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Chapter 2021: Darkness Gold Fruit

When the King of Darkness heard what she said, a frosty expression appeared on his face. "Are we really close to each other?" After speaking to the little cow, he turned around and looked at Huang Xiaolong. Walking towards him, the King of Darkness bowed, "Many thanks for master's grace. Without Master, I couldn't have returned to life."

Huang Xiaolong reached out to help him up. "You are my master's younger brother. You are my senior. In the future, please call me Xiaolong like how Xiaoniu does."

The King of Darkness stared at Huang Xiaolong in shock. A trace of suspicion flashed through his eyes as he asked, "Xiaoniu?"

Huang Xiaolong tilted his head and looked at the little cow.

The King of Darkness's eyes widened in shock, and he turned to stare at the little cow. "Her?! Xiaoniu?!" The way Huang Xiaolong addressed her was really shocking to him. The cold expression on his face slowly thawed, and a smile appeared in its place. He eventually roared with laughter.

"Xiaoniu?!"

"Hahaha! Old Ancestor Azure Cow is now Xiaoniu?!"

His laughter shook the space around him.

When the little cow saw the mocking look on his face, her face flushed red, and she raced, "Old Black, what are you laughing at?! Is my name really so funny?"

The King of Darkness reverted back to his serious appearance as he nodded his head. "It's actually hilarious."

In the next instant, maniacal laughter left his lips again as his body shook uncontrollably.

The little cow felt her head expanding, and a wave of irritation swept across her heart. "F*ck you!" She charged towards the King of Darkness as lightning surrounded her body.

The King of Darkness dodged and exclaimed in shock, "Hey Xiaoniu, are we fighting for real?! Hahaha! I'm afraid you're no match for me!" As soon as the words left his lips, his palms swept outwards as he sent a boundless sea of darkness energy towards the little cow.

Boom!

The palace started to shake as a deafening explosion echoed through the air.

When the two overlords slammed into each other, Huang Xiaolong knew that things were definitely getting out of hand.

He hastily ran out of the palace as he wiped the sweat on his forehead.

As soon as he left the palace, he was greeted with a loud blast behind him as the palace turned into a pile of dust and rubble. Even though the palace was made from the metal essence from Hell song with dark gold, there was no way for it to withstand the strength of two mid-level Sovereigns going all out.

Even after the palace crumbled, the King of Darkness and the little cow didn't let up as they slammed into each other once again.

After several repetitions, the King of Darkness was finally sent flying into the ground by the little cow's horn. A massive crater appeared in the earth as the little cow's laughter resounded in the air, "How's that, Old Black?! Don't you feel refreshed?!"

The King of Darkness burst out from the earth as a suffocating black glow surrounded his body. He shook off all the dirt on his body as he glared at the little cow, "This body of mine is new, and I haven't gotten used to it yet. My godhead isn't even recovered! How else could you have injured me...?"

He was right. Even though the little cow was strong, it wouldn't be easy for her to injure the King of Darkness. With the Heart of Darkness, he could close the gap in strength between the two of them.

The little cow snickered under her breath. "Do you really think that I'm fully recovered? My body is new too. I barely managed to restore my divine soul not too long ago."

Huang Xiaolong appeared between them suddenly, and he chided, "Enough! Stop messing around. We have other things to do."

This time, Huang Xiaolong had returned to the Divine World with a purpose in mind.

The two Sovereigns stared at each other before finally standing down.

"Let's go! We're going to the Nine Colored Divine Phoenix Palace!" Huang Xiaolong turned and flew away. He had stayed in the Extraterritorial Devil Battlefield for far too long. He needed to hasten his trip in case anything unexpected happened in the Radiance World.

Refining the Lotus of Darkness took him more than eleven years.

Despite his long period of disappearance, the Reverence Moon Old Man and his master, the King of Grandmist didn't come looking for him. It seemed as though the situation in the Radiance World was still under control.

After leaving the Ghost Pool, Huang Xiaolong rode on the little cow as they made their way to the Nine Colored Divine Phoenix Palace. The King of Darkness followed behind them.

Blacklight revolved around the King of Darkness' body. If there were other Sovereign Realm experts around, they would see that the King of Darkness was condensing his godhead with the darkness energy in the surroundings.

Normally, it would be impossible to form another godhead after one's original godhead was shattered. However, the King of Darkness had the Heart of Darkness. It was nothing for him to reform his godhead if he could preserve his soul from dissipating after several billion years.

With the Heart of Darkness and his original soul, it was a matter of time before he condensed his original godhead.

Along the way, Huang Xiaolong asked about the King of Darkness's current situation. He wanted to know how long it would take before he could return to his peak strength. However, the little cow butted in and interrupted him, "In the past, Shi Ming managed to obtain a piece of Darkness Divine Stone. If you manage to find it, Old Black will be able to return to his peak state very quickly. It's too bad Shi Ming might be holding on to it himself. It's also possible that he left it in the Nine Yin Giant Corpse Tribe's treasury."

A brilliant light flashed through Huang Xiaolong's eyes. "Since there is a chance, we shall head over to the Nine Yin Giant Corpse Tribe after I unify the Radiance World!" He had long since wanted to make a trip over to the Nine Yin Giant Corpse Tribe. In the future, he would take the chance while Shi Ming was refining the Blade of Death to exterminate the Nine Yin Giant Corpse Tribe.

The King of Darkness shook his head and explained, "Even if you manage to obtain the Darkness Divine Stone, it will only cut down the time it takes for me to recover. Even if I get my hands on it, it will take me several thousand years before returning to my peak state. Unless I manage to get my hands on darkness attributed treasures like the Lotus of Darkness, I won't be able to recover in a short period of time. With treasures at that level, it might take me several tens of years at most to restore my strength."

"Actually, there is another method! The Blood of Darkness works too!"

"Blood of Darkness?" Huang Xiaolong looked at the King of Shadows with a curious expression.

The little cow interrupted and explained, "The Blood of Darkness is the supreme treasure of the World of Darkness. It's said that a single drop of blood would form every ten billion years. If anyone with a darkness attributed godhead swallows a drop of it, they can bring themselves back from the brink of death. Anyway, it's nowhere close to the Lotus of Darkness. The Blood of Darkness is only useful in healing injuries."

A frown formed on Huang Xiaolong's face. "A single drop every ten billion years?"

“There is a Divine Tree of Darkness in the World of Darkness. It’s the top-ranked divine tree in the World of Darkness. Its roots are located in the World of Darkness’s depths, and it absorbs darkness energy directly from the origin. Every ten billion years, a single drop of blood would be produced, and a single fruit would be born. It’s called the Darkness Gold Fruit.”

“If the Blood of Darkness is good for treating injuries, what is the fruit good for?” Huang Xiaolong asked.

“Even though the Darkness Gold Fruit cannot be compared to the Lotus of Darkness, it’s still a level two origin treasure.” The King of Darkness explained, “It’s a priceless treasure to anyone who has a darkness attributed godhead. To any cultivator at the peak of the late-Tenth Order Emperor Realm, it’s a chance at breaking through to the Sovereign Realm.”

Huang Xiaolong stared at them in shock. Wouldn’t that mean that the Darkness Gold Fruit had the same effects as the Three Lives Flower?

“The last time the tree produced the Blood of Darkness and the Darkness Gold Fruit was over nine billion years ago.” The little cow racked her brains and replied, “In fact, there are a hundred years before it will produce it again. Every time the Blood of Darkness and Darkness Gold Fruit is born, rivers of blood will fill the galaxies. In the past, members of the City of All-Heavens came over to fight over it! This time, I’m afraid they will be present once again!”

City of All-Heavens!

Huang Xiaolong’s pupils shrank.

“That’s right. The City of All-Heavens...” The King of Darkness sucked in a cold breath as a complicated expression appeared on his face. It seemed as though he was brought back to the past.

So many years had passed...

I wonder if she’s still doing alright...

A trace of pain flashed through the King of Darkness’s eyes as he remembered someone from his past.

Chapter 2022: Xumi Old Man

“What? Are you thinking about her?” The little cow saw the complex expression on the King of Darkness’s face, and she knew what he was thinking about. “You should leave everything in the past. You know that there is no way for you to be together.”

A look of rage appeared on his face as he snapped at the little cow, “What do you know?! You know fart about our relationship!”

The little cow snickered in response, “Yeah, I know absolutely nothing. In my eyes, your relationship is nothing more than a fart. When you went down the demonic path and were chased down by the Ancient Heavenly Emperor and more than a hundred world lords, where was she?! If not for your older brother, who knows how many times you would have died?”

The King of Darkness was about to rage, but when he heard her talk about his brother, he fell into silence.

Of course, the brother she was referring to was the King of Hell.

In the past, he had cultivated his demonic art and was hunted down by the various worlds. The only person who had protected him was his older brother, the King of Hell. He had blocked off waves after waves of attack for the King of Darkness.

Because of him, his brother had declared war on the world.

“Big brother!” A trace of bitterness appeared on his cold face, and his eyes turned bloodshot.

