

Weaponsmith 751

Chapter 751: Extremely thrilling (1)

Celestial Light Academy was built right beside an Spiritual Artery which had an abundance of Profound Energy.

The public square at the entrance of the school is sitting on the lap of the mountain and the four corners were surrounded by mountains.

On the right rear end of the public square, two tall mountains sat opposite each other and in between was an approximate distance of three hundred meters. The two mountains were linked together by a thick steel cable.

The examiner said, “Do everyone see that steel chain in between the mountains? The second assessment’s requirements is for everyone to pass through the steel cable in succession from the left side of this mountain to the right side of that mountain. The shorter the amount of time used, the higher your marks will be!”

Hearing that, many of them heaved a sigh of relief.

Treading on that tiny chain of steel cable over the cliff was possibly terrifying for ordinary people and a very thrilling matter. But to practitioners, that steel cable bridge wasn’t considered too difficult.

So the main question now was how to unleash their fastest speed to reach the other side of the mountain.

Upon seeing the crowd’s relaxed expressions, the examiner coughed slightly and continued, “I have to remind everyone that this steel cable bridge isn’t as simple as all of you think. This steel cable.... is one of the official training grounds that Celestial Light Academy official students train in, and the difficulty is very high.”

All of them went into a blank.

“The Array Masters from our academy had personally drawn up some array patterns on the cable. The minute you step on the steel cables, these array patterns will be activated and around the cable surroundings will appear a fixed number of arrows repeatedly shuttling around the vicinity of the cable path. Once you’ve been struck by the arrow, a large amount of points will be deducted. If you’re so unlucky to be struck off and fall into the bottom of the cliff, then your examination qualification would be cancelled – and this round’s assessment will directly be cleared to zero!”

“Directly cleared to zero?”

“And we’ll be struck off and fall to the bottom of the cliff?”

When they heard the examiner’s detailed explanation, everyone finally realised the difficulty of this assessment and they drew in a cold breathe.

The cliff looked like it was a few hundred meters in depth. If one were to look downwards, one would not be able to see the bottom, so they do not know what was lurking below.....

Even if they were practitioners and their bodies were well built and tough, but to fall into the cliff would be unbearable.

Moreover, Celestial Light Academy's official students were almost all second stage realm practitioners and many were in third and fourth stage realm. For the arrows to be able to strike them off the cliff... The force was imaginable.

If they were unfortunately struck, then the injury would probably not be light.

"But as this is everyone's first time taking this assessment, so I've already reduced the quantity of the arrows to the lowest limit possible to a total of twelve arrows. Other than that, for fairness sake, the first ten examinees who take part in the assessment would have increased points awarded, so everyone can voluntarily volunteer yourself."

Silence filled the public square.

At this point, everyone hesitated not knowing if they should volunteer or not.

It was clear to see from the first round of assessment that those who joined in first would be disadvantaged as those hiding behind would be able to learn from their experiences.

But the examiner also said that those who volunteered first would have additional points.....

The examiner saw that no one volunteered and said, "If no one is willing to volunteer, then I will draw lots. But those who are drawn would not have any additional points!"

"Let me have a go!"

A lean built youth walked out.

"It's Lu family's Seventh Young Master, Lu Zicheng. In the first round of assessment, he ranked seventeenth!"

"Oh, it's him. Lu Zicheng's power is indeed strong and his cultivation among the examinees is one of the tops. Earlier he had suffered because of his inexperience and miscalculated which is why his ranking is so far back!"

Chapter 752: Extremely thrilling (2)

A gloomy expression hung on Lu Zicheng's face with a sense of non-contentment.

Earlier in that first round of assessment, his number was placed rather forward and had not realised the hidden trap in that examination question so he used all his might on the first Strength Testing Stone and obtained a total of three thousand seven hundred jin of strength.

But who knew that to continuously unleash so much power, his condition deteriorated towards the end and his final result was only a seventeenth rank.

This, to Lu Zicheng was the greatest insult yet.

He was aiming for the top five ranking and if he were to get a ranking of ten and below, then he was unable to give an answer to his family's elders!

