

Strongest

Chapter 1349 – Black Flame and Beast Emperor

“Beast Emperor!”

Abandoned Wave grew ecstatic as the towering figure appeared before him.

As per usual, Beast Emperor wore a Black Cloak and bandages that covered his entire body. However, Beast Emperor’s aura and radiating Evil Energy were much stronger than the last time Abandoned Wave had met the man.

Despite the lack of malice, Abandoned Wave couldn’t help but feel an indescribable fear as he stared at Beast Emperor’s back. Of course, he was also relieved. Now that Beast Emperor had arrived, he was safe from Shi Feng.

“This is Beast Emperor?” Meanwhile, Flame Blood, who stood beside Abandoned Wave, stared at the man before them with a dumbfounded look.

Although Abandoned Wave had told him that Beast Emperor was strong, Flame Blood hadn’t realized just how strong. The man’s aura was on par with that of a Great Lord. The instant Beast Emperor had arrived, he had felt his body grow heavy.

This was the first time he met a player that didn’t feel like a human, but some kind of terrifying creature.

Beast Emperor’s arrival had also halted Shi Feng’s steps.

With such dense and powerful Evil Energy surrounding him, is he an Evil God Envoy? The cloaked man shocked Shi Feng.

The instant Beast Emperor had appeared, the evil energy he exuded tainted the surrounding area. If normal players spent too much time in this pollution, they would undoubtedly become Demonkin.

Even Great Lord ranked Evil Beasts and Evil Demons could only pollute an area of 20 to 30 yards, yet Beast Emperor polluted a radius of over 50 yards. With the Evil God’s blessing, his Evil Energy was also denser than normal. If Evil Beasts and Evil Demons’ Evil Energy were akin to air, then the Beast Emperor’s Evil Energy was like liquid.

“Zero Wing’s Guild Leader, Black Flame?” Beast Emperor asked Shi Feng in a gravelly voice. “Sure enough, you’re as strong as the rumors say. No wonder those old fellows are talking about you. Let me introduce myself. I’m called Beast Emperor. I am also the Apostle that activated the Evil God’s Temple in Star-Moon Kingdom. May I know if Guild Leader Black Flame would be so kind as to pardon my two friends? I can assure you that the beasts and demons will not bother Stone Forest Town again.”

“If I let them go, those Evil Beasts and Evil Demons will leave Stone Forest Town alone? Is this some kind of humble threat?” Shi Feng asked.

“You can think of it that way,” Beast Emperor acknowledged.

In his opinion, God’s Domain had fewer threats to offer as time went on. A measly kingdom’s number one Guild was not one of them.

Abandoned Wave was one of the Basic Evil God Apostles under him. Abandoned Wave could only control a maximum of 600,000 Evil Beasts, which couldn’t be more than 30 levels higher than his own. The strongest Evil Beast he could control was only Tier 4 Lower-rank, and he could only control up to ten at a time. As for Evil Demons, Abandoned Wave could only control a maximum of 5,000, and they could not be more than 20 levels higher than him. The strongest Evil Demon Abandoned Wave could control was only Tier 3 Middle-rank, and his maximum was 20 at a time.

If Abandoned Wave could push Zero Wing to the brink of destruction with a half-baked army, what could an Evil God Envoy such as himself accomplish?

“If I say no?” Shi Feng asked, smiling. He then vanished.

“You’re rejecting my goodwill?” Beast Emperor’s gaze turned frosty when he heard Shi Feng’s reply. Immediately, he searched his surroundings for the enemy player.

As if Abandoned Wave and Flame Blood faced a powerful foe, one focused on their surroundings while the other activated Truth Shield to protect himself.

However, before any of the three could react, Shi Feng appeared beside Abandoned Wave, turning both Abyssal Blade and Killing Ray against the man.

Shi Feng could easily cross 30 yards with a few steps.

By the time Abandoned Wave realized what was happening and attempted to use Vanish, the seemingly slow swords had passed through his body. Only after he had been hit did his body begin to disappear. However, the two attacks had devoured over 35,000 HP, dropping it into the red. He had nearly been thrown over the River Styx.

How are his reactions so fast!? Flame Blood was stupefied.

Shi Feng’s slashes were not indefensible. Only, Shi Feng’s reaction speed was simply too quick. He had executed the two slashes as if he had moved on instinct.

The instant Abandoned Wave disappeared, Shi Feng retrieved a dark-blue, crystal ball from his bag and shattered it.

“No! You can’t do that!” From Stealth, Abandoned Wave practically screamed when he saw the shattered crystal ball.

The crystal ball Shi Feng had shattered was a Mobile Jail specifically designed to capture Dark and Red Players. If a Dark or Red player had less than 10% of their HP, the capture would be successful. Mobile Jails had the same effects as jails in NPC cities.

This wasn’t an item that ordinary players could afford.

The War God's Temple sold Mobile Jails that could hold a single player for 50 Gold each. Mobile Jails that could hold up to ten players cost 300 Gold. Even wealthy players wouldn't purchase such an expensive tool without a specific reason.

