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Chapter 1345 – Reversal

With the entire Stone Forest Town embroiled in the battle, many streets had already been destroyed.

“Is it finally starting?” The corners of Singular Burial’s mouth curled up when he saw the Evil Demons charging at Zero Wing’s members. “Slaughter them! Kill every Zero Wing member inside the town!”

Evil Demons were different from Evil Beasts. The players killed by Evil Beasts would suffer only the normal death penalty. However, players killed by Evil Demons were not as fortunate.

When killed by an Evil Demon, not only would players suffer double the death penalty, but their Immortal Souls would also be devoured, preventing them from logging into God’s Domain for a certain period. Such an outcome was a nightmare for Guild elites and experts.

Recovering from such a loss would be very difficult.

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Meanwhile, standing in front of a Magic Tower, Aqua Rose was currently commanding the Dark Gods Legion members and a large number of NPC guards to prevent the Evil Beasts from destroying the Magic Tower behind them.

At this time, a larger group of Evil Demons joined the fray as well.

“Sure enough, their targets are the Magic Towers.” When Aqua Rose saw the Evil Demon army charging at her group, she hurriedly commanded, “Everyone, prioritize killing the Evil Demons! Activate your Berserk Skills as soon as the fight begins! Let the Tier 2 NPCs be the main attackers while you all assist from the sides!”

Seeing the Evil Demons entering their attack range one after another, the ranged classes of the Dark Gods Legion promptly went on the offensive.

Tier 1 Spells and Skills rained down on the Evil Demon army. However, aside from the Special Elite ranked Evil Demons, the other high-ranking Evil Demons dodged the attacks easily as if they were expert players. Moreover, they were also able to keep advancing as they avoided the attacks. Only when an attack was unavoidable would they retaliate.

As for the Tier 2 NPC guards, although they held the advantage when going up against Chieftain ranked Evil Demons, the Lord ranked ones easily overwhelmed them. If not for the healers at the rear line, it was only a matter of time before these NPCs got killed.

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“Such high intellect!”

“Are these things really monsters?”

“How can there be such powerful monsters?! Their combat standards are already on par with expert players!”

The players spectating the battle through the livestream could not help but gasp. They never thought that monsters were capable of achieving such a high combat standard as well. Even the weakest Special Elite ranked Evil Demons had combat standards rivaling the current expert players of God’s Domain. Meanwhile, there were actually over 3,000 of such monsters.

“With this, Zero Wing really won’t have any hope of a reversal. Even an army of 200,000 elite players would be no match for this army of Evil Demons.

Everyone could not help but shake their heads and sigh as they watched Zero Wing’s members continuously retreating.

Currently, Zero Wing’s experts were barely holding their own against the Lord ranked Evil Demons. If the players had not activated their Berserk Skills, they would’ve been killed already.

Not to mention, the Lords weren’t the strongest Evil Demons present. There were still High Lord and Great Lord ranked Evil Demons. Against these Evil Demons, even when the Level 65, Tier 2 NPC guards worked together, they still did not have a chance to retaliate. The NPC Shield Warriors and Guardian Knights could not at all keep up with the high-ranking Evil Demons’ Attack Speed, receiving blow after blow. If not for them having activated their Lifesaving Skills and Berserk Skills, as well as rapid healing coming from the rear line, these NPCs would’ve long since met their makers.

Once the duration of their Berserk Skills ended, the battle would also end entirely.

Meanwhile, hidden at a corner a short distance away from the Magic Tower was a party of six cloaked players. Currently, these six players had their eyes focused on the entrance of the Magic Tower.

“Boss Broken, should we take action now? Zero Wing’s Magic Tower doesn’t seem like it’ll be able to hold on for much longer. If they complete the disassembly of the defensive tool and teleport away, we’ll have wasted a trip here,” a pale and slim Level 37 Assassin asked as he looked at Broken Flow standing beside him.

“No hurry. We have the Tier 3 Space Freeze Magic Scroll. Stopping them from teleporting away will be a piece of cake. Let these monsters whittle down Zero Wing’s members further first. We’ll then have an easier time snatching the tool later on,” Broken Flow replied calmly. “Speaking of which, has your Skill locked on to that item yet?”