So this time upon hearing the examiner say that the first few people who volunteered had additional points, he was the first to stand out.

In the first round, the twelve Strength Testing Stones from Celestial Light Academy was said to have dealt everyone with an unprepared hand.

But there was nothing special about this second round.

There were many large families who designed and built steel cables across the river and was considered as a popular form of training method in the South Sky Region. Only the array pattern inscribed were somewhat different for each family, the other parts were almost the same.

At this point, to those disciples in the large families, this round was of no difficulty at all.

Very soon, Lu Zicheng confidently stood at the starting point.

“Start!”

The examiner shouted the command to start and his figure went speeding off. His foot slightly touched the steel cable and had already jumped a few meters of distance.

At this moment, the steel cable gave out a glaring blue ray, the array pattern... had been activated!

Lu Zicheng's speed was extremely fast but at the same time when he increased his pace, his attention was also concentrated as he focused on defending against the changes outside.

After running for around one sixth of the distance, a swishing sound could be heard ahead of him. Four sharp arrows came flying tumultuously towards him, sending vibrations in mid-air.

Lu Zicheng had long prepared himself as he leaned to one side and avoided the arrows.

At the same time, he had already ran a huge distance away.

Four arrows reached his back and suddenly turned its' directions. In mid-air, it split into two and in a split second, it turned into eight arrows and had distributed itself into the top, middle and bottom routes, attacking from his back at a flying speed!

This time, the arrows speed had increased a notch!

Lu Zicheng had his share of experience and when he heard the breaking sound from his back, he immediately realised that the arrows had turned back and he hastily avoided it.

His feet kept swaying and he almost fell off the cliff but eventually he forcefully stabled himself. However, he was not able to avoid the last arrow as his right shoulder was grazed badly and blood flowed.

“Fwah~~~~!”

“Heavens!”

The crowd below the mountain who raised their heads to look gave out exclaimed loudly.

The speed and might of the arrow on the steel cable was much faster than any of their imagination. The attack positions were also very artful and those who were weaker in their movements were possibly not able to avoid it at all.

“That is just too terrifying. Earlier if those eight arrows were to simultaneously attack me from behind, I’ll definitely not be able to avoid it at all!”

“Lu Zicheng is really good, he actually managed to pass such a thrilling test!”

“Yes, he’s now just a ten over meters from the ending point! With his speed, he should be able to reach in three breaths time! His speed is much faster than me by several times, and since he’s the first contender to take the assessment, there would be additional marks. This time round, his ranking will probably raise by a large margin!”

Chapter 753: Extremely thrilling (3)

In the midst of everyone’s discussions, Li Zicheng had already seen the destination.

Just two or three more steps and he would be able to arrive safely.

A joyous look flashed past Lu Zicheng’s eyes and he increased his speed further but just at this moment..... an unforeseen event happened abruptly!

The sound of broken space was heard again.

This time, the arrows actually appeared from all four directions and the attack speed was much faster than the previous time by several notches.

Lu Zicheng’s expression changed. Just from this horrifying sound, he had already judged that the crushing attack from all directions... he was unable to avoid it!

Even if it was on the ground, to avoid such a precise attack would be extremely difficult. Moreover he was threading on a thin steel cable which he already had problems trying to keep his balance.

But he had already felt the might of those arrows and if he didn’t managed to avoid it and were continuously attacked by those few arrows, he would definitely be seriously injured.

Under no choice, he could only do his best to avoid it.

The unfortunate thing was he was still struck by two arrows and one of it was lodged into his thigh as blood flowed onto the ground. The entire steel cable was shaking vigorously as it kept jolting, shaking in mid-air substantially.

Lu Zicheng was like an ant hanging on a thread and almost fell down.

Luckily his determination was strong enough as he endured the tremendous pain for the last few meters and once he reached the destination, he went limp and fell onto the ground.

“Lu Zicheng. Points awarded for his speed in passing this round: Eighty seven points. Struck by three arrows: Each arrow is a twenty point deduction. Additional points for the first contender to take part in the assessment: Thirty points. Total: Fifty seven points!”

The Examiner announced his final marks.

