

**Chapter 101: Sect Assessment (3)**

Lu Xiuwen's target was not just to enter the Xuanling Sect but also to be the top person. As such, he would catch the Elders' attention. He would not allow anyone to mess up his plan.

Within the sect, the four Elders also focused on Ye Qingtang. She performed too well on the Path to Heaven, and she definitely caught their attention.

Especially, Elder Qin of the Array Faction stared closely without blinking once.

Ye Qingtang walked towards the spirit stone under everyone's gaze. She slowly raised her hand and tried to adjust her spirit root. Continuous strands of aura slowly diffused into the Spirit Stone through her palm.

The ivory stone then started changing color.

Instantly, the stone was covered by red color. Just that there was a glimpse of orange in that red color.

When the color stabilized...

The whole place was silent.

"This is..." The middle-aged man who had great hope was also stunned. Based on Ye Qingtang's behaviors on the Path to Heaven just now, he was expecting at least a yellow or green spirit root, maybe even better.

He could not imagine that Ye Qingtang would possess the most inferior red spirit root!

Anyone could have a red spirit root. It could be found everywhere.

Even though her spirit root also showed a slight orange color, but it was not up to the level of an orange spirit root. It was still regarded as a red spirit root.

Everyone was astonished at that moment.

No one expected that Ye Qingtang possessed such a low-quality spirit root.

Lu Xiuwen, who was holding his breath, felt relieved. The concern in his eyes was immediately replaced with sarcasm when he saw the red color.

He thought that Ye Qingtang possessed superior spirit root and that was why she dared to challenge him previously. However, he did not think ... that it was just a red spirit root.

Yun Shu was also stunned slightly, as he did not expect the outcome.

The four Elders in the sect showed different expressions when they saw the red color. The Elders of the Herbal Faction and Fist Faction did not bother so much, but Elder Lin of the Sword Faction showed despise on his face. He tilted his head and looked towards Elder Qin who was taken aback.

"Elder Qin, I think this time you got the wrong person."

Elder Qin felt a bit embarrassed as he did not expect such an outcome. Among the four factions, his Array Faction had the lowest requirements towards spirit root. However... a red spirit root was still way below the requirement.

“Mu Su had never recommended anyone to the Xuanling Sect. I thought that she would be a genius since he broke his rules. Who knew... Such a joke.” Elder Lin sneered.

Red spirit roots were never seen in the sect. Even the outer sect disciples started with orange spirit roots. No one with a red spirit root had ever entered the sect.

Elder Qin was made speechless by Elder Lin’s words. He frowned and remained silent.

Elder Lin chuckled and looked back into the mirror.

“This year only Yun Shu and Lu Xiuwen are not bad. The rest do not deserve our attention.”

The two Elders of the Fist Faction and Herbal Faction both agreed. Only people with green spirit roots would have hope to enter the inner sect.

Even though both inner and outer sects were under the Xuanling Sect, the differences between the two sects were unimaginable.

Disciples who could not enter the inner sect would not even have a chance to meet the Elders.

Everyone looked down on Ye Qingtang’s red spirit root, and her outstanding behavior from the Path to Heaven also faded.

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When everyone was mocking or sighing at Ye Qingtang, she still remained calm. Staring at the Spirit Stone, her eyes were immersed with an undetectable smile.

Her spirit root just leveled up!

Initially, her spirit root was just a pure red spirit root. However, after nourishing it with the Floating Pagoda for a month, her spirit root was about to level up to an orange one.

That faint orange color, ignored by the rest, provided Ye Qingtang with great hope.

She would need at most one more month to nourish it into an orange spirit root. Afterward, she could reach the yellow spirit root... Even the blue spirit root that appeared for a split second before was not totally impossible now.

However, her spirit root would require more nourishment to level up further. The requirement would multiply as it leveled up slowly. If Ye Qingtang really wished to nourish a blue spirit root, that would be a long way to go, and she was not in a rush.

Under the sarcastic gaze by the audience, Ye Qingtang put down her hand and stepped back.

The middle-aged man stared at Ye Qingtang in a complex way. He was silent for a while, and then asked people to register Ye Qingtang’s spirit root level on the booklet.

He previously thought that this lady was full of potential, but he did not expect that her spirit root would be one of such low quality.

It would be almost impossible to enter the sect with such a spirit root. Whether she would be allowed to enter the sect by the Elders was now fully dependent on her performance in the following assessments.

Such a pity...

