

Strongest

Chapter 1339 – Slaughtering the Monster Army

A sea of Evil Beasts surrounded Stone Forest Town.

The monster army stretched out as far as the eyes could see.

Meanwhile, Heaven's Burial's members, hiding in Stone Forest Town, secretly live-streamed the siege. This allowed the players throughout Star-Moon Kingdom to watch the battle in real-time.

"There are so many monsters! This is the first time I've seen so many in one place! Can Zero Wing really face these monsters with so few people?"

"By the looks of it, Zero Wing should be giving up on Stone Forest Town. After all, these monsters are simply too strong. Guild towns have no way to fend off such a horde at this stage of the game. The players who bought houses in the town and applied for membership to the Battle Arena are out of luck."

"Zero Wing is just going to sacrifice such a large town? They're not even going to try to defend it? If that's the case, who would be dumb enough to invest in their towns in the future?"

"You have a point. In any case, I won't be buying a house in Zero Wing's towns in the future. The Guild is too unreliable!"

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The spectacular sight of the monster army shocked the players watching the live-stream. At the same time, they voiced their discontent about Zero Wing's decision to give up on Stone Forest Town. Despite being Star-Moon Kingdom's number one Guild, Zero Wing wasn't even brave enough to face the monster army.

The players who had wanted to join Zero Wing began to hesitate.

Some Zero Wing members even began to withdraw from the Guild.

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"Did you think you can reduce your losses just by giving up Stone Forest Town?" Singular Burial sneered as he read the recent forum posts. "I want to see just how long you all can endure."

Zero Wing's determination had put a wrench in his plans. However, if he uploaded the live-stream of the siege battle to the forums, he could force Zero Wing into making a decision.

Either Zero Wing chose to conserve its strength and give up Stone Forest Town, or it would try to defend the town with all its might at the cost of reducing the Guild's overall strength.

While the former option was a good choice, it would also damage the Guild's carefully built reputation. Most likely, the results would halt the Guild's development for some time.

If Zero Wing wanted to continue developing, its only choice was to protect Stone Forest Town with everything it had.

He did not hope that Zero Wing would mobilize all of its members to protect the town. It would be enough if the Guild moved a portion of its members in White River City. At that time, Zero Wing would lose both Stone Forest Town and its Stable.

If that happened, Heaven's Burial would take Zero Wing's place as the number one Guild of Star-Moon Kingdom.

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Just as the players discussed the live-stream on the forums, the Evil Beast army began its assault.

The earth trembled as the monsters swarmed towards Stone Forest Town.

The players watching were stunned.

They finally understood what zerg-tactics truly were.

With so many monsters, even Stone Forest Town's Defense Turrets and Magic Towers were utterly inadequate defenses...

It was no wonder why Zero Wing had given up Stone Forest Town. The Guild might've expected this outcome.

"Huh? What are Zero Wing's members bringing out?"

"Aren't those Miniature Ballistas?"

"It seems that the Guild did prepare."

"So what if they are prepared? The Defense Turrets and Magic Towers can't even slow down the monster army. What could a few Miniature Ballistas do?"

When the monster army was less than 3,000 yards away from Stone Forest Town, some of the spectators noticed quite a few Miniature Ballistas emerge atop the ramparts, and they couldn't help but laugh.

Although the Miniature Ballistas were easy to move, their power was subpar at best. Moreover, their AOE wasn't as large as the Defense Turrets. The Miniature Ballistas might be useful against players, but against so many high-HP monsters, they were simply a joke.

However, before these people could finish their words, something else occurred on the ramparts that stunned the watching players.

There were nearly 20 Miniature Ballistas on each wall. With all four walls, Zero Wing had almost 80 Miniature Ballistas protecting Stone Forest Town...

"How is this possible?! Those are Miniature Ballistas we're talking about!"

The large number of Miniature Ballistas stupefied the spectators. The various large Guilds watching the live-stream were particularly shocked.

Ordinary players might not understand how precious war weapons like the Miniature Ballistas were, but the major powers understood their importance well. Although the Miniature Ballista could not rival the Gnome Cannon's firepower, it wasn't easy to obtain.

Not even Super Guilds could collect nearly 80 Miniature Ballistas, yet Zero Wing had.

Before everyone could recover from their shock, Zero Wing's members began to load the ballistas with two-meter-long arrows. Crimson runes danced across these arrows' shafts. It was obvious that these weren't arrows you could purchase from NPC merchants.

Following which, explosions filled the air around Stone Forest Town. In the next moment, flaming arrows flew from the town's ramparts, raining down on the approaching Evil Beast army.

*Boom... Boom... Boom...*

Rings of fire erupted among the monster troops as the arrows struck, each covering a 15-yard radius. The Miniature Ballistas' attacks were no less devastating than the Defense Turrets.

The explosions forced back the Evil Beasts on the front line as they received heavy injuries. The Elite ranked Evil Beasts had lost over one-third of their HPs.

