## **INVINCIBLE 2017**

## Chapter 2017: Heart of Darkness

As the little cow opened the cap on the bottle, she poured everything into her mouth, emptying the bottle instantly. Popping sounds could be heard as lightning swirled around her body.

"Nice!" The little cow's body trembled, and a look of comfort washed over her face. "If only I can get my hands on the Twelve Winged Angel Soul Jade Divine Pills... That would be even better!"

Huang Xiaolong flicked her across the forehead. "Having ten winged ones is good enough. You must be dreaming if you're thinking of getting your hands on Twelve Winged Angel Soul Jade Divine Pills. Don't you know that every single pill you consumed was a priceless treasure?!"

The little cow chuckled in amusement. "This old cow barely managed to regain her strength. I need to take some supplements in order to stay strong. It's just several dozen bottles of Angel Soul Jade Divine Pills. There might even be better stuff in the King of Darkness' inner palace!

She was right. She wasn't imagining things when she said that there might be even more precious treasures. In the past, the King of Darkness had massacred his way around the various worlds and killed god knew how many experts. He had managed to plunder an insane number of treasures, and there was definitely a chance of there being treasures more precious than the Angel Soul Jade Divine Pills.

"Let's go. We need to enter the Ghost Pool Formation." Huang Xiaolong didn't bother fighting with the little cow over what she just said. He tapped on her back, and she turned into a streak of light that brought Huang Xiaolong over to the formation.

In just a few minutes, they appeared in the space above the Ghost Pool Formation.

Seeing that the formation that he had placed was still there, Huang Xiaolong heaved a sigh of relief in his heart. He waved his hand and stopped the formation's operation, revealing the existence of the Ghost Pool.

A snort left the little cow's lips, and a surge of energy blasted against the formation. The space above the formation rippled, and the two of them disappeared from their original spot.

Before long, Huang Xiaolong arrived in the massive hall that used to contain the four odd beasts.

Of course, the hall was empty as Huang Xiaolong had already brought the four of them away. Previously, the four massive figures were chained to the wall. Now, all that was left of that memory was the broken chains on the ground.

Huang Xiaolong summoned the four beasts, and he ordered them to follow behind him. As he led the way, the small group eventually made their way towards the dark space formed by the King of Darkness.

The dark space was exactly how Huang Xiaolong remembered it. He couldn't see his fingers if he stretched his hand out, and he could feel the waves of darkness washing over his body from time to time.

Huang Xiaolong circulated his Archdevil Supreme Godhead and started to swallow the darkness energy that came from the void. He slowly made his way forward with the little cow in tow.

After half an hour, Huang Xiaolong emerged from the dark space and arrived at the place the galaxial river used to be. Right now, Huang Xiaolong had already refined it, and it was a part of the City of Eternity.

After passing the space, the King of Darkness's palace appeared in front of his eyes.

When he approached the palace once again, a type of nefarious and frigid qi surged towards him. Thanks to his previous experiences, Huang Xiaolong immediately summoned the sixteen wings and blocked the wave of qi from hitting him with the help of his radiance energy.

They slowly made their way towards the palace.

All of a sudden, a shocking wave of frigid qi charged towards Huang Xiaolong. It contained boundless might and possessed unstoppable power.

Huang Xiaolong didn't dare to be careless. He raised the Radiance Divine Scepter as the Heavenly Hall, and Radiance Divine Seal appeared above him. Holy light shone down on the space before him, and the phantom of the Radiance Ancestor appeared. The phantom reached out and suppressed the wave of energy.

The little cow chuckled under her breath, "I haven't seen you for a hundred years, and your strength has already grown to such a terrifying stage. You're pretty good..."

"Aren't you the same?"

"How can you compare yourself to me? I was merely regaining the strength that I had lost. You're improving yourself!" The little cow continued, "The difference between the two is shocking!"

They chatted as they continued to make their way towards the palace.

The closer they approached, the stronger the darkness energy became as it repelled them. In the end, the three supreme treasures of the Radiance World shone with brilliant light as they poured radiance energy into the phantom of the Radiance Ancestor. With the support of the three treasures, the phantom managed to suppress the boundless darkness energy coming from the void.

While the treasures were suppressing the darkness energy, Huang Xiaolong was controlling his Archdevil Supreme Godhead to devour as much of the remaining energy as he could.

The darkness energy was actually a great supplement for Huang Xiaolong.

Step by step, they made their way towards the palace.

After several tens of minutes, they finally arrived at the entrance.

When they saw the terrifying structure that seemed to swallow all light standing tall in front of them, a solemn expression appeared on Huang Xiaolong's face. He could feel the strength of the restrictions lying behind the entrance.

The heart of Hell started to pound once again, and it began to emit resplendent rays of light.

As the Heart of Hell rarely reacted to anything, Huang Xiaolong realized that he got the same feeling when he had approached the King of Darkness's palace in the past.

He stared at the space above the entrance. Two large rings greeted his sight, and mysterious runes flowed around them. There was no doubt that those two rings were a set of restrictions, and Huang Xiaolong was sure that they were left behind by the King of Darkness himself.