To this point, all candidates' spirit root levels were recorded, and the real assessment was just about to begin.

Everyone sighed in relief when they witnessed Ye Qingtang's spirit root. They would not want to see another strong competitor when Yun Shu and Lu Xiuwen were already present.

"Spirit root is not that important. There will be more assessments." Yun Shu was the only one who talked to Ye Qingtang. He spoke to her slowly and gently. It seemed that he was trying to comfort her.

Ye Qingtang smiled slightly. She could clearly notice Senior Brother Yun's worry from his reaction. It was funny for her, but at the same time, she felt the warmth from his concern.

Yun Shu finally felt relieved after seeing her smile.

"We should both strive hard to enter the sect!" Yun Shu said.

Ye Qingtang nodded.

"Brother Yun, you are always so gentle to all kinds of people." Yun Shu and Ye Qingtang heard an unpleasant voice.

Ye Qingtang raised her eyes and saw Lu Xiuwen sneering at her sarcastically.

Lu Xiuwen took a glimpse at Ye Qingtang and spoke to Yun Shu. "Everyone knows about Liu Yun family's fame. I'm not surprised by Brother Yun's kindness. But you should know what kind of person to befriend. Do not downgrade yourself with your kindness."

Yun Shu frowned as he disliked Lu Xiuwen's attitude.

"I know what I am doing, Brother Lu." Yun Shu said.

Lu Xiuwen did not take it seriously. He turned to look at Ye Qingtang and said:

"Ye Qingtang, how dare you to come for the sect assessment with this kind of spirit root? If even you can enter the sect, wouldn't the rest of us be useless!"

Lu Xiuwen did not bother to hide his hostility towards Ye Qingtang. He was very certain that she had no way to enter the sect. He would not let her go easily.

Yun Shu's face clouded and wanted to speak up for Ye Qingtang.

Ye Qingtang suddenly stepped forward and struck back at Lu Xiuwen before Yun Shu could.

"Lu Xiuwen, remember what you just said."

She would soon let him understand who was really useless.

"I will definitely remember that." Lu Xiuwen smiled coldly.

### **Chapter 103: Illusion Array (1)**

The real assessment began after the spirit root test. Based on the inverted order which people completed the Path to Heaven, Ye Qingtang would be the last person to go.

The middle-aged man who was in charge of the assessment led everyone to a place outside the courtyard. The courtyard was peculiar as it was built on top of cloud layers. Multiple Eight Trigrams flags served as walls that surrounded the courtyard. The flags were four meters in height and stuck closely together. The view inside was totally covered up.

The middle-aged man placed his hands back and stared at the candidates. All candidates then stopped chatting and remained silent.

"This is an illusion array. All candidates are required to enter the array one by one."

"Illusion array?"

Various discussions arose among the candidates after the middle-aged man's words. No one knew what this illusion array was, but they were all clear that as a sect assessment, it would not be easy to pass.

"Senior, do we need to break the array in order to pass the assessment?" One of the candidates asked, and that was what the rest were curious of.

The middle-aged man shook his head.

"It would be best if you can break the array. If you can't, we shall see the situation in the array."

Do not need to break the array?

Everyone became even more curious about the illusion array in front of them.

The middle-aged man asked a disciple behind him to distribute wax balls to candidates.

"There will be combat inside the array. Nothing inside will threaten your life. If you cannot take it anymore, just crush the wax ball, and the illusion array will disperse. You can then leave the array. However, I have to warn you now. The moment you crush the wax ball, the assessment comes to an end. The timing you crush the wax ball and the length of time you can stay in the array will be taken into consideration for the assessment." He said.

Combat?

The key information in the middle-aged man's words was clearly captured by the candidates. Though he mentioned combat, their life would not be threatened. Furthermore, it was mentioned earlier that they did not need to break the array. It seemed like this assessment was just to test how long they could last in the array.

Everyone was not that nervous after figuring out the rules.

Even if they could not break the array, they just needed to spend more time in the array. It would not be very difficult.

Based on the inverted order which people completed the Path to Heaven, a young man would be the first person to enter the illusion array.

The young man was around 18 to 19 years old. He was tall and possessed an orange spirit root.

He did not perform very well on the Path to Heaven, so he was well-prepared now to earn some attention in the array.

“Are you ready to enter the array?” The middle-aged man looked at the excited young man and asked in a deep voice.

The young man nodded without any hesitation.