After the first volley of arrows, the Defense Turrets and Magic Towers launched their attacks as well. When the Magic Towers attacked, the seven-colored beams they fired struck the heart of the monster army. The attack, which could rival Tier 4 large-scale destruction Spells, instantly killed all of the monsters below Lord rank.

As three seven-colored beams cut through the Evil Beast army, over 8,000 Evil Beasts died instantly, tearing large holes in the enemy formation.

Due to the Miniature Ballistas' short Cooldown, another volley of Exploding Arrows rained down on the Evil Beasts as soon as the Defense Turrets and Magic Towers finished their attacks.

Before the army had even reached 2,500 yards of Stone Forest Town, over 30,000 Evil Beasts had died. Stone Forest Town's frightening defenses stupefied the spectating players.

"This is insane! These are Stone Forest Town's defenses?"

"Zero Wing is amazing! They have so many Miniature Ballistas! If not for these monsters' numbers and strength, the Guild might annihilate the monsters before they even reach the walls!"

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"How is this possible!? Why does Zero Wing have so many Miniature Ballistas?!" Singular Burial balled his fists as he glared at the live-stream. However, although he was very surprised and confused, he quickly recovered as he sneered and said, "Although I didn't expect such a trump card, so what? This army isn't like the last one you faced."

While the Miniature Ballistas had claimed many of the Evil Beasts below Lord rank, this war would be as good as over once the monsters reached the ballistas.

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“Interesting! And here I thought you had given up! Let’s see how you deal with this!”

Abandoned Wave, who stood at the very rear of the Evil Beast army like a coward, sneered. He then waved his hand, and immediately, another large wave charged forward. This time, however, there were far fewer Evil Beasts in the charge. However, these were higher-quality monsters, with the majority being Chieftain rank and above. Even the Grand Lords had joined in the charge.

These monsters were too large to have taken part in the initial charge, but now that less of their companions occupied the field, the Grand Lords could easily dodge the attacks from the town’s static defenses.

As these Chieftain rank and above Evil Beasts inched closer to Stone Forest Town...

Before anyone had realized it, two Mana Pulse Cannons had appeared above one of Stone Forest Town’s Magic Towers. Larger than the Basic Mana Pulse Cannon, these two weapons were none other than the Intermediate Mana Pulse Cannons Shi Feng had obtained from the Fallen Ark.

“Target the densest areas of the monster army! Fire!”

Chapter 1340 – The Intermediate Mana Pulse Cannon’s Might

The instant the Intermediate Mana Pulse Cannons activated, two pitch-black, magic arrays formed above the Magic Tower as they absorbed the surrounding Mana. The intense Mana fluctuation immediately attracted attention.

“What’s that?”

“What an intense feeling. What’s Zero Wing trying to do?”

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Players in town were shocked by the pressure they felt from the Magic Tower. This was especially true for magical class players, who were far more sensitive towards elemental Mana. Currently, the magic arrays above the tower felt like black holes as they devoured a massive amount of Mana.

“Is this another attack from the Magic Tower?” Abandoned Wave was not particularly surprised to see this. In response, he gestured with a hand.

Immediately, the Evil Beast army charging forward began to spread out.

He had long since familiarized himself with the Magic Tower’s attacks. After all, these defensive structures were the reason he had suffered in the previous war. However, he had full control of the Evil Beast army this time. Although the Magic Tower’s AOE was vast, if the monsters spread out, the Magic Towers wouldn’t be as much of a threat.

As the players on the ramparts watched, they shook their heads and sighed.

“These monsters’ reaction time is too fast. Although the Magic Towers’ attacks are powerful, they won’t be very effective with how spread out the monsters are.”

As the players discussed their thoughts, the two Intermediate Mana Pulse Cannons finished their channeling time.

In the next moment, the cannons fired two black beams, reaching the center of the Evil Beast army in the blink of an eye. As the beams struck the ground, two pillars of black light shot into the sky, piercing the clouds. This phenomenon was nothing like the Magic Towers’ prior attacks.

As the black pillars rose, they expanded.

Radius of 100 yards... 200 yards... 300 yards...

The pillars of light devoured more Evil Beasts as it spread. The pillars only stopped after achieving a 500-yard radius. Any monster below Chieftain rank was turned into ash instantly. Although the Chieftain ranked Evil Beasts survived initial contact with the pillars, the attack’s DoT eventually claimed their lives as well. Only Lord ranked Evil Beasts and above survived the attacks.

“What were those attacks?! They even killed Chieftains in one move! This is insane!”

“So, this is Zero Wing’s foundation?”

Everyone’s jaws dropped as they stared at the armageddon before them. Shocked by the black pillars’ destructive power, even the Evil Beast army had halted its advance.

“Just what did Zero Wing do?! How did the AOE grow so large?!” Abandoned Wave stared at the pillars of black light, which had yet to fade, with wide eyes.