Since Huang Xiaolong had managed to accept his older brother’s inheritance and obtained the Heart of Hell, he knew that it was more than likely his brother was no longer alive.

The little cow naturally detected the change in his mood. “There’s a chance he’s still alive.”

The King of Darkness turned to stare at the little cow in shock.

“Your older brother had the indestructible Netherworld Physique. Even though he no longer has the Heart of Hell, there should only be two people in the world capable of killing him.”

The King of Darkness’s cold voice echoed through the air, “What about there were two of them?”

The little cow fell into silence after hearing what he said.

She never thought about the possibility.

However, was it actually possible?

“One of them is Lord Wan Shi from the City of All-Heavens... Who’s the other?” Huang Xiaolong couldn’t hold back his curiosity, and asked.

The little cow looked at the King of Darkness, and they fell into silence.

After several breaths of time, the little cow broke the silence. “He’s called the Xumi Old Man.”

“Xumi Old Man?” Huang Xiaolong asked with question marks popping into his head.

The King of Darkness revealed a solemn expression as he continued, “The Xumi Old Man is the master of the current Buddhist Ancestor in the Buddha World. He was the strongest expert in the Buddha World, but he disappeared several billion years ago. Some people are convinced that he is no longer alive, but some say that he experienced reincarnation.”

“Xumi Old Man?! The Buddhist Ancestor’s Master!” Huang Xiaolong yelled in shock. He couldn’t wrap his head around the idea of reincarnation.

The little cow interrupted his thoughts, “The Xumi Old Man was the creator of the Godly Mt. Xumi.”

Huang Xiaolong received yet another shocking news. The Xumi Old Man had created the top-grade grandmist treasure like the Godly Mt. Xumi?!

Xumi Old Man...

Huang Xiaolong couldn't help but think about the replica of the Godly Mt. Xumi he had obtained in the lower worlds. In the past, he had met an old man on his journey to locate the Godly Mt. Xumi. Could it be that he had already met the old man?

“What was that about the Xumi Old Man undergoing reincarnation?” Huang Xiaolong couldn't help but ask.

The little cow continued her explanation, “There were rumors that the Xumi Old Man managed to obtain a heaven-defying technique called the Reincarnation Art. After cultivating it, he will be able to experience a rebirth. In the past, the Xumi Old Man had failed to break into the high-level Sovereign Realm. He threw himself into the reincarnation cycle to experience another life because of that. If he succeeded and lived for another lifetime, it was extremely likely for him to enter the high-level Sovereign Realm!”

It was like the fog of confusion Huang Xiaolong experienced dissipated.

The King of Darkness continued, “Even though the Xumi Old Man was at the peak of the late-Sixth Order Sovereign Realm, he cultivated a type of secret art that allowed him to obtain the strength of a high-level Sovereign for a short amount of time. He once exchanged blows with Lord Wan Shi, and he was the first person to escape completely unhurt.”

Huang Xiaolong nodded his head. He couldn't help but think about the old man whom he had met in the lower worlds.

“Actually, the main reason behind the Xumi Old Man retreating unhurt was because he possessed the Godly Mt. Xumi. The little cow said. “Even so, there is no need to doubt the Xumi Old Man's strength.”

After some questioning about the Xumi Old Man, the three of them arrived in the space above the forest close to the Immortal Phoenix Palace.

Huang Xiaolong stared at the scene below him in shock. There was a massive path leading to the Immortal Phoenix Palace, and it seemed to be carved out by a supreme expert!

Huang Xiaolong stared at the little cow in silence.

“Go!” Huang Xiaolong yelled as they charged towards the Immortal Phoenix Palace. As they flew above the forest, they saw the shockingly deep gorge in the ground.

“It has to be a Sovereign Realm expert.” The little cow deduced. “They managed to destroy the Pill Furnace Grand Formation with a single strike!”

Huang Xiaolong didn’t speak as a weird light flashed through his eyes. Could it be that other Sovereign Realm experts had their eye on the Immortal Phoenix Palace?

After several dozen breaths of time, they arrived in the space above the Immortal Phoenix Palace.

The sight of ruins and broken structures greeted them.

The Immortal Phoenix Palace that stood tall had long since been reduced to rubble. Half of it was burned beyond recognition, and the other half had turned into a pile of scrap. Huang Xiaolong’s figure blurred as he charged towards the main hall where the Nine Colored Divine Phoenix was sleeping. He could see that the entire hall was destroyed, and the Nine Colored Divine Phoenix was nowhere to be seen.

“There were definitely Sovereign Realm experts who had exchanged blows here. However, they didn’t remain here for long.” the King of Darkness said.

A frown appeared on Huang Xiaolong’s face.

He had never thought that something like that would happen! The more pressing question was where the Nine Colored Divine Phoenix was! Could it be that he was attacked by his enemies and taken away?

Was there a possibility of him escaping?

Huang Xiaolong and the little cow flew around the rubble and couldn't find anything useful. They could only drop all thoughts of looking for clues as they regrouped with the King of Darkness before leaving.

"The Nine Colored Divine Phoenix should be an expert from the Divine Phoenix World." The little cow said as they left.

The Divine Phoenix World was a world comparable in strength to the Dragon World.

The King of Darkness continued, "The Divine Phoenix World has always been at odds with the Demon World."

The little cow shook her head in response. "The people who made a move shouldn't be from the Demon World. If they came, there would be demonic qi in the air. I would recognize it in an instant."

"Xiaolong, what are we going to do now?" The King of Darkness asked.

"Let's go to the Devil Abyss." Since the Nine Colored Divine Phoenix was nowhere to be found, Huang Xiaolong decided to look for the Ancient Heavenly Court before doing anything else.

"The Devil Abyss?!" The King of Darkness exclaimed in surprise.

Whoever it was, they would definitely feel a sense of fear when anyone mentioned the Devil Abyss.

"Why are we going there?" He couldn't help but ask Huang Xiaolong.

The little cow glanced at him from the corner of her eye, and said, "We're going there to look for treasures."

"Old Ancestor Azure Cow, there are tons of treasures in the Devil Abyss. However, we have to be alive to use them!" The King of Darkness grumbled.

"It's my idea to head over there." Huang Xiaolong explained. "In the past, I received the Ancient Heavenly Emperor's Moon Jade Heavenly Spiral Shell. After refining it, I received a trace of memory from the Ancient Heavenly Emperor. From what I know, the Ancient Heavenly Court is somewhere in the Devil Abyss!"

Chapter 2023: Looking for the Ancient Heavenly Court

"What? The Ancient Heavenly Court is located in the Devil Abyss?!" The King of Darkness exclaimed in shock when he heard that the Ancient Heavenly Court was hidden somewhere in the Devil Abyss.

It was a top-grade grandmist artifact! Even for someone like the King of Darkness and the King of Grandmist, any top-grade grandmist artifact was enough to move all of them! There was no need to mention the number one ranked top-grade grandmist artifact in all the worlds!

The Ancient Heavenly Court combined both the defensive and offensive abilities into a single artifact. There was also an ancient Heavenly Star Formation in the middle of the artifact, and it could gather the strength of stars in order to power itself. The concentration of energy in the Ancient Heavenly Court was shocking, and one could improve by leaps and bounds when cultivating inside. Even Sovereign Realm experts would increase their cultivation speed by forty percent.

"Hehe, did the news scare you?" The little cow chuckled when she saw the shocked expression on the King of Darkness's face.

When she had first heard the news, her reaction was similar to that of the King of Darkness.

The King of Darkness revealed a serious expression on his face, and he failed to find a counter-argument to the little cow's question. "Xiaolong, there are extremely strong restrictions located in the depths of the Devil Abyss. Dangers are everywhere. Before we head in, we should make adequate preparations."

The little cow chuckled, "Relax. When I had entered the depths of the Devil Abyss in the past, I managed to learn quite a bit about the dangers there. I prepared the things we would need, and Huang Xiaolong has managed to receive the Radiance Ancestor's inheritance. He has the Heart of Hell, and even though he isn't a Sovereign, he is more than capable of defending himself against the devil and dark qi there."

"Moreover, he has the Angel Soul Jade Divine Pills. With them, the three of us need not fear the evil beings down there."

The King of Darkness stared at Huang Xiaolong in shock. "What?! Xiaolong managed to receive the inheritance of the Radiance Ancestor? He has the Angel Soul Jade Divine Pills?!"

The little cow nodded her head with glee. "That's right. With the pills, we can easily work together to defend ourselves from all the dangers down there. The only thing we need to take care of is the restrictions. There shouldn't be any problems. Right now, the only thing we don't know where the Ancient Heavenly Court is located. We need to spend some time looking for it."

The King of Darkness nodded. "Using some time to look for it is not a problem. Xiaolong also has the Moon Jade Spiral Shell. As long as we know the general location of the Ancient Heavenly Court, we will definitely be able to obtain it."

The little cow shook her head all of a sudden. "That's where you're wrong. We don't have much time. We need to locate it as soon as possible." They quickly revealed the situation in the Radiance World to the King of Darkness.

When he heard the news, the shocked expression on his face became even more apparent.