Although Abandoned Wave had considered using a Skill to resist capture, once the Mobile Jail activated, it would capture any player within 15 yards that fit the requirements and stop them from using Skills or tools. They wouldn't even be able to move. Not even an invulnerable state could save them.

In the blink of an eye, a black hole devoured Abandoned Wave, and he vanished as if he had never existed.

Meanwhile, the crystal ball Shi Feng had shattered had recovered, but instead of dark-blue, the crystal ball was now black.

"Black Flame! You bastard!" Beast Emperor glared at Shi Feng, Evil Energy overflowing from his body. His aura also began to increase. "Release him now! Otherwise, don't even think of leaving this place alive!"

Although he was an Evil God Envoy, someone who enjoyed a high position in the Evil God's Temple, he was only granted five Apostles. Even if one of his Apostles died, he wouldn't get another.

Hence, he was extremely careful when selecting Apostles. After all, players without enough strength and resources weren't likely to be of much help.

Although Abandoned Wave had lost the Blackwater Corporation's support, he had already given Abandoned Wave one of his five Apostle slots. Losing Abandoned Wave was the equivalent of losing 600,000 Evil Beasts and 5,000 Evil Demons.

"Leave here alive?" Shi Feng turned to Beast Emperor. Chuckling, he said, "Are you joking? Or do you think I can't tell that you're just a mirror image?"

"You saw through it?!" Beast Emperor was stunned.

He did not have any Skills that allowed long-distance teleportation, but he could dispatch a mirror image, sending it to command his own army and that of his Apostles. Not only did this Skill guarantee his safety, but it also allowed him to keep his subordinates in check.

Although his mirror image was invulnerable, it couldn't attack, either. The mirror image was only a replica that lasted 30 minutes.

"A doppelganger?" Flame Blood looked at Beast Emperor in confusion.

Both Beast Emperor's aura and Evil Energy far exceeded Abandoned Wave's. At the end of the day, a doppelganger was only a doppelganger. Everyone knew that, although they looked like the real deal, doppelgangers didn't have the aura of the original player.

Yet, no matter how he looked at Beast Emperor, the man should be real.

But what Beast Emperor and Flame Blood didn't know was that Shi Feng had activated Omniscient Eyes. He could see the truth of everything within 100 yards of himself.

The instant Beast Emperor had appeared, Shi Feng had activated Omniscient Eyes to avoid an ambush. After all, if one enemy appeared suddenly, others were likely nearby.

If Beast Emperor really wore a Black Cloak, though, even Omniscient Eyes wouldn't reveal his identity. However, as this Beast Emperor was only a mirror image, the Black Cloak could only hide his appearance. It did nothing to hide the mirror image's data from Omniscient Eyes. Moreover, as the mirror image was invulnerable, it couldn't attack. It was similar to his Divine Steps.

Despite his ruse failing, Beast Emperor showed no signs of panic or worry. On the contrary, he laughed and said, "As expected of the player the Secret Pavilion dubbed the Sword King. Ordinary peak experts are no match for your strength and insight. However, did you think I've spent so much time talking to you just for fun?"

As soon as Beast Emperor had said so, a black figure descended from above.

The figure hovered above Beast Emperor as it gazed down at Shi Feng.

—

[Evil Demon] (Dark Creature, Grand Lord)

Level 70

HP 35,000,000/35,000,000

Chapter 1350 – Full-powered Assault

As the Evil Demon appeared, the area's atmosphere changed.

Dense Evil Energy polluted the area, and shadows clustered around the Evil Demon. However, the more frightening aspect was the Evil Demon's aura. Even an expert like Flame Blood could not help but shudder, his movements becoming sluggish.

So, this is a Grand Lord ranked Evil Demon? Flame Blood was both shocked and afraid as he stared at the hovering Evil Demon.

His fear wasn't due to the demon's aura. Rather, the Evil Demon before him felt almost human. Its condescending gaze and sneer made it look like a player in an Evil Demon's skin.

Flame Blood had never realized that there was such a massive difference between a Great Lord and a Grand Lord ranked Evil Demon.

To upgrade an Evil Demon to the Great Lord rank, Abandoned Wave had to devour many players' souls. Of course, the demon had to have enough potential to evolve. Otherwise, absorbing souls would only increase its level, not its tier. Every time an Evil Demon was promoted, it would require several times more souls to reach the next rank.

One could just imagine how difficult it was to produce a Grand Lord ranked Evil Demon.

Yet, Beast Emperor intended to use such a creature to lead the way...

If they had had the help of a Grand Lord during their siege against Stone Forest Town, the battle might have ended in their favor.

“Black Flame, I have given you your one chance. Since you’ve refused, I’ll show you what it feels like for a demon to devour your soul.” Beast Emperor smirked at Shi Feng. “If an expert like you turns into an Evil Demon, I’m sure it will have a lot of potential.”

Peak experts’ corpses were very valuable to Evil God’s Temple players. Such corpses had a much greater chance of becoming Evil Demons with high growth potential. The Evil Demon created would have a better chance of becoming a high-tiered creature.

