

## Junior Secondary Group Champion

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What's a black cat? A black cat is often associated with Halloween. In many people's mind, black cats are believed to bring bad omen. During the Halloween celebration day, some people use black cat decorations and imaginary are commonly used to wake a spooky and creepy atmosphere. Scary, right? Black cats are iconic because their presence makes us think that it is bad luck, but in reality, it's just a cute cat. Well, let me tell you a story about the black cat experience.

Once upon a time, in a small village in Hong Kong. People are setting up their decorations the day before Halloween (30<sup>th</sup> October), this small village has a rumour that everyone believes, where a mysterious black cat circulating among the townspeople. Many have claimed to have seen the cat lurking around the forest at midnight, while others have said they have seen its piercing yellow eyes that seemed to glow at night-time or dark areas. A lot of people have speculated that the cat brings bad luck, while others thought it was an omen of impending danger. However, there was a 13-year-old boy named Sheldon who was intrigued by the feline.

Sheldon loves animals, and he found himself in a scary situation, he was captivated by the black cat. Determined to unravel the mystery behind the rumours, he went on a mission, but he didn't bring any protection gear except his curiosity. Despite the warnings of his loved ones and the townspeople, he still adventured into the place where people claimed to have seen the feline. He was guided by a faint glimmer of hope that he would complete his mission.

In his mission, he searched for clues, questioned the townspeople, and sought guidance from a book called 'The Unsolved Mystery Behind the Black Cat'. As he delved deeper into the mystery, after what felt like an eternity, he finally discovered that the black cat was not merely a stray, but a guardian of long-lost magic – a magical being that had roamed the town for decades watching over its inhabitants. Not to hunt for prey, but to look for long lost son of the deceased pets' owner decades ago.

With newfound determination, Sheldon continued his quest to capture the cat, very serious to unveil the cats' other secrets it held within. In his stressful pursuit, he encountered peculiar symbols hidden in the villages abandoned monuments, one of them named – the caste, over 700 years old. Inside was full of ancient books and suspicious doors, 8 different doors to be exact, he looked back at the clues he got and tried to understand the meanings in the ancient book, then he opened the door what his heart and the clues told him, he chose right. Inside it lies the black cat, staring at Sheldon with surprise in his eyes. Sheldon thought the cat, would've killed him, but as smart as he is, he still couldn't figure out why.

Ultimately, he unearthed the truth, he was the long-lost boy all along, he was shocked. He also realised that the cat actually had no killing intention, its presence was a harbinger of protection and good fortune, guarding the town from unseen perils and bestowing blessings upon those who crossed its path. Sheldon's adventure became a tale spun for generations to come, and the black cat's legend found a place within the town's folklore, also Sheldon being the long-lost boy. Forever remembered as a symbol mystery, magic and the enduring spirit of curiosity.

Thank you for reading this story!