"Reverence Moon Old Man! King of Grandmist! Cang Mutian! Old Monster Lun Zhuan! Buddhist Ancestor Shi Zhen! King of Shadows!"

"Nine Yin Old Ancestor, Shi Ming! Wait a minute... How can so many experts appear in the Radiance World? Other than the several overlords of their worlds, there are so many new Sovereigns!"

Huang Xiaolong explained, "That is the reason we need to locate the Ancient Heavenly Court as quickly as possible before rushing back to the Radiance World." The great war happening there was of extreme importance to Huang Xiaolong.

If he managed to unify the Radiance World, he would be able to gather enough strength to attack the Nine Yin Giant Corpse Tribe! After that, he would possess the ability to barge into the Heavenly Court in the Divine World!

If Huang Xiaolong were to fail, everyone would probably form a massive alliance to hunt him down. Even the Netherworld King's Organization wouldn't be able to escape from disaster.

A look of revelation appeared on the King of Darkness's face. "Since that is the case, let's hurry over to the Devil Abyss now!"

The little cow nodded her head and circulated the godforce in her body to the extreme. She punched another hole through the space to bring them closer to the Devil Abyss.

The three of them flew into the space tunnel without the slightest hesitation.

Along the way, the little cow used up a considerable chunk of her energy making space tunnels, and they managed to arrive at the Devil Abyss in a matter of days.

Looking at the soaring devil qi in the air, they saw the massive Devil Abyss located right below them. The little cow huffed and puffed, "Son of a... Ever since I decided to follow you around, I haven't rested for a single day! I'm so exhausted!"

As the King of Darkness had not returned to his peak state, the little cow was the only one who could punch through space to create the space tunnels.

Huang Xiaolong chuckled, "When have I ever wronged you?" He took out several bottles of Angel Soul Jade Divine Pills and threw them into the air.

Because of the pills, the King of Darkness was slowly recovering, and his strength was no longer as weak as before.

Even though the pills couldn't be compared to the Darkness Divine Stone, they were pretty good at healing injuries.

The King of Darkness didn't stand on ceremony at all. He quickly swallowed several bottles of the Angel Soul Jade Divine Pills, and the dark light around his body started to fluctuate.

Even though the pills were priceless treasures, Huang Xiaolong didn't feel the pain in the slightest. He had hundreds of bottles of them! It was more than enough for him to squander!

After a short rest, the three of them continued to move towards the Devil Abyss.

As soon as they approached, a wave of nefarious and devil qi surged towards them. It was as though the three of them had wandered into the source of devil qi in the world.

Devil qi was everywhere, and devils filled the space. Everything was tainted by the devil qi. Massive trees had hideous appearances, and they had hand-like branches. There was a pair of devilish eyes on each trunk, and a sinister light flashed through them.

"Be careful. The devil qi around the Devil Abyss is different from the devil qi in the Devil World. It's several times terrifying than that! The nefarious nature of it can poison anything it touches!" The little cow reminded Huang Xiaolong. "I know that you received the Radiance Ancestor's inheritance and have all three radiance supreme treasures. Even so, you shouldn't breathe in too much of the devil qi in the air..."

The King of Darkness continued, "That's true. There was once a pontiff from the Radiance World who possessed the innate Radiance Jewel Physique. Despite having that and a radiance attributed supreme godhead, he was still swallowed by the Devil Abyss. A Tenth Order Emperor turned into a monster!"

Huang Xiaolong stared at the King of Darkness with his jaws agape.

He had thought of swallowing the devil qi in order to improve his cultivation.

Even though the devil qi produced by the Devil Abyss was extremely sinister, the spiritual qi in the air was extremely dense. Huang Xiaolong wanted to use his Archdevil Supreme Godhead to devour the devil qi in the surroundings.

After the reminders from both Sovereign Realm experts, Huang Xiaolong dropped all thoughts of cultivating with the devil qi.

The three of them didn't stop to rest as they charged towards the Devil Abyss.

The closer they got, the devil qi in the air became stronger.

Initially, Huang Xiaolong had experienced the devil qi in the Floating Twilight Lands when he had refined the second half of the Blood Eye Devil Stele. The devil qi in the surroundings was several hundred times stronger than that!

There was a need to mention that they were merely at the outskirts. That wasn't even the most concentrated devil qi produced by the Devil Abyss.

It was way terrifying when they realized that there was some mysterious energy hidden in the devil qi. It felt like there was a type of restriction floating in the air, and if it entered one's body, it would be almost impossible to get rid of it!

The dense devil qi was like a black fog that enveloped the world. It blocked off their field of vision and inhibited their divine sense.

With absolute silence surrounding them, they experienced the meaning of 'deathly stillness.'

Chapter 2024: Meeting the Experts of the Kingdom of Devil Beasts Again

The deeper they got, they met more and more weird creatures. It was a hair raising experience. Of course, with Huang Xiaolong's Emperor's will, he wasn't afraid of those random creatures roaming about. But he had a weird feeling that he couldn't quite put his finger on.

It felt like someone was watching him.

What's going on?

Huang Xiaolong expanded his divine sense but failed to find any anomalies in his surroundings. Despite not finding anything, he quickly reported the weird feeling to the little cow and the King of Darkness.

When they learned about Huang Xiaolong's weird feeling, the both of them chuckled.

"It's normal to feel something like that. Everyone feels the same way when they enter the Devil Abyss. Even people like us can't shake the feeling." The little cow snickered, "Things would only be weird if you didn't get that feeling..."

Huang Xiaolong stared at them with a dazed expression plastered on his face.

The King of Darkness continued, "Rumour has it that the Devil Abyss is a part of a massive Devil that existed in the past. Everyone who enters the Devil Abyss will be entering its stomach. That might be the reason all of us feel as though someone is watching us..."

Huang Xiaolong jumped in fright, "Massive devil?! Is that even possible?"

No one knew the size of the Devil Abyss. All they knew was that the Devil Abyss was a terrifying existence. If the Extraterritorial Devil Battlefield was large enough to contain several world surfaces and countless planets, the Devil Abyss was a presence countless times larger than that.

If the Devil Abyss was really a part of a massive devil, no one could even begin to picture the size of the devil! Even with Huang Xiaolong's imaginative mind, he couldn't think of a creature of that size.

The little cow shook her head and laughed, "Of course it's impossible! How can there be a creature large enough to do so? If it really exists, even sending ten Lord Wan Shi wouldn't be enough to take it on!"

The King of Darkness nodded and laughed, "Those are mere rumors..." He naturally refused to believe in any of them.

The three of them advanced with caution, and they passed world surface after world surface.

Along the way, they met nothing but devils and dense clouds of devil qi.

The devil qi had tainted tons of devils and creatures around the Devil Abyss.

The devils there were different from the devils in the Kingdom of Devil Beasts. The devils around the Devil Abyss emitted a sinister and nefarious aura, and they were extremely formidable. If those devils bit any ordinary expert, there was a possibility of them turning into a devil themselves.

Of course, the more likely outcome would be that they would turn into nutrients for the devils.

Along the way, the three of them barely met other cultivators.

The terrors of the Devil Abyss were known throughout the lands. If anyone could avoid heading over to the Devil Abyss, they would definitely do so. None of the Emperor Palaces in the Divine World were stupid enough to send their disciples over to the Devil Abyss to temper them, which led to the lack of people.

Occasionally, the three of them would meet some experts from an Emperor Palace in the Divine World who had come to explore the place.

It was too bad the 'experts' were mostly in the Heavenly Monarch Realm. There were several Emperor Realm ancestor-level figures, but they hardly met anyone weaker than a God King.

Even in the outskirts of the Devil Abyss, the devil qi in the air was extremely terrifying. It wasn't a place God King Realm cultivators could enter.

When cultivators from the various Emperor Palaces came to the Devil Abyss, they usually moved in groups. The dangers of the Devil Abyss were well known throughout the lands, and they would only feel safe if there were other people to watch their backs. Even Emperors didn't dare to explore the place alone.

When they saw Huang Xiaolong's group of three, a weird expression would appear on their faces.

Huang Xiaolong rode on a massive azure cow, and there was a lone King of Darkness following them around. They had never seen anyone who dared to enter the Devil Abyss in a team of three.

It was too bad no matter how curious they felt, none of them bothered asking him about it.

In the Devil Abyss, everyone was busy watching their backs. They had no desire to mess about with other people.

Since the space around the Devil Abyss wasn't stable, they couldn't punch a space tunnel into the core of the abyss. The three of them could only make their way over by flying.

Even though that was the case, they were extremely quick. The people who could catch up to the little cow flying at full speed were all super experts.

Along the way, they suffered from the attacks from various devil beasts.

The devil beasts around the Devil Abyss liked to move around in groups, and they numbered in the tens of thousands.

It was too bad the beasts were mostly comparable to Tenth Order Heavenly Monarchs. Even if several hundred thousand of them charged at Huang Xiaolong, it wouldn't be enough to fill the gaps of his teeth.

The instant his Emperor's will filled the space before him, a cloud of blood mist would form.