The middle-aged man raised his hand, and a path emerged from the closely arranged Eight Trigrams flags. The path was covered entirely by fog, and no one could see the view inside clearly.

“Enter.” A command was given.

The young man then walked towards the illusion array. His giant body disappeared from view after he stepped into the fog. The Eight Trigrams flags assembled back and enclosed the entire array.

“I think that young man will be inside for quite a while. The longer you stay inside, the better it is. Even if you can’t break the array, you can also drag out time inside.” One of the candidates murmured.

“That’s true. It’ll take at least two to three days to assess the hundreds of us.”

Ye Qingtang stood at a corner and scanned through the rest of the candidates. She smiled slightly when she noticed how the rest felt relieved towards the illusion array.

When was it ever easy to pass a sect assessment?

#### **Chapter 104: Illusion Array (2)**

Just when everyone thought that they would have to wait for at least half a day, a formidable roar came out of the illusion array all of a sudden.

The roar seemed to make the cloud layers below them to tremble.

“Ahhhhhh!!” A horrifying scream was heard along the roar of the beast. The piercing scream seemed to be able to tear people apart.

The two sounds hit everyone like a flash of lightning.

Previously relaxed people were now all covered with goosebumps.

“What was that?”

“What is in the illusion array?”

The roaring sound of the beast greeted their ears constantly. It totally destroyed the calmness among everyone.

Such a deep roar had to be made from an extraordinary demonic beast. Was there a powerful demonic beast holding down the illusion array?

Suddenly, everyone's good moods disappeared.

A stream of blue fog slowly drifted out of the illusion array the next second. A path emerged from the Eight Trigrams flags instantly, and a man fled out in panic from the array.

The young man who just entered the array a few moments ago was now pale and sweating heavily. The calmness he had before entering the array was long gone, and only a few scratch marks were left on his face now.

No one knew what he had just encountered in the array. However, his reaction just now really shocked everyone who was present.

Though this young man possessed an orange spirit root, he should not be so weak. He only stayed in the array for a few moments before coming out.

"Next." The middle-aged man took a quick glance at the young man and commanded.

The second candidate shivered. He was totally taken aback by the previous candidate's reaction. However, he had no choice but to step into the array.

Everyone was having some deep thoughts after the second candidate entered the array. They looked towards the first candidate subconsciously. The young man was still panicking and upset.

Everyone knew what the situation was now, and no one asked him what he encountered in the array.

The rules of the sect assessment did not allow candidates to reveal such information. Furthermore, as a result of the competition happening between the candidates, the candidate would not give them any answer even if they asked.

This time, the candidate who entered the array did not escape immediately. However, the roaring sound of the beast rose one after another.

Soon, a streak of blue fog was seen, and this represented the end of the second candidate's assessment.

Even though he lasted slightly longer than the first candidate, the duration was still alarmingly short.

Based on this speed, they would need only less than half a day to assess the hundreds of candidates here.

The next few candidates who entered the array all did not last very long. All of them came out with pale faces as if they had seen something terrifying.

The candidates who were still waiting were close to breaking down.

They thought that as long as they lasted long enough in the array, they could pass the assessment. Who knew that... things were much more complicated than what they imagined.

More than half of the candidates had finished the assessment in less than half a day. Lu Xiuwen would be the next one now.

He took a deep breath and stood in front of the array. He squinted his eyes as the array slowly opened up a path. Eventually, he walked in.

Among the clouds and fog, Lu Xiuwen did not have a clear view in front of him. He took a few steps forward, and the fog suddenly dispersed. He saw himself standing in a forest, and a pair of red eyes were staring at him through the gaps of the branches.

### **Chapter 105: Illusion Array (3)**

At the next second, a giant beast walked out of the forest. It was a level five demonic beast with a height of five meters. Its body was full black in color, and its tusks were shimmering under the light. Its deathly red eyes stared at Lu Xiuwen—the only living creature in front of the beast.

Lu Xiuwen panicked when he saw the demonic beast.

A level five demonic beast was not something that the candidates could handle as they had not gone through any training.

“What’s wrong? How can a sect assessment be so difficult?” Lu Xiuwen frowned.

He did not even wish to beat the beast. He would celebrate in joy if he could escape from it.

When Lu Xiuwen was contemplating, the beast roared in rage. Its giant body flew towards him.

Lu Xiuwen held the wax ball tighter, but then he remembered what the middle-aged man told them.

“Nothing inside would threaten your life.”

