

Apocalypse 1261

Chapter 1261: Third party lifeform

When Ye Zhongmin returned to the Secret Realm, he sat on Yangos and was silent for a long time.

He was thinking about what Liu Zhenghong said.

“I don’t know what level nine lifeforms are like. Saint Light Hall won’t let me study Saint Father’s body. But I understand all other levels.”

“Let’s talk about other lifeforms. Level eight zombies, mutated plants, even Yangos and the Death King Tree, who were peak level eight. I understand all of them,, but none make me feel so helpless.”

“This made me think about one lifeform... Green-skinned demon monsters. THose disgusting and useless monsters.”

“Zhongming, have you thought about what they are? What is this two-faced monster?”

“I can’t promise anything, but I can guess based on the facts.”

“Some plants and animals have mutated since the start of the apocalypse. There were also monsters and beasts from the dungeon or cracks. Humans turned into zombies. All of these have a unique point: we have crystals that can connect with the wheel.”

“But what about these monsters? They don’t have demon crystals and it doesn’t help us to kill them. We can’t even use their skin. Did you notice that they don’t fit in with the values that the wheel gives us?”

“So I have a bold guess, which is... They don’t come from Earth or the wheel system. They are a third party lifeform.”

“Based on what I know, even the universe races have not broken free from the wheel. This is a problem, where did these monsters come from?”

“Due to that, if the wheel really controls everything, then what is their goal? Force humans to evolve? The people above say that they need you to fight for them. Where to fight? Fight with who? Why fight?”

“Is it... These monsters without demon crystals?”

“If that is the case, then those universe races might be unable to land on Earth due to some rules, but these monsters came. We fought them and became their enemy. What would we face in the future?”

These thoughts appeared in his mind.

He was confused about why the green-skinned demon monsters would appear and didn’t know why they would exist. Rumours in his last life suggest that they might be humans or other lifeforms that were mutated due to radiation.

But now, it seemed like that wasn’t the case.

First were the green-skinned demon monsters, then the dinosaur-like monsters, and the two-faced weird person. Were they a third party?

He sighed and felt that things were getting complicated.

“Yangos, where did you come from?”

Ye Zhongming saw that the rat army had found a two-thousand-strong group of demon monsters and charged toward them. From above, the scenes of tens of thousands feeding were shocking.

The evil dragon rolled its eyes and didn't know why he would suddenly ask that. But it thought about it and replied, “I am unsure and always think I have forgotten something.”

“In my memory, I should come from some place similar to this. There aren't white clouds or blue skies, just colorful rays. Some lifeforms on earth give me a familiar feeling, but I don't know where that feeling comes from.”

Yangos came from the dungeon and was a monster. However, it forgot all about its past. This was probably a rule of the wheel.

Ye Zhongming had to be impressed by the strength of the wheel. It seemed omnipotent.

“You have no memory of your world?”

Yangos flapped its wings anxiously before using mental energy to speak to Ye Zhongming, “I remember some allies. They were all very strong. When I was still young, they were powerful. My bloodline doesn’t seem pure.”

Its words were all over the place. But he could understand as its memory was sealed. It was already really good that it could remember some blurry parts. This might be due to the energy the Saint Father injected into it, which helped unlock some parts.

“No worries. You will become the strongest dragon in the future.” Ye Zhongming decided to stop thinking about it, and he slapped Yangos’s head.

“Really? I will take that as a promise!” Yangos shamelessly spoke, which made Ye Zhongming giggle.

Another few days passed, and Ye Zhongming was in Saint Light Hall’s territory. The town that he passed when soul traveling appeared before him.

The Saintess was waiting for him in this town.

The human settlement that was small in the past had now become a giant transfer point. The people of Saint Light Hall all received the migration notice and gathered here.

Under Saint LightHall's army's protection, they would set off to the Posthumous People Imperial City. Apart from protection, they were given food here.

This was the first time most of them walked out of Saint Light Hall's territory. They were nervous and lost facing the unknown world. This was the common emotion this town felt.

When the Saintess saw Ye Zhongming riding Yangos, she felt complicated. The evil dragon was her old moun; noww it belonged to someone else. Thinking about how differently it was treated, her heart was in a mess.

Ye Zhongming ordered the rats to search for food in the wilderness. Even Yangos was free.