Upon hearing this, the crowd below the stage had turned pale with fright.

“Heavens, if you’re struck by one arrow, it actually costs a twenty point deduction! Based on Lu Zicheng’s speed and he was struck by three arrows, his total after deduction was only twenty over points. Then if I were to go up.... wouldn’t I be left with a negative score?”

“Deduction of points is still ok! Didn’t you see? Lu Zicheng was almost struck off the cliff earlier! If he fell down, then the marks would be cleared to zero! It’s equivalent to being pre-eliminated!”

Examiner asked, “Next person, who will like to volunteer?”

The crowd looked at each other in dismay, not daring to step forward.

Even Lu Zicheng whose power was publicly acknowledged had suffered so badly, the others simply had no confidence at all.

Examiner repeated a few more times and upon seeing no response, he said, “Then I will start drawing lots.....”

“Examiner, let me give it a try!” The person who spoke out was actually Bai Ruo Qi.

The crowd’s gaze suddenly changed. With Lu Zicheng as a precedent, those who dared to jump out and try was absolutely courageous. Moreover, Bai Ruo Qi’s cultivation was only at second stage first level which wasn’t really high among all the examinees.

Even Huang Yueli couldn’t help but see her in new light.

Bai Ruo Qi... especially seemed to love showing off today. Moreover she had been super confident. Could it be that she had the guidance of some superior person?

Even those few people on stage were surprised.

“Oh! This lass had jumped out once again! In the previous round of strength testing, she was able to think of a way to get past it. This round is to test one’s bodily movements and is much more dangerous. If her potential lacked just that little bit, she would not be able to pass this round. So what tactic could she possibly think of?”

“Who knows? Wasn’t this lass’s comprehension outstanding? I really want to see what idea she can think of?”

Bai Ruo Qi stood at the starting point and under the various gazes, she felt a slightly nervous.

However this round, she came prepared.

Chapter 754: Smart Aleck Bai Ruo Qi (1)

Bai Ruo Qi moved forward with light steps and tread onto the steel cable.

Everyone's eyes were wide as they looked carefully at her movements.

Based on Bai Ruo Qi's background, cultivation and innate talent, just how strong was her bodily movements? She probably didn't even have half of Lu Zicheng's standard so how was she preparing to get over to the other side? Or could it be that although her cultivation was ordinary, but she had learnt some heaven level footwork which had extraordinary accomplishments on her bodily movements?

In actual fact, everyone had just thought too much.

Bai ruo Qi had just walked a few steps and everyone's eyeballs were about to fall off.

Because her speed was really slow, simply too slow!

Just based on this speed, she probably only achieved thirty percent of Lu Zicheng's speed. And based on this bodily movements, how did she even manage to pass this round's assessment?

However, when Huang Yueli saw this, she couldn't help but frowned.

"This is really strange. Does Bai Ruo Qi really know something? She actually chose to use this tactic...."

Bai Ruo Qi move forward at snail speed, as though just stabling herself on the steel cable and not falling down was already taking up a huge amount of her strength. If the arrows appeared, she might be struck off anytime.

But as time went by, the crowd gradually noticed that something was amiss.

Although Bai Ruo Qi's speed was slow, but the arrows which were directed at her.... seemed to have slowed down as well! Moreover, the intensity of the attack had also turned slow!

"What situation is this?"

"The arrow's speed had turned slow! Could it be that the arrows' attack speed is linked to the practitioner's speed of advancement?"

Under the astonished glares of the crowd, Bai Ruo Qi passed the entire steel cable with a snail speed and in between, she had only been struck once by an arrow! Her total points was even higher than Lu Zicheng.

This time, the crowd was bustling with excitement as they had never expected that the array on the steel cable had a concealed principle!

Moreover, it was picked out by Bai Ruo Qi!

What kind of comprehension did she have to have this foresight?

Under the crowd's gasps of admiration, Bai Ruo Qi raised her head high as she returned to her position and at the same time, cast a chilly glance to Huang Yueli.

This time, her performance was even more outstanding that the first round of assessment. Earlier Vice Principal Ling had given her a prospective core student title and this time... would be let her become a core student directly?

