









WESTERN  
FORTRESS



STRANGE... IN  
THE PAST, DEMON  
BEASTS WOULD JUMP  
AT THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO AMBUSH US GIVEN  
THE SORRY STATE  
WE'RE IN.

HAVE  
THEY GROWN...  
TIMID?

IS THIS THE  
EFFECT OF THE  
BLACK TOTEM  
SNAKE'S FINAL  
ROAR?



ZHU MENG,  
ABOUT THE  
BLACK TOTEM  
SNAKE...

IT'S FINE.  
THE SNAKE HAS  
ALREADY SAVED  
SO MANY LIVES.

I DON'T  
KNOW IF THERE'S  
ANY WAY I CAN EX-  
PRESS MY THANKS  
FAST ENOUGH!













THE RED FALCON HERBS INSIDE OF THE BAG WERE QUICKLY SENT TO THE QUARANTINE ZONE, SAVING THE SECOND WAVE OF INFECTED IN TIME.

AND WITH THE HERBS, DR. LU QUICKLY DEVELOPED A CURE. PATIENTS IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE SICKNESS RECOVERED AT LIGHTNING SPEED, THOUGH THOSE SUFFERING FROM MATURE CASES OF THE PLAGUE HAD TO SPEND A FEW DAYS IN QUARANTINE BEFORE THEY COULD BE UNITED WITH THEIR FAMILIES.

FOR DAYS ON END, THE QUARANTINE ZONE WAS FILLED WITH TEARS OF JOY AND LAUGHTER.

YET, NO ONE KNEW WHAT THAT CURE COST. NO ONE KNEW WHAT A CERTAIN BOY AND HIS LIFELONG COMPANION SUFFERED TO BRING BACK THOSE HERBS.



HIS BODY IS IN PERFECT CONDITION, BUT HE'S LOST HALF OF HIS SOUL.

THE PARTHENON TEMPLE MAY HAVE THE MEANS TO SAVE HIM.

IS THERE REALLY NO WAY TO BRING HIM BACK?

I THINK I REMEMBER MS. TANGYUE TALKING ABOUT THAT PLACE BEFORE.