"How is the migration?"

He walked by her side on the streets. He felt like he was walking in mid-century Europe.

"It is nearly done." She adjusted her mood, "In ten days, the last batch of migrants will happen. The remaining are just people who don't get the news or aren't willing to leave their homes. They... Probably won't come."

"Can the final group avoid the demon monster army?"

Based on what Ye Zhongming estimated, the last batch of people might face the demon monster's vanguard.

She nodded her head gratefully. No matter what, Ye Zhongming didn't forget about Saint Light Hall.

"I need to thank you for your support. The traveling tool and large amount of demon monsters increased our travelling speed so they should be able to avoid them."

Ye Zhongming nodded. He wanted to say something, but her words stunned him.

"I will head to the Saint Hall with you."

Chapter 1262: Sacrifice, Xia Bai

Ye Zhongming was surprised, not because the Saintess wanted to head there with him or because he had things he didn't want her to see. It was because of safety.

There was a level nine lifeform chasing now with its endless subordinates. Not to mention Ye Zhongming, Xia Bai's Battle Squad, Yangos, and the rat army; if there were ten more of them, they were still a bunch of trash.

That level nine could probably destroy all of them with a lift of a hand.

There was no good reason for her to head to Saint Hall with him in such a situation.

Ye Zhongming naturally wouldn't think that the Saintess had fallen for him and wanted to face death with him. She must have her own goal, which interested him.

"You want to go to the Gate of Blessing, right?" Saintess looked at the abandoned small town and looked into the distance.

He nodded and didn't deny it.

"When I was young, the others from Saint Hall and myself were injected with a thought. Everything we have come from the gods, and the proof that the gods existed was the Gate of Blessing."

Ye Zhongming was shocked and didn't expect her to say that. But he didn't say anything.

Her style changed when she decided to become Saint Light Hall's queen. Although she wore a white robe, it had other colors, like gold threads.

When there wasn't a ceremony, she would keep her staff. What replaced it was a translucent magical ball that had a mist inside.

"Many years ago, I saw it at work. It will make unbelievable things happen. That made me believe in it, but a while ago, everything changed."

Her beautiful eyes had a different glow to them.

“It became a decoration. Only Saint Father or myself would cast the saint light during the ceremony. Although it looked beautiful, many people realised that it was not normal. It should be a time when the Gate of Blessing showed its might, but... It became a normal kneel and worship moment.”

Saintess pointed with her hands like she was going to explain something.

“That isn’t my faith and what the Saint Light Hall people believe in.”

“So you want to see what had happened?” Ye Zhongming asked.

The saintess nodded, “I know that it will be dangerous with you. That bastard is chasing us, but I also want to see the Gate of Blessing. I want to know what the Saint Father has done to it.”

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After crossing the town, Ye Zhongming saw Saint Light Hall’s prosperity. This was different from Earth. This place was tranquil. There were green-laid roads. But there was rubbish that people left behind when they left. There were house animals that were left that searched for food, training the hunting and food-finding abilities that they had lost.

You could occasionally see a few old people walking about. They would look around in shock and then sigh.

Some villages near the mountains and forests had tracks of demon monsters. They got used to the empty human territories and could enter and exit freely. They moved around the houses to search for food that humans had left.

Several demon monsters were around a human corpse. Without other humans and enough strength, humans were the food of demon monsters.

The Saintess could look at this calmly initially. But after some time, she closed her eyes. She sat on Yangos's body as if she had fallen asleep.

Ye Zhongming could sense her savior mindset, making him think better of her.

After they got deeper into the Saint Light Hall territory, news about the demon monsters disappeared. Ye Zhongming and the Saintess didn't know where the chasing troops were, so they could only rush at full speed.

With their strong body features, they could see the Saint Hall after a few dozen days.

Even if he had seen the tall building in his soul form, now that he was here again, that giant city still shocked his mind.

"Let's go!"

Saintess was at the front. Ye Zhongming realised that Saint Hall's city was at the peak of a mountain.

There were more people here that weren't willing to leave. When the Saintess appeared, these people gathered under the Saint Hall. There were thousands of them.

Unlike the old and weak in other places, the people here were all young and strong. They had staunch faith and were the most loyal believers. They were willing to stay and defend the Saint Hall.