Bai Ruo Qi was filled with anticipation.

In actual fact, the few people on the stage had indeed be shocked by her performance and momentarily, they could not believe their eyes.

“This... what was happening? Had that lass Bai Ruo Qi really seen through the abstruseness of the array on the steel cable? The array on this steel cable indeed increased according to the practitioner’s speed, and the intensity would keep on increasing! If one’s speed was slowed down, the intensity of the attack power would also turn weak so just by spending a bit more time, one would be able to pass through safely!”

Tang Jinhua frowned as he said, “This isn’t possible right? The array on the steel cable was put together by several fourth ranked Array Masters and Armament Masters. Moreover for this assessment to successfully proceed, we had intentionally examined and repaired it a few days ago. Unless Bai Ruo Qi is also a fourth rank or above Array Master, otherwise.... how would she be able to see through it?”

“Perhaps... this lass’s comprehension power is really that high and was able to see the abstruseness?”

Tang Jinhua cried out, “Impossible! Array skill is an extremely unfathomable knowledge. So no matter how high one’s comprehension was, one would require corresponding foundation knowledge and mentality, and not just based on power of comprehension to be able to grasp the underlying concept.”

Chapter 755: Smart Aleck Bai Ruo Qi (2)

“If it wasn’t like that, and just based on one’s strong comprehension, then won’t everyone be able to become an Array Master? But the truth is not like this! Array comprehension and martial arts comprehension are completely two different matters!”

“Then could it be possible that... Bai Ruo Qi was really a fourth ranked Array Master?”

“Are you kidding me?” Tang Jinhua bore an insulted look, “If she had obtained fourth rank at such a young age, then she would already be enlisted by Soaring Heavens Continent’s Seven Sacred Lands. Why would she come to Celestial Light Academy for the entrance examinations?”

“This sounds logical too, then there could only be one truth....”

Vice Principal Ling who was all smiles earlier had his brows tightly creased together now.

“Looks like there’s a traitor in our academy who had leaked out the contents and key to passing the stage! No wonder Bai Ruo Qi could easily score such high points in the first stage of assessment!”

“What? Cheating? There’s actually someone who dared to cheat? In the past ten over years, no one had dared to cheat in Celestial Light Academy! She’s just a lass from a small country, would she dare to?” Someone spoke out, still unconvinced.

Vice Principal Ling said, “We are only suspecting now, let’s continue to see the situation on the next round of assessment before we discuss again. If someone really cheated, then we absolutely cannot let it rest!”

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Bai Ruo Qi didn't know that her overly extraordinary performance had already raised the suspicions of the academy's management.

She was still joyfully satisfied while waiting for her commendation and reward.

In the end, no one passed any message to the examiner and the assessment quickly resumed, making Bai Ruo Qi rather disappointed.

With Bai Ruo Qi as a precedent, everyone realised quickly that they could make use the tactic of lowering their speed to guarantee their pass in this stage.

Although moving at such a slow pace would not end up with high points, but it was much better than risking by speeding up but ending up falling off the cliff with their points cleared to zero!

In this way, the assessment duration had been lengthened.

Finally, Song Yaru couldn't take things as it was and took the initiative to walk over to the side of the steel cable.

"Mister Examiner, if this carries on, what time would it be? All of these people's speed would become slower and slower and later on there would be the third round of assessment. Will we be able to complete all the assessments today?"

The examiner's attitude towards Song Yaru was very courteous, "Miss Song, what do you think.... we should do?"

Song Yaru said, "Just give those who takes longer than a quarter of an hour to pass the round zero marks! The way of martial arts is a constant struggle against heavens! For those trash who dare not even cross a steel cable bridge, even if they managed to enter Celestial Light Academy, they'd also be cowards and don't even expect to stand out among the others!"

She left the words icily and with a touch of her toes, she flew towards the steel cable.

Song Yaru's speed was extremely fast, even faster by a fold as compared to Lu Zicheng!

Because of this, the attack she suffered was several times more intense than Lu Zicheng's!