It was even more effortless for the little cow and the King of Darkness. A light flashed through their eyes, and countless beasts had their bodies separated into a million pieces.

As the three of them continued on their journey, the sky gradually became dark.

"Devil qi will emerge from the ground at night. Even Sovereign Realm experts can't probe the situation around them." The little cow stared at the darkening sky and said, "Xiaolong, we should rest on the world surface up ahead and continue our journey tomorrow."

"Alright." Huang Xiaolong nodded his head.

It was just a single night. A single day was nothing compared to the time he would take to travel to the depths of the Devil Abyss.

With their speed, they needed six to seven days before arriving at the core.

After choosing one of the mountain peaks, they decided to settle down on one of them. Landing on a flat surface, they took a break.

Huang Xiaolong summoned the four odd beasts to guard the surroundings as the three of them swallowed the Angel Soul Jade Divine Pills to ensure that they were at the peak of their strength for whatever came next.

A night passed, and dawn eventually broke.

The three of them broke through the skies as they continued their journey.

After entering the Devil Abyss's middle regions, the number of Emperor Realm devil beasts they met increased.

Huang Xiaolong didn't make a move as the four odd beasts opened a path in front of them.

After breaking through the beasts' encirclement, Huang Xiaolong became a little suspicious when he ran into four groups of experts from the Kingdom of Devil Beasts. Out of the four groups, two of them were from the Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire. The other two came from the Heaven Devouring Empire.

The Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire were old acquaintances with Huang Xiaolong. When he was in the Kingdom of Devil Beasts, Huang Xiaolong had slain the young master of the Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire, Lan Bowei. The Devil-eyed Blue Lion Great Emperor Lan Chong, had joined hands with Chiyou and Shi Ming in order to hunt him down.

"Is it possible that they came for the Ancient Heavenly Court?" The little cow asked. It was clear that she felt a little suspicious about their presence. How could it be so coincidental for them to run into so many teams from the Kingdom of Devil Beasts?

"Just grab them and ask them what's going on." The King of Darkness snorted, and he reached out to grab at a team of experts from the Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire. Before they could react, the King of Darkness had already dragged them to Huang Xiaolong.

The team sent by the Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire had no lack of Tenth Order Emperor Realm experts. However, they were like powerless kids before the King of Darkness.

Chapter 2025: Reappearance of the Devil Stele

The members of the Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire were flying cautiously when a crushing pressure descended on them. The world spun around them, and the next thing they knew, they appeared in front of a youngster riding an azure cow. There was a black-robed middle-aged man standing beside the massive cow.

The aura this black-robed man exuded was something none of them dared to challenge. It was like they were standing before an insurmountable mountain.

When their gazes landed on the youngster seated on the azure cow, their expressions changed.

“Huang Xiaolong!” A Tenth Order Emperor Realm ancestor yelled in shock.

“What?! Why is Huang Xiaolong here?” Some of the other ancestors from the Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire who didn’t recognize him felt like a bomb going off in their heads when someone mentioned his name.

In the past, Huang Xiaolong had exterminated the Black Killer Sect, Hundred Transformations Sect, and the Lightning Beast Valley. The only people who had escaped were Chiyou, The Violent Lightning Archdevil Ancestor, and Zong Chenxie.

Even the sect leader of the Black Killer Sect, Cui Huajie, had died at his hands.

The battle had shaken the entire Devil World and Devil Beast World.

When Huang Xiaolong realized that there was an ancestor from the Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire who recognized him, he wasn’t surprised at all. Instead, he asked, “Speak. Why are so many experts from your Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire and the Heaven Devouring Empire here?”

A trace of panic flashed through the eyes of the ancestor Huang Xiaolong directed the question to.

The Tenth Order Emperor Realm expert suppressed the fear in his heart and spat, “Huang Xiaolong, don’t think that our Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire will back down because you’re here! This time, we have joined hands with the Heaven Devouring Empire! Our Emperors will be able to rush here in a bit!”

Another Eighth Order Emperor snorted, “That’s right. The Heaven Devouring Emperor is someone many times stronger than Chiyou! He is an expert at the Second Order Sovereign Realm! If you dare to do anything to us, you won’t be able to leave the Devil Abyss in one piece!”

Even though Huang Xiaolong was surprised by the fact that Lan Chong and the Heaven Devouring Emperor had come personally, he couldn’t help but laugh when he heard their threats.

Late Second Order Sovereigns?

Huang Xiaolong's Emperor's Will transformed in the tiny chaos ax and slashed out before the Eighth Order Emperor could react. The last thing the Eighth Order Emperor saw was a streak of light before his soul shattered.

Under the shocked gazes of everyone present, the Eighth Order Emperor fell to the ground, and his body started to shatter.

“What?!”

The ancestors from the Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire stared at Huang Xiaolong with an incredulous look on their faces.

In the Devil World, Huang Xiaolong had barely broken through to the Emperor Realm after refining both devil steles. How long had it been?! He could kill an Eighth Order Emperor right before their eyes without the slightest bit of resistance!

He killed him with a single move!

“Speak. Why are you here? I wish to hear nothing but the truth. Stop wasting my time.” Huang Xiaolong ignored the shocked expression on their faces and he asked again.

The experts from the Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire stared at each other, but none of them dared to speak.

The King of Darkness ran out of patience and snorted, “Why are you wasting your time with them? In my opinion, we should just devour their godheads and divine souls. Won't you learn everything the moment you do that?”

Devouring their godhead and soul before piecing their memories back again; even though it seemed like an impossible task, it was nothing difficult for a Sovereign.

As a Sovereign that excelled in the dark devil arts, doing something like that was as easy as a flick of a finger.

When the members of the Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire heard what he said, they turned to stare at him with flames erupting in their eyes.

The Tenth Order Emperor snorted with a look of mockery on his face, “Devouring our godheads and divine soul to perform a search... You really know how to boast. Do you think you’re the Heavenless Archdevil Lord?”

The words barely left his mouth when the King of Darkness made a move. A brilliant light flashed through his eyes as he opened his mouth to take a deep breath. In an instant, the Tenth Order Emperor arrived before him. In front of everyone from the Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire, the Tenth Order Emperor had his godhead and soul sucked out from his body. They were swallowed by the King of Darkness and the dried up body of the Emperor fell to the ground. A look of utter shock was plastered on his face but it was too bad there wasn’t a medicine for regret in the world.

The members of the Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire stared at the King of Darkness and their bodies froze.

Like spitting out grape seeds, the King of Darkness spat out pieces of godhead from his mouth.

After spitting out the random pieces of the godhead, a black colored light swirled around his body. He slowly opened his eyes and a look of joy flashed in them.

When Huang Xiaolong and the little cow saw the excited look on his face, they stared at him with a puzzled expression.

“Old Black, what’s new?” The little cow asked.

The King of Darkness ignored her and immediately sent a voice transmission to Huang Xiaolong.

The moment Huang Xiaolong learned of what had happened, a look of joy appeared on his face.

The reason the Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire had joined hands with the Heaven Devouring Empire was because they had received news that the Imperial Beast Devil Stele and the Divine Artifact Devil Stele were located in the Devil Abyss!

The Imperial Beast Devil Stele and the Divine Artifact Devil Stele!

To Huang Xiaolong, it was like buy one get one free!

The reason he had come to the Devil Abyss was to look for the Ancient Heavenly Court. He had never expected that the two devil steles would be located there as well. They weren't even located in the core of the Devil Abyss! They were somewhere in the middle regions!

When the little cow saw how excited Huang Xiaolong was, she became even more curious.

Huang Xiaolong didn't hesitate as he told her the good news. Like the King of Darkness and Huang Xiaolong when they first learned about it, a smile appeared on her face.

"The Imperial Beast Devil Stele and the Divine Artifact Devil Stele!" The little cow chuckled. "Xiaolong, as long as you refine them both, you will only be missing the last stele!"

As long as he managed to gather all six great devil steles, he would be able to take over the Heavenless Archdevil Lord's spot and unify the Devil World. With the combined strength of the Radiance World, Devil World, and the three worlds in Hell, Huang Xiaolong would control an incredible amount of power. The only superpower that could suppress him would probably be the City of All-Heavens...

"What?! He only needs another devil stele after refining these two?!" The King of Darkness stared at the little cow in shock. His eyes widened to the size of saucers as he stared at Huang Xiaolong in disbelief.

He had no idea Huang Xiaolong had already refined three devil steles.

The little cow nearly roared with laughter. "That's right, Xiaolong has already refined three steles!"

The King of Darkness sucked in a cold breath.

It was clear that they were both thinking about how terrifying Huang Xiaolong would be if he controlled the various worlds.

“How are we going to deal with them?” The little cow turned to Huang Xiaolong when she recalled that there was still a huge group of people from the Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire standing in front of them.

The King of Darkness piped up, “Leaving them alive is a waste. I’ll just devour them all...”

When they heard what he said, the blood drained from their faces. They knew that in the face of a Sovereign Realm expert, there was no running. They could only turn to Huang Xiaolong and beg for mercy.