When they saw the Saintess, they didn't cheer and kneel like before. They looked at her with complicated expressions.

Saint Father and Saintess were the two they respected the most, but that happened. They didn't know how to face it.

The saintess took out the Staff and fired a saint light toward those people. The people in the light felt the warmth of the light, but it couldn't make them feel less lost. Many knelt and cried.

When Ye Zhongming, the Saintess, and the others stepped into the majestic Saint Light Hall, those people stood there stunned.

Everything inside was as old, but it made people feel cold.

“Ye, that thing makes me feel uncomfortable.”

Xia Bai, who never spoke, suddenly said to Ye Zhongming. She was looking at the Gate of Blessing.

Ye Zhongming received the notification from the gate.

The Gate of Blessing seemed to have recognized him. Before he got close, it shone on him.

“Wishing time, sacrifice being judged...”

“Sacrifice: Fallen Angel, best grade, will you sacrifice?”

What was going on?

Those words terrified Ye Zhongming!

Who was Fallen Angel? Ye Zhongming was originally stunned, but hearing what Xia Bai said, he realized she was the Fallen Angel. Wasn't her wings Fallen Wings?

Was it making him sacrifice her? Best grade? This was the highest sacrifice level?

Chapter 1263: Golden Zombie

Ye Zhongming definitely couldn't sacrifice Xia Bai. He chose no and told Xia Bai to get out. When the notification disappeared, he heaved a sigh of relief.

Ye Zhongming didn't know what this was. It was nonsense to say that these were ruins of a god. But there was a high chance this was from the wheel or belonged to the wheel system. If not, it wouldn't have an AI-like notification system. It wouldn't be able to upgrade wheel skills, too.

Since that was the case, what was the meaning of sacrificing Xia Bai? Would humans be able to be sacrificed as long as they met the requirements?

Facing the weird situation, the Cloud Peak king was confused.

He looked at the Saintess. She looked at him in shock as she didn't know what happened.

Useless for Blue Secret Realm people? Was that the case?

Ye Zhongming didn't explain, which disappointed the Saintess. She walked to the side of the gate and touched it to try to connect with it.

Ye Zhongming saw that she had no signs of stopping. He thought about it, opening the Secret Realm key and moving the darkness equipment and beasts over.

As there were too many items, this process took hours. During this process, she maintained that posture. No one knew if she managed to connect with it or not.

After shifting the things, Ye Zhongming didn't shut the gate. Anyways, the level nine lifeform definitely locked onto them, so there was no difference between opening or shutting it.

He told Little Tiger to walk over. He sacrificed some darkness weapons and saw that the Gate of Blessing didn't react.

Little Tiger looked at Ye Zhongming. He wanted to get some benefits, but Liang Chuyin kicked him aside.

The others tested, but there was no reaction, until... The twins!

More accurately, it was because of the zombie sister.

As they were connected, Ye Zhongming could receive a clear message from Ya Tian. Similarly, Ya Ni was unable to choose because she was a zombie but the sister could help her.

When Ya Tian told everyone that she could sacrifice items, they were all impressed. Liu Zhenghong and Le Dayuan who came to watch said that the gate was connected to Ye Zhongming and only lifeforms connected to him could use this.

“So that is the case.”

Saintess 'woke up' and there were tears in her eyes.

"The Saint Fathere laid a curse on it. It is unable to give anyone a blessing when they sacrifice items; now it only remembers you."

Her gaze landed on Ye Zhongming, "Maybe he did something before he left. Maybe your previous sacrifice was remembered by the gate. But no matter what, that is the current situation."

Seeing the sadness on her face, Ye Zhongming didn't overthink. This belonged to Saint Light Hall, but he was the only one who could use it. It was a huge insult to her.

Ye Zhongming thought about it and signaled to the twins. The two girls started to place sacrifices into the Gate of Blessing.

Ye Zhongming wouldn't know the notification, but Ya Tian would tell it to him.

"Wishing time, sacrifices being judged..."

"Sacrifice: Basic Darkness Dagger, level, poor, will you sacrifice?"

"Sacrifice: Intermediate cursed robe, level, normal, will you sacrifice?"

“Sacrifice: Advanced Soul Scroll, level, good, will you sacrifice?”

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Notifications meant that the items were disappearing and that they were earning Gate of Blessing currency. As Ye Zhongming had used it before, he didn't tell the twins to stop; he told them to continue.