“Boss, rest assured, I’ve already locked on to the item. No matter who picks up that tool, as long as we kill that person, we can get it to drop at a 100% success rate!” the slim Assassin said with confidence.

He was originally a very inconspicuous member of Heaven’s Burial. However, he had fortunately learned a special Skill called Plunder. At Tier 0, this Skill only allowed him to steal some money from players’ bags. Moreover, it needed him to loot players within five seconds of their death. It had been a very useless Skill.

However, when the Skill reached Tier 1, it had undergone a heaven-defying change.

The Skill now allowed him to lock on to a specific item, and if this item was placed in a player's bag, then after the said player was killed, the targeted item would drop with 100% certainty. Due to this godly Skill, Heaven's Burial directly promoted him into a core member and invested resources into his development.

"Excellent." Broken Flow nodded. "Listen to my commands later on."

During the time Broken Flow was speaking, the Zero Wing members defending the Magic Tower kept retreating towards the defensive structure, the battle becoming increasingly disadvantageous for them.

Numerous Level 50-plus one-horned humanoid Evil Demons could be seen easily dodging the Spells and arrows sent by players. At the same time, a Level 61 Great Lord ranked Evil Demon leaped abruptly into the air, both its claws emitting gray fog that promptly transformed into a massive greatsword as it descended into a crowd of players.

The frightening might exuded by the greatsword made even Aqua Rose feel the threat of death.

"Not good! It's a Tier 3 Skill! Everyone, avoid it!" Aqua Rose reminded hurriedly.

However, Aqua Rose's warning was still a step too late. The players within the attack range of the gray greatsword could only watch as the massive weapon descended towards them.

Just as the greatsword was about to crash into the nearest player, a spear of light suddenly struck this Great Lord ranked Evil Demon.

The instant the spear of light came into contact with the Great Lord, it sent the latter flying 20 yards away, the Evil Demon's HP decreasing by over 1,600,000. Meanwhile, when this Great Lord hit the ground, the spear of light piercing its body suddenly transformed into golden chains that bound the Great Lord, preventing it from budging even an inch.

Immediately after, hundreds of Spells descended accurately on this Great Lord ranked Evil Demon.

In the blink of an eye, the Level 61 Great Lord, which had 22,000,000 HP, turned to dust.

"It died?" Aqua Rose, who was prepared to make a last stand against the Evil Demon army, was momentarily stunned.

She had fought Evil Demons before, during the previous siege war. Although the Evil Demons back then were only at the Lord rank, if not for Anna and Kite's assistance, even a team of experts of the same level would most likely have been annihilated.

Nevertheless, now, a Great Lord ranked Evil Demon was actually killed almost instantly.

At this moment, Aqua Rose wasn't the only person stunned by this situation. Even Singular Burial and Abandoned Wave, who were watching the livestream of the battle, were stupefied, their eyes nearly falling out of their sockets.

Nobody had a clearer understanding than they did of just how powerful a Great Lord ranked Evil Demon was. Yet, such an existence was actually killed instantly, so suppressed that it did not even have the power to retaliate.

Before anyone realized what was going on, a group of NPCs suddenly appeared behind the Evil Demon army. Unlike the town's NPC guards, these NPCs wore all sorts of attire. The classes they possessed were also diverse. The only thing these NPCs had in common with each other was that every one of them sported the Adventurer Emblem. In addition, these NPCs were all Level 70, and even the weakest among them was Tier 2. Among these NPCs, there were even ten Tier 3 NPCs.

Chapter 1346 – The Horror of Tier 3 NPCs

“NPCs?”

“Why are there so many NPCs here?”

Zero Wing's members, who had been fending off the monster army, grew confused when they saw so many powerful NPCs appearing one after another.

However, compared to the surprise Zero Wing's members felt, the players and various major powers watching this scene through the livestream were even more shocked.

“What?! There are actually Tier 3 classes among these NPCs!”

“Tier 3 NPCs!? How is this possible?! Tier 3 NPCs are already considered overlords in minor NPC cities! Just how did Zero Wing manage to get these ten Tier 3 NPCs to defend Stone Forest Town!?”

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The players on the forums were momentarily dumbfounded by the appearance of the ten Level 70, Tier 3 NPCs. As for the various major powers, they felt both confused and afraid when they saw this scene.