To shuttle between speeding arrows was extremely swift and fierce as she was consecutively attacked.

It was obvious that Song Yaru didn't had it easy trying to avoid the arrows and she had even been struck by one towards the end! But even so, her speed had not decreased!

After she had passed the stage, her total points was indeed more than the others by a large chunk!

Huang Yueli smiled as she saw this and felt admiration towards this Young Miss Song.

Although Song Yaru was slightly proud, but her innate talent and potential was indeed much higher than others. Moreover this heaven defying drive was extremely praiseworthy. So she indeed had the capital to be proud.

Chapter 756: Smart Aleck Bai Ruo Qi (3)

With Song Yaru as a lead, several examinees with higher innate talents also revealed their real capabilities.

Different from Bai Ruo Qi who came from a small place, they were all disciples of well-known families and everyone wanted face. To use such trickery to pass the examinations, even if they could enter Celestial Light Academy, it would be embarrassing for them.

At that point of time, the assessment resumed back to normal.

Huang Yueli had also mingled in this batch of people and passed the assessment.

Her speed wasn't very fast but she certainly wasn't slow. She maintained the speed of a second stage realm first level practitioner should have, as she used a neither fast nor slow pace to pass through this assessment.

As her speed wasn't too outstanding, most people didn't noticed her.

Only those with insight noticed her abnormality.

"This Bai Ruoli... is really something! Did you all notice that when she passed the stage earlier, she wasn't struck by any arrow at all! Although there was a thrilling moment when she avoided the arrows, but it was an arduous task to avoid being struck. In today's batch of examinees, she's the only one as even Song Yaru had been struck by one arrow!"

"No, no, Elder Hu, you've misjudged!"

The elderly with the surname Hu said in dissatisfaction, "How could I have misjudged? Could it be that you feel that she also cheated? From what I see, it may not be so. Although the speed she used wasn't considered fast, but it wasn't exceedingly slow. Rather than saying exceedingly, it's more like she was suppressing her cultivation."

"I didn't say she cheated! I only wanted to say when she avoided the arrows, it wasn't thrilling at all. Didn't you notice it? Every time she avoided it, she didn't really move at all. Those arrows seemed to just brush past her. Just that close but it still didn't strike her! This is thrilling? I think she's doing this intentionally!"

"It's more ridiculous if you were to put it in this way! If she managed to avoid the arrows that easily, then how much is her potential really? Even if it's a third stage core student, they also don't have it easy on this steel cable!"

"Who knows?" Vice Principal Ling laughed with a deep meaning, "I feel it more and more that she really is Bai Liu Jing's daughter!"

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The second round of assessment ended and the new ranking had quickly been totalled up.

Song Yaru was still deserving of the number one place and she had already pulled a large distance away from the second place. It could be said that she was leading by a large margin.

Huang Yuel's ranking had dropped to tenth place. It looked like she was almost going to drop out of the top ten ranking anytime.

Quite a number of people had cast her a sympathy glance, but she didn't think anything about it.

As for Bai Ruo Qi, as her performance had been outstanding this time, and as the second contender, she had additional points awarded, so her ranking had raised by a huge chunk to the thirty first place!

The gap to the thirtieth place.... Was just one step away!

Bai Ruo Qi looked at her own name on the ranking board as her eyes shined.

Before she came to Sky Cloud City, she didn't even know if she was able to enter Celestial Light Academy, with the feeling that she would most likely drop out. Never in her wildest dreams had she dreamt that she would ever have such a high ranking!

Now that she had gotten such good rankings in the first two stages of assessment, then after the third stage, perhaps she might be able to enter the top thirty!

After all, in the third round of assessment, she had already mastered the rhythm and she had the confidence that she would be able to be awarded higher marks as compared to other people!

Chapter 757: Smart Aleck Bai Ruo Qi (4)

The third round of assessment started closely after.

The examiner pointed to a plot of empty land not too far away and said, "The last round of assessment is very simple, and it is to assess everyone's willpower. Do you all see that formation? Later, all of you must enter within the boundary of the formation. Once the array has been activated, it would unleash Profound Energy to simulate a practitioner's coercion."