“Open your soul’s barrier. I will send my grandmist worms into them.” Huang Xiaolong thought about it before deciding not to kill them all. If he could make use of the chance to subdue the Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire and Heaven Devouring Empire, it would definitely help out in the war.

Looks of hesitation appeared when they heard what Huang Xiaolong said.

Chapter 2026: At Least Two Sovereigns

Even though they were reluctant to lower the defenses to their godsea, most of them gave in eventually.

Of course, Huang Xiaolong didn’t show mercy to those who refused. He killed them all without exception.

The news of him appearing in the Devil Abyss couldn’t be leaked. Since the Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire had long since sowed a seed of discord between them, Huang Xiaolong didn’t think twice about killing them.

After subduing those who released their defenses to their godsea, Huang Xiaolong's party of three continued their journey into the Devil Abyss.

According to what the ancestors of the Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire said, he quickly located the other group.

Like before, Huang Xiaolong controlled those who agreed to lower the defenses in their godsea. Those who didn't were killed.

After half a day, Huang Xiaolong had already taken down three groups of experts from the Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire. Other than the three groups, he also controlled a group from the Heaven Devouring Empire.

The total number of experts from the two emperor countries that fell under Huang Xiaolong's control numbered around a hundred.

When Huang Xiaolong searched for the other groups, he circulated the devil steles in his body as he tried to locate the two devil steles in the middle regions of the Devil Abyss.

Even though he couldn't feel their presence, Huang Xiaolong didn't panic. As long as the two steles were in the Devil Abyss's middle regions, it was a matter of time before he located them.

He wasn't afraid that Lan Chong or Wu Shaowu, the Heaven Devouring Empire's Emperor, would find the steles before him. Even if they managed to obtain it, they wouldn't be able to refine it in a short period of time.

When Huang Xiaolong subdued the fourth group of experts, Lan Chong was killing a group of devil beasts in a world surface some distance away. There were a bunch of Emperors around him as they killed their way through an encirclement of devil beasts.

After an arduous battle, Lan Chong finally killed the last beast. A sigh of relief escaped his lips.

Along the way, he killed an uncountable number of devil beasts. Even someone like him felt exhausted. Luckily for him, he didn't have to venture into the depths of the Devil Abyss.

"Emperor, when I tried to contact Lan Jingtian and the others, I failed to receive a reply!" Ancestor Lan Changruo appeared in front of Lan Chong and reported.

Lan Chong's expression froze for a moment, and he asked, "What about Lan Kang and the others?"

Lan Changruo shook his head. "They didn't reply as well. I've tried contacting a few people in their group. There was no reply."

"What?! What's going on?" Lan Chong was stunned for a second. Even the other ancestors stared at Lan Changruo with a surprised expression on their faces.

"Could they have run into some trouble? They might have met a group of Emperor Realm devil beasts and failed to escape." Some of the ancestors started throwing out possible scenarios.

"Even if they met with a group of Emperor Realm devil beasts, they should be able to escape. With Lan Jingtian's strength, some of them would be able to escape."

Lan Jingtian was part of the first group of experts from the Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire Huang Xiaolong had run into. He was the Tenth Order Emperor who the King of Darkness had devoured for a soul search.

A trace of unease flashed through Lan Chong's eyes.

Suddenly, Lan Changruo's expression changed. "Emperor, I tried to contact Lan Yanda, Lan Run, Lan Dejiu, and the others! They didn't reply!"

Everyone sucked in a cold breath.

Even Lan Chong couldn't keep his calm.

“Try Lan He, Lan Yu, Lan Yanglin, and the others.” Lan Chong growled.

Lan Changruo hastily tried to contact the team leaders of all the other teams they had sent out.

When he finally received a reply, his expression sank. Other than Lan Yu and Lan Yanglin, he had lost contact with the other teams.

When the Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire had decided to set out on the expedition to the Devil Abyss, they had sent six teams out in total. Right now, they had lost contact with three of the teams they had sent out.

The ancestor level experts stared at each other, and they realized that things were taking a turn for the worst.

How could three groups go missing without sending so much as a cry for help?

Even if they were attacked by a group of Emperor Realm devil beasts, they couldn't be killed on the spot!

“Who is it?! Did the news leak?!” Lan Changruo could no longer sit still when he realized that half of their forces were wiped out. “Did someone send experts over to attack my men?!”

Lan Chong shook his head. “There is no way for the news to leak...”

This time, he had gathered the experts under him to form an alliance with the Heaven Devouring Great Emperor. He hadn't said anything about the devil steles when they had left the Devil Beast World, and he had only revealed their goal after arriving at the Devil Abyss. Right after that, they had split into teams to locate the devil steles. Before they had left, Lan Chong had even made them swear an oath to the heavens.

Suddenly, Lan Chong received a transmission signal from Wu Shaowu, the Heaven Devouring Great Emperor. When he scanned through the message with his divine sense, his expression turned serious.

Everyone felt extremely curious when they realized the change on Lan Chong's face.

"The Heaven Devouring Great Emperor sent a report. He lost contact with a team on his side, and it's extremely possible they suffered an attack from a group of unknown experts. Everyone, stay vigilant!" Lan Chong explained to the others. "If his news is true, there has to be more than one Sovereign Realm expert on their side. There might be two Sovereigns making a move at the same time!"

That was the only way he could explain the fact that his subordinates couldn't send out a single message for help before they were killed.

Everyone's expression changed when they heard what he said.

Two Sovereigns!

"Who are they?! Who dares to go against our Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire?!" One of the ancestors cried out in shock and fear.

Lan Chong seemed to have thought of something, and he quickly instructed Lan Changruo, "Hurry up, tell Lan Yu and Lan Yanglin to bring everyone over here!"

Lan Changruo knew the severity of the situation, and he hastily passed the message on to the two team leaders.

It was too bad only one group managed to turn up after two whole hours of waiting. Lan Yanglin met up with Lan Chong's group, but Lan Yu was nowhere to be seen. No matter how Lan Changruo tried to contact Lan Yu, he failed.

Lan Chong's face turned darker than thunderclouds, and he snorted, "Don't let me find out who's behind this. If I do, I'll show you what happens to anyone who dares to challenge my Devil-eyed Blue Lion Empire!"

"Oh really?" Cold laughter drifted into Lan Chong's ears.

Everyone stared at the source of the voice in shock.

Chapter 2027: Lan Chong in Despair

When he saw Huang Xiaolong's group of three, Lan Chong's gaze landed on the King of Darkness. A trace of unease flashed past his eyes. He felt that the man in black was kind of familiar, but no matter how he thought about it, he couldn't think of where he had seen him before.

However, from the aura the black-robed man was exuding, it was clear that he was at the Sovereign Realm.

There's another Sovereign Realm expert around Huang Xiaolong! He's someone who cultivated the devil arts!

Lan Chong's expression turned serious.

He realized that no matter how hard he tried, he couldn't sense the other party's strength.

When everyone from the Devil-Eyed Blue Lion Empire gathered behind Lan Chong, they stared at Huang Xiaolong and the black-robed man in disbelief.

In the past, the Black Killer Sect, Hundred Transformations Sect, and the Lightning Beast Valley had surrounded Huang Xiaolong and planned to kill him. Huang Xiaolong had eventually annihilated them, and only three people had managed to escape.

Right now, they were far weaker than the group Huang Xiaolong had killed in the past.

They could also see that the black-robed man beside Huang Xiaolong was a Sovereign Realm expert.

"Huang Xiaolong, what did you do to my men?!" Lan Chong glared at Huang Xiaolong after withdrawing his killing intent.

A smile appeared on Huang Xiaolong's face. "What do you think?"

"You killed them all?!"

Huang Xiaolong shook his head in reassurance. "Of course I didn't do that. I'm not a bloodthirsty monster. It's hard to cultivate an Emperor Realm expert. The road of cultivation wasn't easy for them." He waved his arm, and a group of people appeared behind him. They were the experts from the Devil-Eyed Blue Lion Empire who had already surrendered to Huang Xiaolong.

Previously there were over a hundred of them. Adding Lan Yu's group, there were now over one hundred and twenty.

They formed two lines as they lined up behind Huang Xiaolong. None of them spared a glance at Lan Chong.

When Lan Chong realized that they were still alive, a wave of relief swept through his heart. However, when he realized that something was off about them, rage started bubbling from the depths of his heart. He glared at Huang Xiaolong and snapped, "Huang Xiaolong, what did you do to them?!" Killing intent started to emerge from his body.

Huang Xiaolong was naturally able to detect it, and he chuckled, "What do you think? With your abilities, you should know that all of them are already under my control."

"What?!" Lan Chong's expression turned ugly to the extreme, and the joy of him seeing his subordinates alive disappeared.

The faces of Lan Changruo and the others weren't too good either.

"Die!" Lan Chong transformed into a massive blue lion as he charged towards Huang Xiaolong. His paws swept out in an attempt to crush Huang Xiaolong to death.

Terrifying waves of energy surged towards Huang Xiaolong as Lan Chong leaped towards him.