He felt it was enough at a certain moment, so they stopped.

“Brother, it says it wants to improve the body?”

Ya Tian suddenly said to Ye Zhongming.

Improving body naturally referred to the silver zombie. But how were they going to improve a silver zombie? Ye Zhongming couldn't give any suggestions and could only watch.

The sister told him about the notification the gate gave.

“Start to improve body, upgrade success... Body quality upgraded by 3%.”

“Energy remains, improve body, upgrade complete... Body upgrade by 3%.”

“Energy remains, improve body, upgrade complete... Body upgrade by 3%.”

“Energy remains, improve body, upgrade complete... Body upgrade by 3%.”

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“Not enough energy; please continue to add items!”

Ye Zhongming thought about it and told the sisters to continue sacrificing items.

He was shocked.

This meant that as long as they had enough items, the moment they faced a valuable skill or other aspects, they could upgrade it to the highest grade!

How many items did Cloud Peak prepare for this?

A lot! A huge amount!

Even if the twins used up a large amount, it wasn't even 1% of it.

Ye Zhongming looked at the sacrificial items being placed and saw the silver zombie sister getting stronger. He became increasingly excited.

Although each increase consumed a lot of energy and required more sacrifices, he felt it was worth it, as he saw obvious changes.

She was his silver zombie, so he sensed the changes the most. He felt that this girl was getting stronger and stronger.

Ya Ni was around six-star strength. Along with the set equipment and Ya Tian, who was now seven-star, she was already strong enough. When they worked together, they could deal with two seven-star evolved.

However, a fact that couldn't be denied was that the silver zombie was the burden of the two.

Now, the silver zombie was getting stronger. In a short amount of time, Ye Zhongming felt that it had reached level seven and was still improving.

“Boss, the consumption is huge!” Little Tiger looked at the disappearing weapons and equipment and reminded Ye Zhongming.

Ye Zhongming bit his teeth and told them to continue.

Even if he gave all the sacrificial items to the silver zombie, he wanted to see if he could upgrade it to the max, like the Elimination Technique.

His hard work paid off. Finally, after consuming a large amount, he received the notification.

“Energy remains, improve body, upgrade complete... Body upgrade by 1%.”

“Target upgraded to... Golden Zombie!”

Chapter 1264: Red Dragon flame

Ye Zhongming didn't have the complete puppet recipe, and he lacked the golden puppet crafting method.

Although he could craft one immediately after obtaining it, it wouldn't be easy.

Just look at the difference between a copper and a silver zombie. Each level increase of a puppet would mean a huge increase in strength. Each crafting would require a huge amount of materials.

It was a huge surprise that they upgraded using such a method.

After becoming a golden puppet, Ya Ni's changes were very obvious.

First was the outer appearance. Her skin became smoother. It wasn't gold like her grade and was much whiter, similar to that of humans. But her eyes would flash red to remind others that this was a powerful puppet.

Next was the aura. The silver puppet seemed different from everyone else, but Ya Ni didn't stand out before it fought.

Now, the golden zombie was the highest level of the puppet recipe. After becoming a golden zombie, her aura made her eye-catching. Even if she sat quietly, it made one feel a huge sense of danger.

Finally, was her connection with Ye Zhongming.

When Ya Ni became a gold zombie, the connection didn't break and; instead, it became more smooth and natural. This meant that Ya Ni could understand complicated orders without Ya Tian. In the battlefield, that changed by the second; this was of great help.

As for how strong it was, Ye Zhongming was not sure and could only test it out in battle. But one thing was for certain. She was much stronger than seven-star evolved. As for her strength compared to eight-star, that was uncertain.

Don't forget that Ya Ni and Ya Tian are twins. They will be together when they fight. Now that she was a gold zombie, their overall combat strength will increase. The two of them should be able to face an eight-star evolved.

This was another high-end combat strength for Cloud Peak. Especially when their rage is at the peak, along with the terrifying summoned beings, even Ye Zhongming would find it tough.

The twins backed down. Originally, if lifeforms connected to Ye Zhongming could use the gate, Red Hair would be able to. Although she could move now, she was weak and couldn't place the items in herself. Naturally, she wouldn't be able to come here. That was a regret.