"At the beginning, the pressure would still be rather weak but as time passes, the pressure will become stronger and stronger! Your aim is to last as long as you can under that pressure. For those of you who cannot sustain, simply crush the number plate you have in your hands and you will be ejected from the array!"

"The longer you stay in the array, the higher points you will attain! Alright, now all of you please proceed to enter!"

The array boundary is very large and it was more than enough to contain at least twenty thousand people. Not that the total number of examinees were lesser than two hundred people, it seemed rather empty when they all entered.

Most of them were in a daze as they looked around for a moment before they sat cross-legged at a position by the verge of the array.

Bai Ruo Qi sized up her surroundings and laughed in secret.

She could easily guess that these examinees probably felt that the position by the verge of the array was the weakest point, and the lesser pressure they would feel.

In actual fact, in this array, the pressure was evenly distributed. Almost all of the positions would suffer the same kind of pressure.

But of course... there was an exception.

Bai Ruo Qi had walked all the way to the inside till she reached a distance of thirty meters away from the centre before she stopped. After comparing the distance between the left and right side, she too sat down cross-legged.

Since it was an array, there would definitely be an array eye.

The array eye of this array which simulated pressure was in the centre of the entire array and the oppression was the strongest there. Moreover, it had far surpassed the surrounding positions, up to over ten folds!

However beside the centre position, the pressure will gradually decrease all the way until thirty meters away from the centre where the pressure would suddenly reduce to become the lowest point in the entire array.

Outside the thirty meters perimeter, the amount of pressure was the same everywhere.

The position which Bai Ruo Qi sat at now was the position where the pressure was at the minimum so the amount of pressure that she was under was only half of what the others had. So this meant that she would be able to last longer than most people.

When Huang Yueli entered, she already found out the abstruseness of this array. In her eyes, it was no secret where the position of the lowest pressure was at.

However, she did not choose to go to that place where the pressure was at the least like Bai Ruo Qi, but instead casually found any place to sit down.

Bai Ruo Qi gave a cold sneer when she saw her sitting down.

In her eyes, Huang Yueli had just broken through to the second stage realm, so their cultivations were the same.

Now in this array, whatever Profound Skills or tactics could not be used. It all boiled down to their cultivation and willpower.

And she had already taken up such a good spot. Perhaps, she might even last longer than Huang Yueli in this round!

Bai Ruo Qi would have never expected that the minute she sat down, the higher management of the academy on the stage all started to frown.

“This time.... It shouldn't be a coincidence anymore right? This coercion array is a sixth tier array! This array is something that even our academy's Array Masters could not set up and we had to ask Celestial Light Sect to send someone to help us set it up! Bai Ruo Qi could even see through this? Trying to cheat a ghost?”

“I hadn’t expect that someone actually dared to cheat in the entrance examinations. She’s really extremely daring!”

Chapter 758: Who else is still in the array? (1)

“This is the first time in the past seventy years that anyone dared to cheat so we absolutely cannot tolerate it!”

“That’s right, we cannot tolerate it! We must investigate thoroughly!”

The few elderly started discussing this matter as their expressions turned ugly.

Earlier they had really thought that Celestial Light Academy had attracted an outstanding student with high power of understanding and specially pre-selected Bai Ruo Qi, giving her the prospective core student treatment.

But now that they had found out that she had cheated, this was like a tight slap across their faces!

The few elderly felt that they had been tricked. At such an old age, they were still swindled by this young lass, that heartache..... they don’t even want to mentioned it!

However the third round of assessment was about to start and it cannot be interrupted.

Everything.... Had to wait till the end of this round’s assessment before they could discuss further!

At this moment, all the examinees had already taken their positions within the boundary of the array.

Under the command of the examiner, the array was activated and the mysterious yet complicated array patterns were inscribed in mid-air as it gave out a faint blue glow, as though a dome encasing everyone within the array.

All the examinees immediately felt the oppression of the surrounding Profound Energy.

Initially the pressure was still rather weak and was negligible but as time passed by, the pressure gradually became stronger.

In just under one incense timing, the examinees whose cultivation were weaker had already broke out into sweat on their foreheads!