“Kill Huang Xiaolong right now!” Lan Chong’s voice reverberated through the minds of all the experts from the Devil-Eyed Blue Lion Empire.

The King of Darkness sneered when he saw Lan Chong’s attempt to kill Huang Xiaolong. “Petty tricks!” He raised his right fist and welcomed Lan Chong’s attack.

Seeing as the black-robed man was stupid enough to receive his attack with a single hand, Lan Chong couldn’t help but turn furious. However, he soon realized that he was the one who was wrong as boundless darkness energy appeared from the void as it surged towards him.

The darkness energy seemed to originate from the deepest part of Hell.

When he felt the world-crushing power behind the wave of darkness energy, Lan Chong’s expression froze. He yelled angrily as he covered his body in blue light. He gathered all his strength as he slammed his paws towards the sea of darkness.

Boom!

Under the shocked gazes of the Devil-Eyed Blue Lion Empire’s members, Lan Chong was sent flying. He flew out of the world surface they were on and slammed into a dying star not too far away.

As soon as he crashed into the dying star, it broke apart as it crumbled into a million pieces.

Lan Chong vomited mouthfuls of fresh blood as he shot backwards.

Those who were about to charge towards Huang Xiaolong to teach him a lesson stared at the black-robed man in shock. A look of fear slowly appeared on their faces when they realized how strong the King of Darkness was.

Upon smashing through the dying star, Lan Chong managed to gather his bearings after retreating for several hundred thousand miles. The Blue Lion Divine Armor around his body had long since turned into scrap metal as a layer of darkness energy swirled around his body. It sucked away all the vitality in his body, and it seemed as though he would die soon.

“Great Emperor!” Lan Changruo and the others finally snapped back to reality when they saw Lan Chong’s sorry state. They rushed to his side and poured divine pills into his mouth.

Lan Chong swallowed the pills before looking at the King of Darkness with a face full of fear. “You! Senior Darkness... You’re the King of Darkness!”

He had felt that the King of Darkness was somewhat familiar, but he couldn’t recall where he had seen him before. After taking the attack head-on, he realized that the black-robed man was none other than the King of Darkness!

Even if he was given a million tries, he could have never guessed that the King of Darkness would be following Huang Xiaolong around!

When they heard what Lan Chong said, the Devil-Eyed Blue Lion Empire’s experts gasped in shock. Their bodies started to tremble as a feeling of unbridled fear appeared in their eyes. The King of Darkness! The black-robed man was the world-renowned King of Darkness!

The King of Darkness was an overlord at the same level as the Heavenless Archdevil Lord!

In the past, the King of Darkness had carried out wanton massacres and managed to swallow the spirit essence of countless creatures. His reputation rang far and wide, not losing out to the Heavenless Archdevil Lord in the slightest.

Horror would fill the minds of everyone who heard the name ‘King of Darkness.’

However, he should have been killed by the Ancient Heavenly Emperor and the alliance of world leaders!

If the news of the King of Darkness’ revival were to spread, the myriad of worlds would be thrown into chaos once again.

Huang Xiaolong didn't care about the thoughts running through Lan Chong's mind as his voice resounded through the air. "Release the defenses in your godsea and allow me to control you. Otherwise, you will die!"

"I am willing to submit!" "Me too!" As soon as the words left his lips, a group of experts revealed their intentions to surrender. When they learned of the King of Darkness' identity, all thoughts of resistance were already thrown out of their minds.

When Lan Chong saw that everyone was surrendering, a look of despair flashed through his eyes. However, he turned into a streak of blue light as he tried to escape.

It was too bad a massive leg appeared in front of him before he could leave. As the leg swept out, he was sent flying back towards Huang Xiaolong.

Landing on the ground before Huang Xiaolong, he felt as though all the bones in his body were broken. He stared at the little cow with a fearful expression as he stammered, "You... you... who are you?!"

Ignoring Lan Chong, the little cow turned to the King of Darkness and complained. "Old Black, it seems like your reputation precedes mine! People can recognize you, but they have no idea who I am!"

The King of Darkness snorted as he turned away from the little cow.

"You... Old Ancestor Azure Cow?!" Lan Chong felt as though a bomb had gone off in his mind as the words nearly failed to leave his lips. His mind collapsed. The King of Darkness alone was enough to fill him with despair. Now that Old Ancestor Azure Cow had appeared, there was no hope of him escaping. Even if the Heaven Devouring Great Emperor, Wu Shaowu, joined hands with the Two-headed Devil Dragon Great Emperor, Zhao Yuan, they wouldn't be able to save him.

Half an hour passed.

Lan Chong lay on the ground, motionless.

A Sovereign stood at the peak of the world. There was almost no one who could threaten them. However, Huang Xiaolong stared at Lan Chong's lifeless body on the ground as the devil qi in the air slowly corroded it.

Huang Xiaolong sank into silence as he gathered the Devil-Eyed Blue Lion Empire's members to bury Lan Chong's body.

Chapter 2028: Locating the Imperial Beast Devil Stele

After burying Lan Chong, Huang Xiaolong resumed his search for the devil steles.

Since Lan Chong was dead, the only people left would be Wu Shaowu and the experts of the Heaven Devouring Empire.

According to what Lan Changruo said, the Heaven Devouring Great Emperor was pretty close by. With their speed, they would be able to locate Wu Shaowu and the members of the Heaven Devouring Empire within an hour.

As they flew, Huang Xiaolong continued to search for the Imperial Beast Devil Stele and the Divine Artifact Devil Stele.

"Xiaolong, if you refine both the devil steles, you might break into the Seventh Order Emperor Realm. With your talent, no one under the Sovereign Realm will be your opponent!" The little cow piped up all of a sudden.

She had followed Huang Xiaolong for a long time, and it could be said that she had witnessed his growth. When she thought about the time when Huang Xiaolong was just a weak little kid, she felt as though she was living in a dream.

Huang Xiaolong shook his head. "Even though the two devil steles can allow me to become stronger, they won't allow me to enter the Seventh Order Emperor Realm. When I refined the Lotus of Darkness, I only managed to enter the Fifth Order Emperor Realm. If anyone else were to refine it, they should have already entered the high-level Emperor Realm!"

The King of Darkness thought about it for a moment and said, "The more talented one is, the harder it will be to break through. Xiaolong, you have three supreme godheads and three archdevil bloodlines. It's indeed extremely difficult for you to break through. Looking at your difficulty in breaking through, I'm afraid breaking through to the Sovereign Realm will be a hundred times more difficult for you..."

Huang Xiaolong nodded his head. That was the reason he was leaving the Three Lives Flower for the time he wanted to break through to the Sovereign Realm. Looking at things now, he felt that a single Three Lives Flower wouldn't be enough.

He had already made up his mind to fight for the Blood of Darkness and the Darkness Gold Fruit. With the Three Lives Flower and the Darkness Gold Fruit, Huang Xiaolong would feel a little better about his chances.

Of course, Huang Xiaolong also had to rack his brains to look for other level two origin treasures.

Level one origin treasures were no longer useful for him, and the only ones he could look for were those above rank two.

Since locating level three origin treasures was harder than ascending the heavens, Huang Xiaolong could only put his hopes on finding level two origin treasures.

As Huang Xiaolong was thinking about obtaining more origin treasures, Wu Shaowu was staring at a massive cliff in front of them on a world surface not too far away.

Brilliant rays of light shot out from Wu Shaowu's eyes as he gathered his energy to shatter the cliff before him. Rays of devilish light slammed against the cliff's face. Instead of shattering the cliff, a shocking change happened. Devil runes appeared on the cliff's face, and they soared into the skies. Bestial roars that seemed to transcend the river of time rang through the air.

Wu Shaowu stared at the cliff's face in delight.

Imperial Beast Devil Stele!

With the violent reaction, he could feel that the Imperial Beast Devil Stele was hidden somewhere in the cliff!

“Great! I finally found the Imperial Beast Devil Stele!” Wu Shaowu roared with laughter. “With the Imperial Beast Devil Stele, I’ll be able to enter the Third Order Sovereign Realm in a hundred million years!”

His figure blurred as he appeared before the cliff’s face.

The experts from the Heaven Devouring Empire hastily followed behind him.

“Congratulations, Your Majesty!”

Wu Shaowu chuckled, and he turned around to give his order, “We’ll attack at the same time to force the Imperial Beast Devil Stele out!”

When they heard him, all the experts from the Heaven Devouring Empire started circulating their godforce.

Since Wu Shaowu had suspected that something was wrong ever since he had lost the first group, he had long since gathered everyone. Right now, there were more than a hundred Emperors in his group.

If they combined their strength, the power of the attack would shake the heavens.

As they bombarded the cliff’s face, the Imperial Beast Devil Stele soon showed itself.

When the devil stele started to rise from the top of the cliff’s face, the earth started to shake.

Divine beasts that came from the desolate era appeared and revolved around the devil stele. Every single one of them was a top-tier one like the Scarlet Flame Dark Qilin, Twelve Winged Pegasus, Nine Colored Divine Phoenix, Golden Flame Giant Lion, and Radiance Divine Tiger...