Just as he was about to shatter the restrictions with the Radiance Divine Scepter, the little cow spoke out. "Let me do it."

Huang Xiaolong was stunned for a second, but he nodded his head after thinking about it for a second.

The horn on the little cow's head enlarged several times over all of a sudden, and a dazzling golden light illuminated the space before them. The little cow slammed her horns directly into the two rings.

A massive explosion resounded through the air, and the palace trembled. The rings popped and shook as the glow around them started to dim. Before long, the light around them disappeared completely.

What in the world...

Huang Xiaolong stared at the scene before him in shock.

The little cow shook her head and laughed, "Sh\*t! I haven't used this move in a long time! My head is spinning right now!"

Huang Xiaolong felt his vision starting to spin when he heard what she said,

However, the little cow's attack served to show how strong the restrictions were. If he were to try to break it on his own, he might not even be able to shatter them! He was lucky he brought the little cow along with him.

As the restrictions were broken, Huang Xiaolong managed to open the doors without much difficulty.

As soon as he opened the doors, a blinding ray of dark light pieced into Huang Xiaolong's eyes. He was shocked, and he involuntarily raised his arm to protect himself. After a full minute, he finally opened his eyes. The sight of a massive hall greeted him, and there was a giant sacrificial table at the side.

Shockingly, a heart lay silently on the sacrificial table!

It was a heart that was completely black in color. The sight of it could cause people to fall into despair, bringing a sense of oppression. The heart was like the embodiment of all the evil, darkness, and chill in the world!

Huang Xiaolong stared at the heart in shock.

Why was there only a single heart?! Where was the King of Darkness?!

Anyway, why was the heart resonating with his Heart of Hell?!

Even though Huang Xiaolong had no idea what the heart represented, the little cow was much more knowledgeable when it came to matters like this. "Oh man, it's the Heart of Darkness!"

"Heart of Darkness?" Huang Xiaolong subconsciously turned to stare at the little cow.

Instead of replying to him, the little cow nearly broke into dance as she exclaimed animatedly, "I never thought that he would actually be able to form the Heart of Darkness! If not for this, I'm afraid that he really would have died!"

Huang Xiaolong's heart skipped a beat.

From what he heard, the little cow was saying that the King of Darkness wasn't dead yet!

Seeing the look of curiosity on Huang Xiaolong's face, the little cow started to explain everything to him. "Even though the Heart of Darkness isn't as perverse as the Heart of Hell, it's extremely similar! It has the same attributes that allow the owner to live on forever! It seemed as though the Ancient Heavenly Emperor had really destroyed the King of Darkness's body with the Ancient Heavenly Court. However, as long as the Heart of Darkness is present, the King of Darkness will live on forever!"

## **Chapter 2018: The Lotus of Darkness**

Huang Xiaolong stared at the Heart of Darkness on the sacrificial table with a suspicious look in his eyes. However, the Heart of Hell pounding in his chest was already emitting rays of brilliant light.

The King of Darkness was brothers with his master, the King of Hell. Right now, it was as though the two hearts were meeting each other after a long time. It was no wonder the Heart of Hell was acting weirdly when he approached the palace.

"Little cow, do you think that my master is still alive?"

In fact, Huang Xiaolong had a burning question in his heart for a long time. He felt that his master, the King of Hell, should still be alive. That was because his master was the owner of the Heart of Hell.

As long as the three worlds in Hell were still standing tall and the Heart of Hell was alive, and well, there was no way for his master to die!

The little cow shook her head after a short period of consideration. "It's hard to say. Your master, the King of Hell, had already separated the Heart of Hell from himself. That's the only reason you managed to refine the heart in the first place! After you received the complete inheritance and obtained the Heart of Hell, it's even harder to determine whether or not your master is still alive!"

"Whatever the case, when someone reaches the level your master was at, nothing else is of much threat to him. Even if he no longer possesses the Heart of Hell, he might still be alive. As for why he separated the Heart of Hell from himself... The only person to know the answer to that question should be your master himself."

Huang Xiaolong nodded his head slowly.

However, the little cow's words rang, again and again, deep in his mind.

Even though there wasn't much that could threaten a being at his master's level, nothing in the world was absolute. It was like what the little cow had experienced in the past. Didn't her soul nearly scatter?

While Huang Xiaolong was thinking about the different possibilities, the little cow explored the space they were in. When she saw a tiny black lotus growing out from the back of the sacrificial table, she released a yelp of surprise.

The black lotus had a total of thirty-six petals, and every single one of them contained immeasurable power. They emitted a magnificent glow and looked as though they were formed from the purest of dark crystals. It held a certain charm that mesmerized everyone who laid their eyes on it.

The part that shocked Huang Xiaolong was the fact that every single petal contained astounding amounts of origin energy!

This!

The lotus was definitely a type of origin treasure!

"Lotus of Darkness... The Lotus of Darkness has actually appeared!" The little cow exclaimed animatedly. She rushed towards the lotus, and saliva poured out from the corner of her lips.