After another incense’s time had passed, the sweat on their foreheads had increased as their faces flushed red with their teeth clenched tightly as though the next second, their entire body would explode.

Quite a number of people had felt that they were unable to hold on any further!

But the opportunity to take part in the entrance examinations of Celestial Light Academy was extremely rare, so no one wanted to admit defeat easily as they clench their teeth while persisting on.

A couple of breaths had passed by.

A “Boom” sound was heard as the first person finally could not hold on any further, smashing the number plate in his hands to pieces.

His body was instantly ejected out of the array.

This person could only feel the strong oppressing pressure and had already been crushed to the verge so when he was ejected outwards, he was almost in a semi-conscious state as all he could see were stars.

It was until he reached the outside of the array where the pressure decreased before he regained consciousness.

Lifting his head to look at the surroundings, he realised that he was the first to be ejected and the youth immediately hung his head low in embarrassment.

This round of assessing willpower was the toughest to surpass based on tactics. Basically, the assessment was to see when two powers collide, under the same amount of power, the longer they persisted, that would also represent the potential of their future’s cultivation.

He was the first to be eliminated so apparently..... that went to say that his power was not enough and his potential was not a lot.

The blow to him was not small at all.

After a quarter of an hour, ten over examinees were ejected and after all of them regained consciousness, they all bore the face of remorse and embarrassment.

However, as time went passed, more and more people were ejected.

Those who had been ejected later however felt glad.

With so many people outside who laid as a foundation for them, to many, they had already exceeded their normal selves!

The number of people who remained in the array became lesser and lesser.

After the array had been activated for two hours, there were only slightly more than ten people who were still persisting inside.

As for those examinees who were ejected, they no longer felt remorse for their own performance. They were more interested in..... who else, were still in the array!

Chapter 759: Who else is still in the array? (2)

“The total number of people who attended the examinations is one hundred and eighty seven people. Now those who were ejected from the array had tallied up to one hundred and seventy two people. There are still fifteen people who are still in the array.”

The last person who had been ejected was still recuperating as his face was slightly green.

A lingering fear persisted as he looked towards the array’s direction, mumbling to himself, “At the moment when I was ejected, the Profound Energy oppression in the array had reached the intensity of a

fourth stage realm practitioner! Moreover, it was still on the rise continuously.... They are able to last so long, they are really.... too powerful! In our generation of young practitioners, they are really the cream of the crop!"

Among the examinees who had enrolled for the entrance examinations, Song Yaru had the highest cultivation and was merely at second stage realm nine level. No one had yet to breakthrough to third stage realm.

Just based on second stage cultivation, to be able to transcend two large realms and go against a fourth stage practitioner's oppression was not something that an ordinary practitioner could do!

"Who else..... is still in the array?"

The crowd started to turn their heads one after another as they tried to recall the examinees name list and used the elimination process to ascertain the contenders.

"Song Yaru, Lu Zicheng, Xue Jingchuan...."

The names were listed out one after another. Basically those were the disciples from the famous families in Sky Cloud City and were the top ten hot favourites.

"Oh right, there's also Bai Ruoli, she's a dark horse...."

Upon seeing that Huang Yueli had yet to be ejected, they recalled her ranking in the first two rounds and suddenly came to realized it.

Discovering that her performance in the first two rounds was not particularly outstanding, with no explosive power but in the real ranking, she was actually placed rather in front!

How on earth did she do that?

But that wasn't the most shocking thing.

"What the, it can't be? That Bai Ruo Qi.... She also seems to be in the array too!"

"Huh? How is that possible? Don't try to cheat me?"

"How can it be fake? Take a look, she's sitting in the place near the centre, much more than all other people. No wonder no one didn't noticed her earlier!"

Having saying this aloud, quite a large number of people noticed that Bai Ruo Qi had been sitting inside the array all the while without making any movements.

Although the sweat on her head kept sprouting out, looking as though she was almost not going to make it, but she had not been ejected yet and had already made it to the last fifteen finalists!

The examinees present cried out in astonishment!