The other that fit the situation was Yellow Ball. But this fellow was still unconscious which made the entire Cloud Peak worried.

They felt unfortunate, but they could do nothing but blame luck for it.

Ye Zhongming looked at the items and saw that there was still a huge amount. He walked over and decided to strengthen himself.

But he stopped and thought about it. He said, "Call Yangos, Death King Tree, and the Talking Lady."

Everyone didn't understand. Yangos was something they understood. After all, it was connected with Ye Zhongming. Based on what happened to Ya Ni, it should be able to sacrifice things.

But what was up with Death King Tree and the Talking Lady?

After a while, the three life forms came.

Yangos was nearby. Ye Zhongming used his mind to call out to it. The Death King Tree was still in Cloud Peak. Her wish of becoming human wasn't fulfilled, so she naturally wouldn't leave.

The talking lady followed Little Tiger back and walked around Ying City. Ye Zhongming even had to find her personally. She brought a bunch of zombies over. It was obvious that she was wary. The zombies were also very uneasy and would growl at the surroundings.

"Yangos, sacrifice the items."

Ye Zhongming said something and dragged Yangos to the Gate of Blessing.

This huge space was enough for Yangos to fit in.

The evil dragon knew what it was but didn't know it could wish for anything. Its eyes opened wide, and its doubtful personality made it hesitate.

"Quick!"

Ye Zhongming kicked it. His eight-star strength caused it to stumble. This evil dragon smiled at its master and pulled many items before putting them into the gate.

The notification that Yangos received was transmitted to Ye Zhongming's mind.

"Start to upgrade dragon breath, upgrade success, dragon breath upgrade by 5%."

"Energy remains; start to upgrade dragon breath, upgrade success, dragon breath upgrade by 5%."

"Energy remains; start to upgrade dragon breath, upgrade success, dragon breath upgrade by 5%."

"Dragon breath upgraded to Red Dragon Flame."

"Energy is not enough; please continue to add."

Red Dragon Flame?

Ye Zhongming learned something he had never heard of, but it probably represented the level of the dragon breath.

He looked at Yangos and wanted to know the answer. But this dragon was stunned and didn't see that gaze.

“Oi!”

Ye Zhongming tapped the evil dragon to wake it up.

“What is Red Dragon Flame?”

Hearing Ye Zhongming's question, the others listened in. They could guess Yangos had obtained something good from the Gate of Blessing.

The evil dragon roared, which caused everyone to cover their ears. Ye Zhongming kicked it, which caused it to behave well. It rolled up under Ye Zhongming's feet and used a disgusting voice to suck up to Ye Zhongming, “My noble Master, please accept my respect. You made an impure half-dragon gain the ability of a true dragon. That is the light in my life. You have given me a new life. I am proud of my decision. From today on, I will follow your side and charge for you. I will open new lands and defend your home. I am willing to give birth for you, ouch!”

His giant body shook, and he only shut up after Ye Zhongming punched it. The dragon bit its own teeth, which made it cry in pain.

“My omnipotent Master, I am speaking the truth. I use my soul to promise that if you are willing, I am willing to sacrifice my body...”

Yangos kept quiet the moment it saw Ye Zhongming squint his eyes.

After its explanation, Ye Zhongming knew that the Red Dragon Flame was the dragon breath that only a pure fire dragon could release. Its temperature was really high and was much stronger than what Yangos could do before.

“Master, I beg you to let me sacrifice again.”

Ye Zhongming didn't reply. He asked, “Why is your tail wagging?”

Yangos turned to its tail and said innocently, “I saw Yellow Ball doing that.”

Everyone, “...”

Chapter 1265: Back to level eight

No matter what Yangos's personality was before, it had signed a slave contract with Ye Zhongming. This was a fixed agreement, and if Ye Zhongming wanted it, it could not break free. So, this evil dragon could be trusted.

Ye Zhongming was not surprised that it wanted to continue. This fellow benefited, so it would want more. That fits what Yangos was like.

But Ye Zhongming had to weight things.

After all, there were limited items. If Yangos continued; while not knowing what ability would be upgraded, it was risky.

But when Ye Zhongming saw the curious Death King Tree and wary Talking Lady, he agreed.

“Boss!”

“Zhongming!”

Cloud Peak members persuaded him.