Ordinary players might not understand how strong Tier 3 NPCs were, but they had a clear appreciation of this.

Although only one tier separated Tier 3 and Tier 2 NPCs, this was a massive gap. Not only was there a huge disparity in Basic Attributes, but there was also a massive difference in combat standards. Even in a situation where both sides had equal Basic Attributes, a Tier 3 NPC could easily beat up a group of Tier 2 NPCs. This difference was the reason Tier 3 NPCs were usually tasked with ruling and safeguarding minor NPC cities.

Yet, now, Stone Forest Town actually had ten Tier 3 NPCs guarding it.

Moreover, NPCs were different from monsters. NPCs were capable of coordinating their movements to display superior combat power, only their coordination was still not as good as players'.

If ten Tier 3 NPCs worked together, not to mention dealing with a Grand Lord of the same level, even thrashing a Mythic monster of the same level would be child's play.

While everyone was shocked by the appearance of these NPCs, a large number of NPCs also turned up at the other two Magic Towers and Zero Wing's Residence. Although these NPC adventurers were not as numerous as the town's NPC guards, even the weakest among them was Level 70, Tier 2. They were far stronger than the majority of Stone Forest Town's Tier 1 NPC guards.

Moreover, every one of these locations was also graced by the presence of Tier 3 NPC adventurers.

If one counted the Tier 3 NPC adventurers, one would discover a total of 30 of them in Stone Forest Town. They were even more numerous than the Great Lord ranked Evil Demons.

"Damn it! Just where did Zero Wing find so many Tier 2 and Tier 3 NPCs from?!" Abandoned Wave felt his heart bleeding out when he saw the NPC adventurers assaulting his Evil Demons.

These NPC adventurers were ridiculously strong.

Their fights with Lord ranked Evil Demons were no different from child's play. Although Lord ranked Evil Demons could overwhelm Tier 2 NPCs in a one-on-one, there were simply too many Tier 2 NPCs.

Moreover, the NPCs were skillfully cooperating with each other. As a result, a single Tier 2 party could easily finish off a Lord in just a few moves.

However, this was still not the worst part. When those Tier 3 NPCs faced off against Evil Demons and Evil Beasts below Lord rank, they would almost always eliminate their opponents in a single move.

Whenever the NPCs used a Tier 3 Skill, the death of a large group of monsters would follow—the Tier 3 Great Mages were killing monsters below Lord rank as quickly as the Magic Towers were. One could practically hear explosions echoing throughout Stone Forest Town at every passing moment.

As for the Great Lord ranked Evil Demons, which were practically invincible, they were rendered utterly helpless under the coordination of just two or three Tier 3 NPCs. Meanwhile, whenever a Great Lord got pinned down, the other Tier 3 NPCs would use the opportunity to attack it together, bombarding it with Tier 3 Skills and Spells, one after another, and killing it in the blink of an eye.

Seeing the Evil Beast army's and Evil Demon army's numbers plummet, Abandoned Wave immediately commanded all the monsters to give up on attacking the Magic Towers and shift their focus towards Zero Wing's Residence.

Previously, Abandoned Wave had commanded his monsters to attack the Magic Towers merely to kill more Zero Wing members. However, the current situation no longer permitted such an action. If the battle continued, although he could inflict more losses on Zero Wing, the monster army he built up with great difficulty would also suffer annihilation.

Now, the only thing he could do was destroy Zero Wing's Residence. This way, he would've at least achieved his main goal.

In the next moment, the Evil Beasts and Evil Demons inside Stone Forest Town began surging towards Zero Wing's Residence in a frenzy.

"Black Flame, I admit that your Guild's strength and foundations have greatly exceeded my expectations. Unfortunately, you are fated to lose Stone Forest Town in this war." Abandoned Wave smiled faintly when he saw his monster army surrounding Zero Wing's Residence.

His losses this time had indeed exceeded his initial estimates. However, with the destruction of Stone Forest Town, Zero Wing would lose its foundations. Meanwhile, he could still obtain more Evil Beasts and Evil Demons. At most, he would have to spend a little more time doing so.

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“They really are nuts. Do they plan on attacking the Guild Residence’s magic array at all costs?” When Shi Feng saw the monster army focused on assaulting Zero Wing’s Residence, he immediately had everyone gather back at the Residence.