When Huang Xiaolong saw the little cow's behavior, he knew that the Lotus of Darkness was no ordinary origin treasure.

"This is good stuff, real good stuff!" The little cow pressed her face closer to the lotus and complained in a low voice, "Why! Why will you let me find these treasures?!"

Huang Xiaolong was dumbfounded when he stared at the little cow.

Isn't it a good thing for her to find such treasures? Why does it sound like she's complaining?

Despite the question in Huang Xiaolong's mind, he didn't ask about it. When the little cow finally calmed herself down, she turned around and raged, "The Lotus of Darkness is a level three origin treasure!" However, she sighed and stared at Huang Xiaolong in the next instant. "Do you even know what is a level three origin treasure?"

Huang Xiaolong felt as though a bolt of lightning had struck him, and he stared at the lotus with his jaws agape.

Level three origin treasure!

It's something more precious than the purple grandmist aura!

Even someone like Huang Xiaolong, who had seen all sorts of precious treasures, couldn't help but feel his heart speeding up.

A look of melancholy appeared on the little cow's face as she sighed. "Now I know why the King of Darkness chose to remain in seclusion here."

"Are you saying that the King of Darkness had long since realized the presence of this Lotus of Darkness? Is that why he chose to build his palace here to treat his Heart of Darkness?" Huang Xiaolong asked.

The little cow nodded, "That's definitely the case. With this sort of heaven-defying treasure, even if his physical body was blasted to pieces and his godhead broke into a million pieces, his Heart of Darkness would slowly recover. In fact, there is also a possibility for his Heart of Darkness to strengthen itself by absorbing the energy coming from the Lotus of Darkness!"

"However... The Lotus of Darkness wasn't mature when he first discovered it. Even if he had swallowed it, he couldn't have improved his strength by much. Now that several billion years have gone by, the lotus has finally bloomed. You're really lucky... Everything belongs to you now!"

The little cow stared at Huang Xiaolong with a jealous expression and snorted.

There was no way for her to congratulate him from the bottom of her heart. She would be lying to herself if she said that the Lotus of Darkness didn't move her. After all, that was the rank three origin treasure they were talking about.

There wasn't a single Sovereign Realm expert who could remain aloof when a rank three origin treasure was placed before them!

"Let's split this Lotus of Darkness..."

The little cow stared at Huang Xiaolong in shock the moment he said that. She felt a wave of warmth wash over her heart, but she shook her head in the end. "There is no way for me to refine the Lotus of Darkness. My godhead isn't of the darkness attribute. Only someone with a darkness attributed godhead will be able to refine an origin treasure born from the darkness of the world."

A sudden realization dawned on Huang Xiaolong. It was no wonder the little cow was complaining when she saw the Lotus of Darkness. Even though there was a level three origin treasure sitting in front of her face, she couldn't refine it! Looking at a treasure and being unable to touch it was the worst type of torture!

The little cow turned to Huang Xiaolong and said enviously, "If you refine the Lotus of Darkness, you will be able to bring your Heart of Hell to the next level. If you're lucky enough to find several other treasures like the Lotus of Darkness, the Heart of Hell might mutate and turn into something stronger than the Ancient Heavenly Court!"

One could only imagine. Huang Xiaolong was able to control anyone below the Fifth Order Emperor Realm with the Heart of Hell with its current power. Even the Radiance Heart Cleansing Mantra was unable to stop him! If the Heart of Hell transformed and became stronger, how terrifying would it become?

"Alright. We don't have much time left. Hurry up and refine the Lotus of Darkness. I will protect you during the refinement process!"

"What about the King of Darkness?" Huang Xiaolong stared at the Heart of Darkness, and a curious look appeared on his face. Didn't the little cow say that the Heart of Darkness was healing itself by absorbing the darkness energy coming from the Lotus of Darkness?

The little cow chuckled, "There is no need for you to worry about the King of Darkness. After several billion years of recovery, he should have long since restored himself to his peak state. He should be even stronger than before. The only thing left for him to do is to construct his body and godhead. After you refine the Lotus of Darkness, help him to construct another body with the darkness energy from your Heart of Hell."

After hearing what the little cow said, Huang Xiaolong felt a wave of relief flood through his heart.

He quickly made his way towards the Lotus of Darkness, and he floated into the air with his feet tucked beneath him. The Archdevil Supreme Godhead started to spin, and it started to devour the Lotus of Darkness.

In an instant, energy poured into Huang Xiaolong's body like water out of a broken dam. Facing the sudden surge in energy, Huang Xiaolong tried his best to remain cautious. Despite all the precautions he took, the wave of energy nearly suffocated him.

The darkness energy coming from the Lotus of Darkness was just too strong. It was god knew how many times stronger than the energy contained in a purple grandmist aura strand. Thinking about the time when he had refined the purple grandmist qi in the past, Huang Xiaolong felt that even if he tried to refine ten strands of purple grandmist qi at once, it wouldn't be worse than refining a single Lotus of Darkness.