Although Yangos was his battle beast, and it getting stronger would mean that Ye Zhongming would be stronger, it was better if he was the one that improved. With limited items, this choice wouldn't be the best one.

But Ye Zhongming didn't explain and just waved to let Yangos continue. At the start, he told the dragon to toss a small bit to upgrade its ability. He wanted to see if it was worth it.

The outcome made him smile.

The Gate of Blessing could upgrade Yangos's level... Which was what Ye Zhongming wanted to see the most.

But this was a one-time increase. It indicated that the energy was not enough and needed it to put more in.

Since they started, Ye Zhongming wouldn't give up. He told it to continue until it leveled up.

Seeing the items decrease, Cloud Peak members got more anxious. They felt that the boss made a poor choice. Giving yourself more benefits would always be better than giving others. But they knew that Ye Zhongming's choice couldn't be changed. Even Xia Lei didn't persuade him, so the others didn't make a sound.

But they weren't too friendly toward the evil dragon.

This fellow upgraded the dragon breath, which was a huge upgrade, so it should have just stopped. It insisted on another round. It was so greedy.

Whether on Earth or the Secret Realm, Yangos was enemies of Cloud Peak and fought against many of them. After Ye Zhongming took it down, those problems were suppressed. But now, all the hatred surged. Yangos had to look around in case people attacked it.

After consuming a large amount of items and only a fourth of those prepared were left, a red light shone from the gate and covered the dragon.

Light shone it from head to toe. The giant dragon stood up and raised its head to give a loud roar. The roar transmitted through the entire mountain peak city.

Apart from Ye Zhongming, the others didn't know what benefits Yangos received. So they were surprised to see it change.

The Saintess was first to react, as the Saint Father had done something similar before. Now, she finally understood it wasn't because the Saint Father was powerful. He was using the gate to help upgrade Yangos.

Those scenes were similar to this.

After the light disappeared, Yangos lay down. Everyone looked at the orange crystal on its forehead and knew what had happened.

After Yangos lost a level to Liu Zhenghong when she stole his source to heal Yellow Ball, it was now fully healed. Moreover, as the dragon breath got stronger, its strength was higher than before.

Everyone was shocked to see a lifeform go from level seven to level eight instantly.

"I want to continue!"

Yangos spoke confidently like it was the boss.

But Ye Zhongming scoffed coldly, and it quietened down.

Although it was back to level eight, it knew it wasn't Ye Zhongming's match. This fellow was too sick and was like a saint dragon in human clothing. It wasn't his match.

Moreover, due to the slave scroll, even if it was level nine, Ye Zhongming still controlled it, and they had to listen to him.

Unless it could reach the new level that the Saint Father couldn't.

Ye Zhongming naturally had his considerations. He could continue to let Yangos sacrifice items. In theory, he could push this fellow to level nine.

But the truth was different.

Level nine and level eight were two different concepts. Yangos went from level seven to level eight and used so many items. If it wanted to get to level nine, one didn't need to think, and you would know how many resources that would cost.

The remaining shouldn't be enough.

Since that was the case, if he let it upgrade, the energy wouldn't be enough, and they would be forced to give up. The items sacrificed would then be wasted.

It wouldn't do such a thing.

Ye Zhongming told the excited Yangos to play by itself and turned toward Death King Tree and Talking Lady.

Everyone didn't know what Ye Zhongming's goal was.

He wanted to make the two of them an example that if they followed him, they would benefit!

Look at Yangos. It could instantly reach their level. If Ye Zhongming wanted, he could also give them benefits.

Although Death King Tree and Talking Lady were mutated lifeforms, they were intelligent. He didn't need to say anything, and they understood.

"I am rooted in Cloud Peak. Do I have to form a connection like what you have with Yangos?"

The crystal tree shook its body and was first to speak.

She wasn't resistant to Ye Zhongming's idea. After all, she had spent a long time here and was used to it. She didn't find it bad. She could sense herself getting stronger and closer to the goal of becoming human.

The difference between Death King Tree and Yangos was probably just a soul slave contract.

But it was still a mutated lifeform. She didn't want to be controlled by others, so she was in a tough spot.

The Talking Lady was much more wary. After understanding what Ye Zhongming meant, she took a step back. She hugged the black cat and lowered her head in thought.

Ye Zhongming smiled and tapped the gate.