At this moment, aside from attacking the Guild Residence’s defensive magic array, these Evil Beasts and Evil Demons were doing nothing else. They did not even bother defending against or avoiding the attacks sent at them.

However, Shi Feng also could not help but admit that these monsters’ plan was working, as the Guild Residence’s defensive magic array was rapidly weakening. Most likely, the magic array would shatter in less than a minute. At that time, these monsters would be able to charge into the Guild Hall and destroy the Guild Flag.

A town siege carried out by monsters was different from that of players. Players needed to obtain the Town Token in order to capture the town. Meanwhile, monsters only needed to destroy the Guild Flag to do so.

As long as the Guild Flag was destroyed, Stone Forest Town would be finished, becoming a town controlled by monsters. If that happened, all players within the town would be forcibly expelled from Stone Forest Town’s vicinity. Meanwhile, Shi Feng would also lose his authority over Stone Forest Town, and for the following one month, his Guild would be barred from raiding Stone Forest Town.

However, it would be a different story for other Guilds. Instead of a month, they would only need to wait 15 days before they could start raiding Stone Forest Town.

During this 15-day grace period, most likely, every Guild in Star-Moon Kingdom would attempt to raid Stone Forest Town. After all, as long as they succeeded, they would get a ready-made Intermediate Town.

“Kill! Go ahead and kill as many as you can! I want to see just how many of my monsters you all can kill!” Abandoned Wave laughed involuntarily when he saw the cracks on the Residence’s magic barrier.

At this moment, there were still 50,000 Evil Beasts and Evil Demons—more than enough to last until the monsters invaded Zero Wing’s Residence and destroyed its Guild Flag.

Meanwhile, Zero Wing’s members were desperately trying to stop the monsters’ attacks.

*Boom!*

When a Level 70 Grand Lord bombarded the magic barrier with a Tier 3 Skill, the Guild Residence’s defensive magic array finally gave, crumbling upon itself.

“Everyone, move forward and block those monsters! Do not let them set foot in the Guild Hall no matter what!” Aqua Rose shouted urgently.

Zero Wing's members understood the severity of this matter. Immediately, all the MTs charged forward to block the advance of the monsters. At the same time, the magic array teams also activated one magic array after another to trap the approaching monsters. Very quickly, chaos fell upon the entire Guild Residence.

"Idiots. Do you think the entrance is the only way to enter?" Abandoned Wave sneered.

In the next moment, a Lord ranked Evil Demon leaped high in the air and landed at the side of the Guild Hall. It then sent a fierce punch at the wall and opened a huge hole in it. Immediately after, over a dozen small, Chieftain ranked Evil Demons dashed into the breach.

"Not good!" Aqua Rose also noticed this situation from the corners of her eyes. Although they were blocking the larger Evil Beasts, they couldn't stop the nimble and smaller Evil Demons. Not to mention, Zero Wing's Guild Hall was also very large. It was simply impossible to defend all the sides completely.

At this moment, Zero Wing's members also felt a deep sense of powerlessness and despair.

"Hahaha! Everything's over!" Abandoned Wave could not help laughing madly when he saw the Evil Demons surging into the Guild Hall.

There might be a lot of players and NPC guards inside the Guild Hall, but the dozen or so Evil Demons were both agile and skillful. Their target, the Guild Flag, was also prominently displayed inside the Guild Hall. Destroying it would be a piece of cake for them.

However, in the next moment...

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

The dozen or so Evil Demons that charged into the Guild Hall actually went flying back out through the same hole they entered from. However, before these dozen or so Chieftain ranked and one Lord ranked Evil Demons could even land, their bodies had already transformed into ashes and disappeared from everyone's sight.

"How?!" Abandoned Wave's eyes nearly fell out of their sockets.

Meanwhile, Zero Wing's members also became slack-jawed at this scene, unable to comprehend what had just happened.

When everyone turned to look at the hole in the wall, they could faintly make out a muscular man in black robes standing before the Guild Flag. With both hands, the man gripped a blood-red greatsword that was stabbed into the ground before him.

Even when just looking at this man from afar, everyone could clearly feel their souls shuddering in fear.

This man was none other than Gilbert, the Hero Shi Feng had summoned!