Despite having spread out, the two attacks had killed over 15,000 Evil Beasts. Among them, over 2,000 Chieftains had died, while the Lords had less than half of their HP remaining. Although the higher-rank Evil Beasts hadn’t lost a significant amount of HP, they were severely injured, reducing their combat power drastically.

Such frightening, destructive power was simply unheard of...

Such attacks could deal a devastating blow to his Evil Beast army. If he allowed several more of those attacks to land, the consequences would be unimaginable.

Singular Burial wasn’t the only one shocked. Every major power witnessing this was astonished.

With such frightening war weapons, who would dare attack Stone Forest Town in the future?

Fortunately, the town’s current enemy was a monster army. No amount of players would be enough to capture Stone Forest Town.

“This won’t do! I won’t be able to sustain the losses if this continues!” Abandoned Wave had lost his complacent attitude. Immediately, he took a dark-gray crystal ball from his bag and started chanting. “Go! Destroy the Magic Towers!”

In the next moment, the five Level 70, Mythic ranked Evil Earth Dragons’ crimson eyes began to glow. With large strides, they approached Stone Forest Town rapidly.

Although the Evil Beast army was relatively easy to create, Chieftain ranked Evil Beasts and above were difficult to produce. Not only did their creation depend on luck, but he also needed to sacrifice monsters of a sufficiently high rank and level. Moreover, he only had a chance of created Mythic ranked Evil beasts by killing high-ranked Evil Beats. It was utterly impossible to nurture a Common Evil Beast to Mythic rank.

He wouldn’t have minded losing these high-rank Evil Bests in a normal slugfest, but it was a different story if Zero Wing simply slaughtered them.

The moment the Evil Earth Dragons moved, Stone Forest Town’s players felt death loom over them.

At this stage of the game, one Mythic monster was more than enough to destroy a Guild town, much less five. Although Zero Wing had protected the town against Mythic monsters before, it had only faced three during that battle. They had also only been Level 65. Even so, those three Mythic monsters had ravaged the Guild. It had come very close to losing Stone Forest Town.

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[Evil Earth Dragon] (Dark Creature, Mythic)  
Level 70  
HP 210,000,000/210,000,000

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Currently, the Evil Earth Dragons weren’t suppressed as they had been during the previous war. Not only were their Attributes terrifyingly high, but they also had a higher intellect and were easily capable of evading the Miniature Ballistas’ attacks. Moreover, the Evil Earth Dragons could shake off the Exploding Arrows as if they were nothing. Their battle recovery alone was enough to dishearten even the strongest player.

Although Stone Forest Town launched a constant stream of attacks, these attacks only eliminated the Evil Beasts below Great Lord rank. To Great Lords and above, the Magic Towers and Basic Mana Pulse Cannons were a minor concern.

And the Intermediate Mana Pulse Cannons had a long, three-minute Cooldown.

Three minutes might not be long in a player-fought war, but it was more than enough time for Great Lords and above to end this battle.

In the end, before the Intermediate Mana Pulse Cannons’ Cooldown ended, the 200-plus Great Lords, 40-plus Grand Lords, and five Evil Earth Dragons stood before Stone Forest Town’s walls.

Although Stone Forest Town had already upgraded to Intermediate rank and was protected by very tall walls, these walls weren’t half as tall as the Evil Earth Dragons. Before the Mythic monsters, Stone Forest Town’s ramparts were easily-crossed hurdles...

“It seems Zero Wing is truly finished. There are so many powerful monsters. This is insane.”

“Even a 500-man elite team is unlikely to stop a Level 65 Great Lord. If those 200-plus Great Lords work together, Zero Wing’s 40,000 members won’t even serve as a warm-up.”

When the spectators had watched Zero Wing reveal so many powerful war weapons, they had held onto some hope of success. However, they realized how futile Zero Wing’s attempts were as the Evil Beast stood before the town’s walls.

“Hahaha! Go, my servants! Sacrifice every lifeform in the town for the Almighty Evil God!” Abandoned Wave commanded, laughing.

He had been worried about the Intermediate Mana Pulse Cannons, but now that the monster stood before the ramparts, the war was as good as over.

“Roar!”

Deafening roars filled the air as the Great Lord ranked Evil Beasts leaped towards Stone Forest Town’s ramparts.

“I’ve been waiting for this! You will be excellent test subjects!”

Standing atop the Magic Tower, Shi Feng casually retrieved the movement-type, defensive magic array he had obtained from the Fallen Ark. He then inserted 5,000 Magic Crystals into the array and cranked it up to maximum.

Immediately, a crystal-like barrier expanded and enveloped Stone Forest Town.

*Boom... Boom... Boom...*

Suddenly, these Evil Beasts slammed into an invisible, steel-like wall 10 yards from the ramparts, unable to proceed farther.

“What’s this?”

“A magic barrier?”

Zero Wing’s members, who had prepared for an arduous battle, were confused when they saw the Evil Beast army stop.

Not even the five Evil Earth Dragons were able to move an inch closer to the town...