A thought came through his mind, and he gave up the opportunity of crushing the wax ball. He immediately pulled out the sword by his waist and blocked the beast’s attack.

He could feel a heavy weight from the sword, but such strength was totally incomparable with that from a real level five demonic beast.

Lu Xiuwen’s eyes sparkled, and he dashed forward with his sword.

As time passed, Lu Xiuwen spent a much longer time in the array than all previous candidates.

The middle-aged man’s face softened. Though there were some candidates who lasted inside for quite a while, Lu Xiuwen was in a much better state compared to them.

A streak of blue fog emerged after a long time.

Lu Xiuwen appeared outside the array the next second.

His face was not pale but still not very pleasant.

Though he found out the trick of the array, he could not find a way to break it. He could only crush the wax ball before he ran out of energy.

However...

Lu Xiuwen took a breath and looked towards Yun Shu.

He believed that the duration he spent inside the array was much longer than all previous candidates. Now, there were only Ye Qingtang and Yun Shu left.

Lu Xiuwen did not bother with Ye Qingtang, who only possessed a red spirit root. Only Yun Shu could compete with him at this assessment.

“Lu Xiuwen, you can now go to the next assessment location.” The middle-aged man spoke to him slowly. He was quite satisfied with Lu Xiuwen’s performance.

Lu Xiuwen spent quite a long time in the array, so all previous candidates had already moved on to the next assessment location.

Lu Xiuwen nodded slightly. His arrogant sight swept past Yun Shu and landed on Ye Qingtang. He smiled and left.

“Next.” The middle-aged man said.

Yun Shu took a glance at Ye Qingtang. He nodded and walked into the array.

Outside the array, Ye Qingtang was the only person left. A faintly discernible smile emerged on her face. She clearly witnessed the sight from Lu Xiuwen before he left.

Lu Xiuwen was quite talented since he could last so long in the array.

However...

So what?

Ye Qingtang chuckled. She waited patiently for her turn to enter the array.

Yun Shu spent a long time inside. He could only crush the wax ball to leave the array.

When he stepped out of the array, he looked towards Ye Qingtang’s direction instinctively. He was about to remind her about something when the middle-aged man stopped his words.

“Yun Shu, you can now move on to the next assessment location.”

#### **Chapter 106: Illusion Array (4)**

“Yes.” Yun Shu wanted to tell Ye Qingtang about the illusion array. However... he did not have any chance to do so and had to leave for the next assessment.

The middle-aged man looked at Ye Qingtang with a complicated expression.

“Ye Qingtang, are you ready to enter now?”

Ye Qingtang took a step forward and nodded.

The illusion array was turned on.



Within the sect, the four sect elders were staring at the image from the Water Moon Mirror.

All of them did not pay much attention as Ye Qingtang walked inside the array.

“Yun Shu and Lu Xiuwen did quite well in the array. They could figure out the trick within such a short period of time.” Elder Lin was quite satisfied with both of their performances.

“Su Wan and Mo Yu were not too bad as well. I saw that they lasted inside for quite a long time. Though it’s not comparable with Yun Shu and Lu Xiuwen, they are still up to the standard.” The Elder of the Fist Faction also noticed some potential candidates.

“Illusion array is now ended then.” Elder Lin spoke softly and ignored Ye Qingtang, who just entered the array.

Elder Qin frowned.

Elder Lin sneered at Elder Qin’s reaction.

“Elder Qin, are you still thinking of that Ye Qingtang? She has only a red spirit root. The disciples previously could not last very long in the array. I’m afraid she will also...”

The moment when Elder Lin spoke, the four Elders were shocked by the scene from the Water Moon Mirror.

Ye Qingtang witnessed the illusions appearing in front of her, but she was unusually calm. She stared calmly at the level five demonic beast and did not step back at all. Suddenly, she pulled out her sword and pushed herself above the ground, dashing towards the beast.

The sharp point of the blade pierced through the heart of the demonic beast.

Without any extra moves, the demonic beast collapsed as its heart was pierced through. Its giant body turned into a ball of black fume and disappeared in front of her.

The four elders were astonished at the moment.

All demonic creatures inside the array were made from illusions. Though they possessed the appearances of level five demonic beasts, their actual strength was less than ten percent of the actual ones. They were almost like normal beasts.

However... all candidates were not aware of this, and no one revealed about that as well.