Bai Ruo Qi's performance today had been extremely eye catching. Even though her cultivation, innate talent, cultivation method, Profound Skills, none of it was exemplary. In fact, among all the examinees, she was one of those at the bottom of the ladder!

However, she had in all three rounds of assessment, showed outstanding results after every round, making everyone's eyeballs almost dropping out.

The reason for her to be able to come to this step, was because her power of understanding was simply heaven-defying strong!

On the stage.

Vice Principal Ling stroked his beard and gave a chilly croon as his gaze towards Bai Ruo Qi turned extremely unfriendly.

"Humpf, those who try to angle for fame is someone that I despise! The position she is sitting in is probably only thirty percent of the pressure that the others are handling, and she is not going to make it any further. This only means that her willpower is way below par!"

"With a niece like her, Bai Liu Feng has really thrown his face away. How did he teach her?"

"She's after all only a niece. Perhaps Bai Liu Feng didn't really taught her anything. Ignore her. I saw, that Bai Ruoli..... really looks like she's doing well!"

Chapter 760: Who else is still in the array? (3)

Upon hearing those words, the few elders' gazes fell onto Huang Yueli.

At this moment, the total number of people left in the array were merely ten over people.

But among these ten over people, everyone's performance and situation were totally different.

For people like Lu Zicheng, they were on the verge of collapse. From their tightly creased brows and sweat soaked shirt, it was obvious to tell how much pressure they were under right now!

For them to be able to stay in the array perfectly alright with no signs of ejections only meant one thing. They absolutely had firm determination and willpower and had used all their energy to surpass their own limits!

However, Song Yaru's expression was totally different.

Her face flushed slightly and it was obvious that she was starting to feel the pressure. But this pressure to her evidently had not affected her too seriously. Her waist was still upright and the lotus position which she sat was very standard.

It was evident that even if the intensity of the pressure had increased by a notch to fifth stage realm's practitioner's intensity, she would have a chance to last some time.

Compared to Song Yaru, Huang Yueli's performance wasn't that well at all.

Her forehead was starting to turn sweaty as her brows were tightly knitted together, her face flushed a weird shade of red.

It was clear that she was under a huge amount of pressure!

“En, not bad. This little lass had completed the previous two stages easily and now she had persisted until the very last ten over people. From her condition, although she cannot be compared to Song Yaru, but compared the other ten over people, she is much better. She should.... Be able to obtain Number Two in this round of assessment!” Vice Principal Ling concluded.

The others nodded their heads in agreement.

“That’s right! But what a pity, seeing that she had completed the first two rounds so smoothly, I had thought that she might be able to surpass Song Yaru. But from the looks of it now, it seems that she’s still lacking just that little bit.”

“It’s unfair when you put it in that way,” Elder Hu said: “This Bai Ruoli is the youngest here, only fourteen this year and Song Yaru is already sixteen! Just based on that lass’s power of understanding and innate talent, in just two years’ time, surpassing Song Yaru is a matter of putting the nail onto the board. Now... she merely lost in terms of age!”

“You’re right. In this way, we should put more resources into nurturing this lass! But what we don’t know is the relationship between her and Bai Liu Feng?”

“It’s easy to find out isn’t it? Just get her over and ask and the truth will be revealed!”

All of them talked cheerfully and wittily as they thought that today’s assessment was coming to an end.

Except for Song Yaru, the rest would not be able to last beyond the burning of an incense stick. Only Song Yaru was slightly better but just after a quarter of an hour, the array unleashing the Profound Energy would hit a fifth stage realm practitioner’s intensity and even she was not possible to last that long.

So at the most, after a quarter of an hour, the assessment would definitely end.

But just at this moment, Tang Jinhua’s eyes swept towards the array and after a sudden blank, he suddenly called out.

“That’s strange, what’s going on?”

“What’s the matter?”

“That lass..... why did she suddenly..... stand up in the array?”

“What? You must have seen wrongly?? Stand up???”

The few of them turned their heads to take a look in disbelief.

Just one look and it had given them a big scare.

Huang Yueli had really stood up and moreover after stopping for two breaths of time at the current spot, she started moving again.