As Beast Emperor finished speaking, the Evil Demon above him vanished as it dashed towards Shi Feng with lightning speed.

In the blink of an eye, the Evil Demon arrived before its target, slashing at Shi Feng’s head with claws wrapped in dark-gray fog.

However, mid-swing, the Evil Demon abruptly changed its attack trajectory, creating a silver arc that split away from the gray fog and moved towards Shi Feng’s neck. Meanwhile, the gray fog retained its form as it continued towards Shi Feng’s head.

Rapid Switch?

Shi Feng could not help his surprise. He hadn’t expected the Evil Demon to have grasped such a superb technique. Moreover, the transition was so smooth and sudden that even a Void Realm expert like himself had failed to detect warning signs. It was as if the demon’s cells had altered from attacking his head to swiping at his neck.

In this crucial moment, one of Shi Feng’s blades, which he had employed to counter the fog-shrouded claws, changed directions. While the Abyssal Blade continued to block the descending claws of gray fog, Killing Ray turned to block the Evil Demon’s real claws.

Boom! Boom!

As the blades and claws met, the collision scattered dazzling sparks. The ground beneath Shi Feng’s feet sunk slightly. The impact then threw Shi Feng, and he landed over 20 yards away. He instantly lost over 10,000 HP...

Is this a Grand Lord ranked Evil Demon’s strength? When Shi Feng struck the ground, both of his hands were numb. His blades vibrated, releasing a low hum. Sure enough, its Strength and speed far exceed an ordinary Grand Lord.

If not for his quick reaction and diverting Killing Ray, he would have likely died.

Even so, since he had pulled Killing Ray away from his Parry, he hadn’t been able to mitigate the damage completely, causing him to lose one-sixth of his total HP. At this rate, even if he blocked every one of the demon’s attacks, he would only last six attacks...

He had only been saved due to his Tier 2 Sword Master class, one of the Ten Great Saint Classes, and his excellent equipment. If a Tier 2 MT of the same level had received that last attack, they'd most likely lose a minimum of 20,000 HP.

"He's not dead?" Beast Emperor was momentarily stunned when he saw Shi Feng stand up with most of his HP intact.

He knew just how powerful a Grand Lord ranked Evil Demon was. Even the current strongest MT in God's Domain would die instantly if they didn't activate a Lifesaving Skill in time.

Upon reaching the Grand Lord rank, Evil Demons' combat standards underwent a qualitative transformation. Players had no hope against these Grand Lords' transition speed. After factoring in the Grand Lord's frightening, destructive power, any player that attempted to solo such a creature would die instantly.

He even blocked that attack? Sure enough, Black Flame's strength has improved significantly yet again. Flame Blood was also surprised to see Shi Feng so lively.

Even against a Great Lord ranked Evil Demon of the same level, an MT would be forced to activate a Lifesaving Skill to survive, not to mention against a Level 70 Grand Lord.

If not for the NPC guards and various magic arrays, Zero Wing would have been easily annihilated during the siege.

Yet, even without any support, Shi Feng blocked the Grand Lord's attack. This was simply inconceivable.

"Sure enough, you are quite impressive. But how many attacks do you think you can block?" Although Shi Feng had surprised Beast Emperor, the situation hadn't changed.

As he said so, the Evil Demon darted forward once more. This time, the gray fog around its claws transformed into a dark gray greatsword. It brandished the weapon at Shi Feng, sending five streaks of gray light towards the Swordsman's blind spots.

Just as the five streaks of gray light were about to devour Shi Feng, golden dragon scales and divine runes began to envelop his body. His aura transformed as well, resembling that of a prehistoric beast. A stream of blue energy flowed from Killing Ray and into Shi Feng's palm. Arcs of blue electricity danced across his body. Suddenly, Shi Feng looked like a God that had descended to the mortal world.

Heavenly Dragon's Power!

Tier 2 Blade Liberation!

This was the first time Shi Feng had used Twofold Berserk after completing his Tier 2 Promotion. Even against the King of Darkness, Shi Feng had only used Heavenly Dragon's Power.

However, against the Grand Lord ranked Evil Demon, Shi Feng did not dare to be careless as even the slightest mistake could end his life.

Following which, Shi Feng lightly swung Killing Ray towards the Evil Demon.

Shadow Blade!

Immediately, one streak of blue light and nine streaks of black light sliced at the Evil Demon.

The instant Shi Feng's Sacred Sword and the Evil Demon's greatsword collided, the ground they stood on shattered from the resulting impact. Even Flame Blood, who stood 30 yards away, nearly lost his footing.

The five streaks of gray light were repelled back, carving several long grooves into the dirt.

After repelling the Evil Demon's attacks, all ten of Shi Feng's attacks landed. The streaks of light easily bit into the Evil Demon's steel-like body, green blood spewing from its wounds as the impact threw the creature over a dozen yards backward.

At the same time, the Evil Demon's HP plummeted.

-161,267!

-323,497!

-160,916!

...

Since Killing Ray dealt double damage against Dark Creatures, the Evil Demon's HP dropped by over 2,000,000 in the blink of an eye.