The fierce look of the level five demonic beast was enough to frighten the young men. Some of the previous candidates noticed the weakened beast. However, under the constant attack of the beast, its giant body, and cruel appearance, all these created huge pressure on the candidates. It was not easy to suppress the pressure.

But for Ye Qingtang...

She did not even blink before she killed the demonic beast made from illusion with one single move.

This...

This was really beyond the four elders’ imaginations.

After Ye Qingtang killed one beast, she noticed another two beasts made from the illusion.

Her mouth tilted.

The demonic beast would appear constantly inside the illusion array. Only breaking the array could end this totally. Even if one could kill a thousand of them, they would be trapped here forever.

This time, Ye Qingtang did not attack the two beasts, instead, she turned and rushed towards the opposite direction in the forest.

“That’s it... In the end, she still cannot control her fear.” Elder Lin was no longer shocked. He left a comment as he saw Ye Qingtang escaping from the beasts.

However, at the moment when Elder Lin left the comment, all Elders were totally stunned by Ye Qingtang’s next move!

### **Chapter 107: Break the Array (1)**

Ye Qingtang’s tiny figure dashed across the forest. The trees behind her served as a natural barrier from the two demonic beasts. Her sight was sharp, and she scanned through the trees that looked totally alike to each other. Suddenly, her feet tapped softly and flew towards an insignificant tree. She raised her sword and struck towards the top of the tree.

A branch was chopped down.

The branch fell onto the ground and turned into a streak of fumes. The fumes then disappeared.

The two beasts that were roaring and chasing behind her suddenly became two balls of black fumes and then dispersed.

Ye Qingtang landed in confidence and stared at the forest that was slowly disappearing in front of her. A tinge of a smile was seen on her face.

Everything in the illusion array was all made from illusions. The only way to break the array was to find out the array center.

Breaking the center could then break the array.

In her previous life, Ye Qingtang was trapped inside for a long time. She was not willing to give up and struggled with all her strength. She only crushed the wax ball when she used up all her energy.

However, in this life...

Ye Qingtang lowered her head and stared at the complete wax ball, and a deep smile appeared in her eyes.

The Illusion array was very difficult for normal candidates. The center of the array was hidden inside the trees that looked exactly the same. Normal people would not be able to distinguish it.

However...

She had lost count the number of times she entered the illusion arrays when she was in the Xuanling Sect in her previous life.

She could remember everything in the array clearly.

The entire forest was now dispersing as layers of fumes. Ye Qingtang witnessed the path that she came from was opened up again. She walked towards the exit slowly.

The middle-aged man who guarded outside the array stared at the young lady in shock. The little figure was so eye-catching in the fog.

She broke the array!

The middle-aged man was totally stunned.

The illusion array was the first sect assessment. Only three to five people managed to do so in the past thousands of years. Those few were extremely talented and were born in array family clans. That was the reason why they could break the array.

Those few people spent at least half a day to break the array, and some even spent one or two days.

How much time had passed since Ye Qingtang entered?

This amount of time was not even enough for her to see through the views in the array.

How could she break the array?

The middle-aged man could not figure out an answer, and he remained in surprise.

“I have broken the array. Can I go to the next assessment location now?” Ye Qingtang walked out calmly and looked towards the stunned middle-aged man.

Fear came from inside. When one conquered fear, all beasts from the illusion would disappear.

The middle-aged man pulled himself out of surprise. He adjusted his emotions and said, “You can now proceed to the next assessment location.”

Ye Qingtang nodded and left.

The middle-aged man stared at her back, and multiple thoughts arose in his head. He found the way Ye Qingtang broke the array peculiar, and instinctively he contacted the elders who witnessed the entire assessment process through the psychic tablet.

Only the elders would know what exactly happened in the array.

“Elders, Ye Qingtang just now...” The middle-aged man spoke to the psychic tablet.

Before he could finish his words, Elder Qin’s voice was heard from the psychic tablet.

“Ye Qingtang broke the array by herself. There was no abnormality to the array.”

The middle-aged man was stunned and did not question further.

However...

Within the sect, after speaking to the middle-aged man, Elder Qin looked towards Elder Lin, whose face was unpleasant.

## **Chapter 108: Break the Array (2)**

“Elder Lin, I’m afraid that you are wrong this time.” Elder Qin sneered.

Elder Lin’s face was very unpleasant now. If he had not witnessed the scene with his own eyes, he would never believe that a 15-year-old young lady would be able to break the illusion array once she entered!

