berserk Skills available. Even if Ye Feng has the Attributes of a Great Lord of the same level, this is still a one-sided fight.” Falling Flower’s words were tinged with admiration as she watched Evil Fire.

After their team leader had obtained the Divine Warrior Legacy item, everyone in the team had attempted to obtain the Legacy. Unfortunately, only Evil Fire had succeeded in the end.

As long as players with Peak Legacies had a little talent, they would qualify to reach the peak of God’s Domain. Whether or not the player in question succeeded would depend on luck and effort.

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Once the dust settled on the stage, Evil Fire charged at Shi Feng again. However, he didn’t use Ghost Steps this time. Instead, his dash was straightforward, without techniques. He also completely disregarded his defenses.

As he reached his opponent, Evil Fire used Cross Slash, which could even injure a Tier 3 Great Lord, against Shi Feng.

Against one of the publicly-acknowledged strongest Peak Legacies in God’s Domain, Shi Feng couldn’t be careless.

Heavenly Dragon’s Power!

Suddenly, golden scales covered Shi Feng’s body.

Dragon's Authority!

Suddenly, Shi Feng exuded an aura that froze the space above the stage, creating an eerie silence. The change forced Evil Fire to slow slightly. However, he quickly reacted by activating a Control Removal Skill. Although he couldn't dispel Dragon's Authority's suppression, holding it off for two or three seconds would be enough.

With only eight yards separating the fighters, Evil Fire adjusted his attack method abruptly, changing his Storm Warblade's trajectory. In the next moment, four purple arcs flew at Shi Feng. All four arches moved at the same pace and targeted Shi Feng's blind spots.

*This is... Four Extreme Slashes!* Shi Feng could not help his surprise when he saw this move.

The Extreme Slash was Miracle Dragon's trademark move, unavailable to outsiders.

Although Evil Fire used the same technique as Miracle Dragon, who could easily execute Six Extreme Slashes, executing Four Extreme Slashes was impressive.

Sword's Orbit!

*Dang... Dang... Dang...*

Shi Feng blocked all four slashes perfectly before they were within five yards. Stunned, Evil Fire stopped his advance.

*How is this possible?! How is his Strength higher than mine?!* Evil Fire stared at Shi Feng in shock.

Not only had his slashes failed to damage Shi Feng, but he had also lost over 800 HP. Although he had more than 150,000 HP in total, the fact that he had lost in a direct confrontation was unbelievable.

However, Shi Feng did not intend to give Evil Fire any time to think as the Abyssal Blade soared towards the Berserker's neck.

Shadow Blade!

Suddenly, nine shadow weapons appeared around Evil Fire, surrounding him. Each shadow could exert 120% of Shi Feng's Strength. The attack was already close to that of a Grand Lord.

As Evil Fire realized the precariousness of his situation, his gaze turned serious, and he shouted.

Suddenly, countless wind blades formed around Evil Fire's body. The wind blades then flew out in all directions, shattering Shi Feng's shadows. The Swordsman was forced to stop his assault as he used Defensive Blade to protect himself.

Even so, Defensive Blade's block count was insufficient to stop all of the wind blades. Once the block counts were exhausted, each wind blade dealt around -3,100 damage. In total, Shi Feng had been struck 11 times, his HP decreasing by over 34,000.

In the blink of an eye, Shi Feng had lost one-tenth of his HP.

*Is this the Storm Warblade's Storm Assault? What a terrifying weapon. Without Heavenly Dragon's Power's Defense and HP boost, I would've been forced to activate Absolute Defense.* Evil Fire, who was enveloped in flowing, purple-hued air, had surprised Shi Feng once again.

The Storm Warblade had two major Skills. The first was Storm Assault. When activated, the Skill created hundreds of wind blades that the user could control to attack any targets within 30-yards. Each wind blade possessed 110% of the player's Strength. However, they could only cause 50% of the player's damage. The Skill had a duration of 5 seconds and a Cooldown of 15 minutes.

However, the current Storm Warblade before Shi Feng was incomplete. Evil Fire couldn't control hundreds of wind blades yet. Though, controlling dozens of wind blades wasn't a problem.

The second major Skill was called Storm Domain, and it was the cause of the purple whirlwind enveloping Evil Fire. When activated, the Skill allowed the user to suppress any target within a 50-yard radius using powerful wind. Moreover, the closer the target was to the storm's epicenter, the stronger the suppression would become. Due to these two Active Skills, players who wielded the Storm Warblade were extremely powerful in melee combat.

"I had never thought that I'd be forced to use my final trump card before my match with Black Flame." Admiration filled Evil Fire's gaze as he looked at Shi Feng. He hadn't only dared to challenge the top ten experts on the God's Domain Expert List just because of his Twofold Berserk. Another important reason the Storm Warblade in his hands. "Fortunately, since I've used that trump card, this battle is over!"

Saying so, Evil Fire dashed towards Shi Feng and executed Four Extreme Slashes yet again. At the same time, over 50 wind blades flew at Shi Feng from all directions.

However, when Evil Fire was still twelve yards away from Shi Feng, the latter vanished and reappeared before Evil Fire.

Tier 2 Taboo Skill, Instant Strike!

Sword's Orbit!

Even with Storm Domain's suppression, Shi Feng created a beautiful galaxy around him and bombarded Evil Fire with one star after another.

Not only had Shi Feng shattered Evil Fire's Four Extreme Slashes, but the resplendent stars also pierced Evil Fire's body, each star devouring over 90,000 HP.

Before Evil Fire could react, his vision darkened and his body collapsed to the ground. The screen above the stage revealed the victor's name.

Ye Feng!