When the Imperial Beast Devil Stele appeared, the devil beasts in the divine plane fell to the ground as they trembled in fear.

Looking at the Imperial Beast Devil Stele, a look of delight appeared in Wu Shaowu's eyes. As long as he refined the stele, his cultivation speed and strength would improve tremendously.

If he subdued the souls of all the top-tiered beasts, he would even be able to form a trillion strong army! With an army full of top-tiered beasts, he wouldn't be afraid even if the Two-headed Devil Dragon Emperor came knocking on his door!

The more he thought about it, the brighter the light in his eyes shone.

When the Imperial Beast Devil Stele finally emerged from the ground, Wu Shaowu released a loud cry as he charged towards it.

He tore it from the ground and held it in front of him.

Even though the souls of the divine beasts released maniacal cries and sent waves after waves of energy to slam against Wu Shaowu's body, it failed to free itself from his grasp. Even though the devil stele could easily escape from the group of Emperor Realm experts from the Heaven Devouring Empire, Wu Shaowu was a Second Order Sovereign! Even First Order Sovereigns would be unable to run away if he got his hands on them, let alone an ownerless Imperial Beast Devil Stele.

Despite its identity as the top-ranked devil stele, it was unable to fight back in the hands of Wu Shaowu.

With a shake of his body, Wu Shaowu transformed into a Heaven Devouring Beast.

Opening his gigantic mouth, Wu Shaowu decided to swallow the devil stele before bringing it back to the Kingdom of Devil Beast. There, no one would be able to bother him. With his Second Order Sovereign Realm level of cultivation, he would be able to refine the devil stele as long as he had enough time.

Looking at how Wu Shaowu was about to swallow the Imperial Beast Devil Stele, a massive arm broke through space and slammed down towards him.

The arm covered the skies, and it emitted rays of devilish light. It was as though the embodiment of the Devil Dao had appeared as devil lightning, devil beasts, and phantoms of Archdevils appeared around it.

Wu Shaowu's expression changed when he saw the terrifying arm crashing down on him. He raised his head to the sky and released a heaven-shaking roar, and he could no longer be bothered with the Imperial Beast Devil Stele. He transformed into a beast several tens of thousands of feet tall in order to resist the attack from the arm.

As he opened his mouth to swallow everything he could to increase his strength, everything on the divine plane flew into the air and towards his mouth.

That was Wu Shaowu's special technique. At full strength, he would be able to swallow an entire star.

Whatever it was, the arm didn't slow down in the slightest as it landed on him.

Boom!

When it landed on Wu Shaowu's chest, he was sent flying off into the distance as a miserable shriek escaped his lips. He shattered countless mountain peaks, and he eventually landed in a corner of the divine plane.

The ancestors from the Heaven Devouring Empire were dumbfounded when they saw what happened.

Chapter 2029: Heaven Devouring Emperor Surrenders

Under the shocked gazes of the Heaven Devouring Empire's members, Huang Xiaolong appeared as he rode on the little cow. The King of Darkness followed closely behind as they slowly made their way towards the crowd. The person who made a move was naturally the King of Darkness.

Even though he hadn't completely recovered, an attack from him wasn't something a Second Order Sovereign could stand against.

If a Second Order Sovereign like Wu Shaowu could block an attack from him, the King of Darkness' reputation would have been dragged through the mud.

One had to know that the Ancient Heavenly Emperor had to use the Ancient Heavenly Court and gather a group of world leaders before managing to kill him.

Luckily for him, he had managed to condense the Heart of Darkness before they killed him. Otherwise, he would really be dead.

"Huang... Huang Xiaolong!" Some of the ancestors from the Heaven Devouring Empire recognized Huang Xiaolong the instant he appeared. Their voices trembled as they called his name.

Huang Xiaolong ignored all of them as his gaze landed on the devil stele floating in the air. A look of joy flashed through his eyes. "That's the Imperial Beast Devil Stele!"

The Imperial Beast Devil Stele was the number-one ranked devil stele among the six!

After searching for so long, Huang Xiaolong had finally managed to find it!

The three devil steles in Huang Xiaolong's body started to glow. With a single thought, he summoned them, and they appeared in the air in front of him. Without the need for Huang Xiaolong to control the stele, the Imperial Beast Devil Stele started to fly towards the three other devil steles.

Compared to the time Wu Shaowu had tried to control the stele, the divine beasts around it didn't resist Huang Xiaolong. Instead, it seemed as though they were extremely happy.

A furious roar shook the world surface as Wu Shaowu released an ear-splitting roar. He broke through the earth and soared into the sky with rings of blood rotating around his body. The Sovereign's aura on his body expanded and threatened to swallow everything in its way.

With bloodshot eyes, he glared at Huang Xiaolong. "Huang! Xiao! Long!!!" It was as though he hated that he couldn't swallow Huang Xiaolong that very instant. Even though he wanted nothing more than

to tear Huang Xiaolong to pieces, he didn't make a move. Instead, he stared at the black-robed man beside him.

"Who are you?" Wu Shaowu growled, "Are you someone Huang Xiaolong called over?"

The King of Darkness disdained to reply to him.

A flash of rage crossed Wu Shaowu's eyes. "I don't care who you are! Today, I'm taking the Imperial Beast Devil Stele whether you like it or not!"

According to him, the black-robed man was a Third Order Sovereign. The only reason he was sent flying was because he was taken by surprise.

He felt that he could fight against the Third Order Sovereign without suffering too much if he was careful.

Now that he had located the Imperial Beast Devil Stele, he was extremely reluctant to see Huang Xiaolong take it away.

That was the top-ranked devil stele! It was an incredible treasure, and it wouldn't lose out to ordinary top-grade grandmist artifacts!

A howl left his mouth the moment he spoke, and he charged towards the Imperial Beast Devil Stele. He sent a claw towards The King of Darkness and Huang Xiaolong.

Even though three other devil steles were floating in the air, he ignored them all. He knew that Huang Xiaolong had already refined them, and he wouldn't be able to do anything to the other three devil steles unless he killed Huang Xiaolong.

"Go!"

He turned and yelled at the Emperors under him.

In an instant, the experts of the Heaven Devouring Emperor Country moved against Huang Xiaolong.

“You’re overestimating yourself!”

“Dumb*ss!”

The King of Darkness harrumphed. He hadn’t gone all out previously as Huang Xiaolong had asked him to go easy on Wu Shaowu. He had hoped that he could make Wu Shaowu surrender.

Looking at Wu Shaowu’s ‘zealous’ attitude, the King of Darkness welcomed his attack with a single fist.

In the instant he sent his fist out, the world turned into darkness. Devil qi swallowed the world and destroyed everything in its path.”

When Wu Shaowu realized that the person in front of him was an undefeatable existence, the expression on his face changed. “Mid... Mid-level Sovereign!”

The strength that the King of Darkness possessed definitely placed him in the mid-level Sovereign Realm!

Not to mention the fact that he wasn’t an ordinary mid-level Sovereign.

The terrifying wave of darkness energy jolted Wu Shaowu’s mind. A scary name flashed through his head, and he tried to convince himself otherwise. A legend played out in his head as he experienced the darkness energy around him, and the rumors surfaced in his head. A legend that had engraved itself in his mind finally showed up.

The only response he received was a palm strike to the face.

By the time the King of Darkness’ attack landed, Wu Shaowu’s claw had turned into nothing but a mist of blood. Despite that, the palm didn’t slow down as it continued to fly towards Wu Shaowu’s chest.

Boom!

Once again, Wu Shaowu was sent flying. He smashed through countless mountain peaks, and levelled several forests. Several unfortunate devil beasts that failed to escape in time turned into a pile of flesh after he crashed into them.

As the King of Darkness made his move, the little cow didn't remain idle. She raised her leg and sent everyone from the Heaven Devouring Empire flying.

After putting her leg down, she felt that it was going numb. Extending her leg again, she did some stretches.

After the King of Darkness sent Wu Shaowu flying, he waved his arm to drag Wu Shaowu back to Huang Xiaolong.

By then, Wu Shaowu's body was already dyed red.

His chest heaved up and down as he stared at the little cow and the King of Darkness with fear in his eyes.

"You... You guys are the King of Darkness and Old Ancestor Azure Cow?!" Subconsciously, his tone turned into one of reverence when he addressed them.

Even if he was a Second Order Sovereign, he was a junior when facing the two monstrous existences.

The little cow chuckled when she heard how he addressed them. "You're not too bad, a little smarter than Lan Chong."

"Lan Chong... What happened to him?" Wu Shaowu's heart trembled when he heard that they were comparing him to Lan Chong.

“He’s dead.” The King of Shadows snorted in response.

“D... D... Dead?!” Wu Shaowu’s eyes widened to the size of saucers, and the blood drained from his face. The experts from the Heaven Devouring Empire felt their legs going soft.

Lan Chong, the Devil-eyed Blue Lion Great Emperor, was dead!

A warm smile soon appeared on the little cow’s face. “Wu Shaowu, you should know why we didn’t kill you the moment we appeared...”