The center of the illusion array changed each time it was turned on. Only disciples of the Xuanling Sect would know about the center.

Ye Qingtang was just a candidate, and she was not even born into an array family. How could she break the array within such a short time?

Elder Lin remembered how he looked down at Ye Qingtang previously and felt slightly embarrassed.

“It’s pure luck. It won’t be so easy for the next few assessments.” Elder Lin took a deep breath and tried to hide his surprise towards Ye Qingtang.

Elder Qin took a glimpse at Elder Lin and decided not to reply to him anymore.

He was delighted, but he sighed at the same time.

He was the Elder of the Array Faction, and he definitely preferred disciples who were talented in array formation. He was satisfied with her from the beginning. Her shocking performance during the illusion array made him applaud in awe as well.

She was really a rare and talented person.

However...

Elder Qin sighed secretly.

He would really want to nurture Ye Qingtang if her spirit root was of a higher quality.

Such a pity...

No one would know what the four elders were thinking about.

Ye Qingtang also headed towards the second assessment location after breaking the array.

Ye Qingtang arrived at the place soon, as the two locations were not far from each other.

Yun Shu was waiting for the second assessment to begin when he saw Ye Qingtang coming over. He was a little surprised.

Lu Xiuwen, who was standing nearby, saw Ye Qingtang as well. But his eyes were full of sarcasm.

Ye Qingtang came over slightly after Yun Shu reached the second assessment location. She definitely only spent a little while in the array.

Lu Xiuwen was confident that Ye Qingtang was like the rest of the candidates who were horrified by the monsters in the array.

Lu Xiuwen only glanced at her once and decided not to pay attention to her anymore.

A red spirit root was too inferior for a candidate. She definitely did not stand a chance to enter the sect since she flunked the first assessment.

“Lady Ye.” Yun Shu greeted her politely.

Ye Qingtang took a glimpse at Senior Brother Yun. He wanted to say something but hesitated. She was amused by his reaction.

She was the last candidate for the previous assessment. Only she would know the result of the assessment. It seemed like Senior Brother Yun thought she escaped from the array in fear and that was why he showed such a complex expression.

*Senior Brother Yun...*

*I will not be the useless Junior Sister again anymore.*

“Has the second assessment started?” Ye Qingtang smiled and asked.

She did not explain much since if she could enter the sect by the end of the assessments, Yun Shu would know her performances in each assessment.

“It’s going to start soon. The second assessment is also testing on array formation, but it’s a sword array.” Yun Shu said.

*Sword array?*

Ye Qingtang’s lifted her eyebrows and glanced through the stone table that was around one hundred miles away. The stone table was engraved with the Eight Trigrams, and a sword was placed in the stone, at the center of the Eight Trigrams.

“Senior Brother Yun, this is not an array formation...” Ye Qingtang smiled.

“Not an array formation?” Yun Shu was confused.

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Ye Qingtang used a voice that could only be heard by the two of them and said, “Array formation has a center to break, but the sword array does not. This means that it cannot be broken.”

“The sword in the stone is not the center?” Yun Shu was not familiar with array formations.

“That’s not true.” Ye Qingtang shook her head and smiled.

The middle-aged man arrived at the location when Ye Qingtang was chatting with Yun Shu.

“The sword array will test how long you can last inside.” The middle-aged man opened his mouth expressionlessly. It was another simple introduction without any clues given.

All candidates were confused by the rules. They were totally lost after the unpredictable illusion array just now. They could not figure out the assessment ways at all.

Testing on duration again...

This time would there be any demonic beasts?

“The standard this time is determined by your situation in the sword array. You can’t give up by yourself anymore. If you’re hurt by the array, your assessment will end.” The middle-aged man walked to the side and added.

Hurt by the array?

The candidates caught the key information.

However, when they glanced at the empty Eight Trigrams stage, they still could not figure out the nature of the assessment.

The first candidate felt extremely hopeless, as this round of assessment was conducted in front of everyone. People behind might still be able to refer to the previous candidates, but he was the first one again...

“First candidate, up the stage now.” The middle-aged man did not leave any thinking time for the candidates. He immediately announced the beginning of the assessment.

The first candidate came to the front in despair. However, this time the middle-aged man provided him with a reminder.

“You can use weapons to assist you in the sword array.”

The candidate immediately held the sword by his waist and stood on the Eight Trigrams stage desperately.

The middle-aged man then walked to the side of the stage and turned on the sword array.