Looking at the smile on the little cow’s face, Wu Shaowu felt a sense of dread like never before.

“You only have one chance.” Huang Xiaolong spoke up all of a sudden. “You can choose to live, or you can choose to die. I’ll give you a minute to think about it.”

There wasn’t much hatred between him and the Heaven Devouring Great Emperor, and if Wu Shaowu chose to surrender, he wouldn’t mind taking in another Sovereign Realm expert.

Complex emotions appeared on Wu Shaowu’s face when he heard his options.

Seconds ticked past, and it seemed like an eternity passed in the span of thirty seconds. Wu Shaowu raised his head suddenly, and he ground his teeth as he looked at Huang Xiaolong. “It’s a matter of time before Your Majesty gathers all six devil steles. When you unify the Devil World, I’ll still have to submit. It’s nothing for me to surrender now. However, I’ve heard that you would reward anyone who submitted with two hundred million low-grade chaos spirit stones...”

He didn’t dare to continue as a tinge of embarrassment surfaced on his face. However, his meaning was clear. He was in a bit of a financial pickle anyway.

Huang Xiaolong roared with laughter when he heard what Wu Shaowu said.

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Seeing that Huang Xiaolong was laughing his face off, Wu Shaowu couldn't help but frown. Will Huang Xiaolong really give me two hundred million low-grade chaos spirit stones?

When he was about to ask again, Huang Xiaolong waved his hand, and countless spirit stones fell from the sky. It was as though it was raining spirit stones as it landed all around them.

Looking at the storm of spirit stones, everyone stared at Huang Xiaolong in shock.

Several ancestors jumped to the side in order to avoid taking a chaos spirit stone to the head.

The rain of spirit stones only stopped after several minutes.

Staring at the mountain of spirit stones before him, even someone like Wu Shaowu couldn't help but suck in a cold breath in disbelief. "This... this..."

The stones in front of him weren't low-grade chaos spirit stones. They were mid-grade chaos spirit stones!

Two hundred million of them!

There were two hundred million mid-grade chaos spirit stones sitting in front of him!

Even someone like the King of Darkness, who had experienced endless shock ever since he had met Huang Xiaolong, couldn't help but widen his eyes in shock. Even for an overlord like him, two hundred million mid-grade chaos spirit stones was an astronomical amount!

As for the ancestors of the Heaven Devouring Empire, they couldn't help but swallow mouthfuls of saliva in shock.

When had they ever seen so many mid-grade chaos spirit stones in one place?! There was no need to mention two hundred million mid-grade chaos spirit stones. They hadn't even seen two hundred million low-grade chaos spirit stones!

The only person other than Huang Xiaolong who could keep their calm was the little cow. After all, she had long since learned of his ability.

Huang Xiaolong stared at the expression of shock on Wu Shaowu's face and chuckled, "Here's two hundred million mid-grade chaos spirit stones. How's that?"

Wu Shaowu felt his heart quaking. "Are these two hundred million mid-grade chaos spirit stones for me?"

Huang Xiaolong nodded.

After sucking in a long breath, Wu Shaowu turned to Huang Xiaolong and bowed, "Many thanks to Your Majesty, the King of Hell, for your generosity! Wu Shaowu is willing to submit to Your Majesty!"

A brilliant smile broke out on Huang Xiaolong's face.

Soon, the ancestors from the Heaven Devouring Empire swore their alliance to Huang Xiaolong.

"Xiaolong... that... are there more mid-grade chaos spirit stones?" The King of Darkness hesitated for a second before asking.

Huang Xiaolong stared at him in stunned silence.

The little cow was different, she opened her mouth, and a hearty guffaw left her lips. "Hahahahahaha!"

The King of Darkness turned to glare at her, and he snapped, "What are you laughing at, you old cow..."

The little cow tilted her head to the side and continued laughing, “What has my laughter got to do with you?”

“Alright, enough... Stop bickering...” Huang Xiaolong interrupted the two of them. He didn’t wish for what happened in the palace to replay itself, and he tossed a spatial ring over to the King of Darkness. There were five hundred million mid-grade chaos spirit stones contained in it.

When the King of Darkness saw the mountains of mid-grade chaos spirit stones in the ring, he nearly jumped with fright. The ring suddenly felt much heavier, and he was afraid he would drop it.

“If you need more, just let me know.” Huang Xiaolong chuckled.

The King of Darkness stared at Huang Xiaolong with his jaws agape.

Turning his attention back to the Imperial Beast Devil Stele, Huang Xiaolong decided to refine it on the spot. After all, Wu Shaowu had already surrendered, and there was no point in dragging it out.

With the King of Darkness and the little cow, Huang Xiaolong wasn’t afraid of any attacks from the groups of devil beasts on the divine plane.

When Wu Shaowu heard that Huang Xiaolong planned to refine the Imperial Beast Devil Stele on the spot, he brought his men to set up the Heaven Devouring Grand Formation.

When they were done, Huang Xiaolong rose into the air as his hands landed on the Imperial Beast Devil Stele. He started to circulate the Grandmist Parasitic Medium as he started the refinement process.

In an instant, the stele emitted blinding rays of light, and a stream of darkness energy poured into Huang Xiaolong’s body.

His body shook when the energy entered his body.

The amount of energy was several times stronger than when he absorbed the other devil steles. The energy poured into his body without signs of stopping, and it tried to freeze his body over and over again.

As Huang Xiaolong's godheads revolved around him, they swallowed the darkness energy coming from the devil stele. It was especially so for the Archdevil Supreme Godhead as it sucked up a huge majority of the energy.

The Heart of Hell pounded as it emitted rays of light.

Several days passed...

As the darkness energy contained in the devil stele poured into Huang Xiaolong's body, the aura of the Beast King slowly emerged from within him.

When Huang Xiaolong released the aura, the devil beasts in the Devil Abyss' middle regions turned and fled.

Two months passed just like that, and Huang Xiaolong's body shook. He smashed through the Fifth Order's bottleneck, and he entered the early Sixth Order Emperor Realm. With the Imperial Beast Devil Stele's help, he quickly solidified his foundations as his cultivation continued to rise.

Behind Huang Xiaolong, three Archdevil phantoms appeared, and they devoured a huge amount of the darkness energy coming from the devil stele before sending it back into Huang Xiaolong's body.

The Blood Eye Devil Stele, Myriad Curses Devil Stele, and the Glaze Devil Stele spun around Huang Xiaolong as they turned into guides for directing the darkness energy into his body.

Originally, Wu Shaowu had ordered everyone to set up the Heaven Devouring Formation as they didn't want Huang Xiaolong's refinement process to be disturbed by the devil beasts. When they saw the devil beasts retreating far away, they finally relaxed.

The little cow and the King of Darkness stood quite a distance away from Huang Xiaolong as they remained vigilant.

“Old Black, what do you need so many mid-grade chaos spirit stones for? Don’t tell me you’re still thinking about your Heavenly Phoenix Hairpin...” The little cow asked all of a sudden.

Killing intent flashed through the King of Darkness’s eyes, and he glared at her.

“Fine, fine! I won’t talk about your Heavenly Phoenix Hairpin...” Despite what she said, the little cow muttered under her breath, “I’ve heard that Wan Xiaorong is still single after so many years...”

When the words entered the King of Darkness’s ears, his hands trembled.

Wan Xiaorong—the name that had been on his heart the whole time, the name that had been sealed into the deepest parts of his mind! Someone finally brought it up!

A hazy look slowly formed in the King of Darkness’s eyes, and he was lost in his thoughts.

The little cow stared at him and tactfully remained silent.

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Four years passed.

One fine day, a massive explosion occurred, and pillars of dark light shot into the heavens. The cries of divine beasts filled the air as Huang Xiaolong’s laughter soon followed. The Beast King’s aura that he had been cultivating since he had started refining the Imperial Beast Devil Stele burst out and enveloped the lands.

Even existences at Wu Shaowu’s level widened their eyes in shock.

“Little brat... Has he already refined the devil stele?!” The little cow felt a little surprised at his speed. “Old Black, if you were the one refining the devil stele, how long would it take? Several hundred years?”

The King of Darkness couldn't contain his shock. Even though he ignored her question, the look on his face was a clear indication that he wouldn't be able to refine the devil stele as quickly as Huang Xiaolong did. He had never expected Huang Xiaolong to fully refine the Imperial Beast Devil Stele in four short years!

“Congratulations to Your Majesty for successfully refining the Imperial Beast Devil Stele!” Wu Shaowu led the members of the Heaven Devouring Emperor Country to congratulate Huang Xiaolong.

He nodded and allowed them to stand.

The little cow flew over and sized Huang Xiaolong up. After stealing a few more glances at him, she nodded and laughed, “Late-Sixth Order... Not bad!”

After refining the Imperial Beast Devil Stele, Huang Xiaolong had managed to reach the late-Sixth Order Emperor Realm. Of course, it was because the Imperial Beast Devil Stele was the first ranked devil stele. If he had refined any other stele, there was no way he could increase his strength by such a large amount.