Rays of light suddenly came out of the sword in the stone. The white light covered the entire sword. Suddenly, the stationary sword started to vibrate, and multiple sword shadows emerged out of the sword. The shadows formed five lightsabers, dashing towards the air. They turned sharply in the mid air and attacked the candidate on the Eight Trigrams stage.

The five lightsabers shot towards the candidate from all directions. The candidate shivered and then lifted his sword to defend himself.

A loud clang rang!

The candidates flourished his sword continuously to fend off the attack of the lightsabers. His feet also shifted swiftly for defense.

The moment he was hurt by the lightsabers, the assessment would then end. This assessment appeared to be easier than the previous one, and he definitely would put in all his effort to compensate his poor performance previously.

The candidate successfully fended off the first attack as the speed of the lightsabers were not too fast.

“The sword array doesn’t seem to be very difficult.” The rest of the candidates who were watching the assessment were much more relieved.

This was much easier than the illusion array.

Ye Qingtang noticed how the rest sighed in relief, and her mouth tilted.

*Not very difficult?*

*You will soon know how difficult it can be.*

When everyone was calmer than before, the sword in the stone vibrated again.

Another five lightsabers flew out all of a sudden.

The lightsabers on the stage increased to ten now, and the speed doubled!

The candidate who just sighed in relief was shocked by the ten lightsabers. Before he could react, the swords dashed towards him with double the speed!

### **Chapter 110: Sword Array (2)**

Shadows of the sword shimmered on the Eight Trigrams stage. The ten lightsabers flew in the air. Their speed increased so fast that they did not leave any reaction time for the candidate.

The candidate’s shoulder was cut by one of the light swords before he could adjust his position.

The middle-aged man switched off the sword array immediately.

The lightsabers on the Eight Trigrams stage then disappeared, leaving the shocked candidate on the stage alone. The wound on his shoulder was clearly visible.

The whole process happened within a split second, which was even shorter than the time he spent in the illusion array.

“Next.” The middle-aged man said.

The candidates no longer felt relieved anymore.

Previously, they were nervous about the illusion array as they could not see the situation inside. However, though the views inside were terrifying, some who were brave were still able to fight against the demonic beasts. Even if they could not do so, they could still run around in the array to earn some time.

But now...

There seemed to be a heavy stone pressing down on everyone’s hearts.

There was totally no time to rest in the sword array.

Though the Eight Trigrams stage's size was at least a hundred square meters, where could they run to under the attack of so many lightsabers together?

What was more desperate was that even if they could fend off one attack, the number doubled in the next round. The time in between only allowed them to take one breath at most!

No one felt relieved anymore.

The second candidate had no choice but to step onto the stage.

Everyone had a heavy heart now, trying to adjust their state of mind.

Lu Xiuwen was calm when he witnessed how the rest reacted.

He was quite talented as he went through cultivation with his Master at a very young age. He was definitely more skilled than the rest, and he had more confidence towards the sword array.

However...

Lu Xiuwen's calmness faded slowly as more candidates went through the sword array.

The first round was five lightsabers, the second was ten, and the third increased to twenty!

The number doubled each time. Previous candidates only managed to last until the start of the third round at most. If based on this calculation, it would be forty the next round...

How were the candidates supposed to defend that?

People were dazzled by the flying lightsabers on the stage. It was difficult to have a clear vision of the positions of the lightsabers. How could they dodge the attacks?

This was like fighting against ten people with one person's strength.

The sword array took less time than the illusion array. Candidates who finished the assessment left straight away. Soon, it was Lu Xiuwen's turn.

Lu Xiuwen's ability allowed him to push through the third attack with all his strength. Eventually, he was cut by one of the lightsabers during the fourth attack, and his assessment ended.

However, he was the best candidate among the rest for now.

Yun Shu was the next one after Lu Xiuwen. Yun Shu's results were almost the same as Lu Xiuwen. He struggled for a while more, but eventually, he also stopped at the fourth round.

Now...

Ye Qingtang was the only person left.

"I'll wait for you at the third assessment location. Be careful." Yun Shu reminded Ye Qingtang and left.

The middle-aged man looked towards Ye Qingtang worriedly.

If the illusion array was testing on one's wisdom and bravery, the sword array would be testing one's true fighting skills.



Lu Xiuwen and Yun Shu both possessed green spirit roots. It was normal for them to be better than the rest.

However, Ye Qingtang...

Ultimately, she only had the worst red spirit root.