

THE DEVIL & ME

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LUCILLE: THE DEVIL
RAPHAEL: THE HEALER

a personal hell.

LUCILLE

Do you still pray?

RAPHAEL

I never stopped.

LUCILLE

Nobody ever taught me.

RAPHAEL

Nobody can teach you to talk to God.

LUCILLE

And nobody did. You're close.

RAPHAEL

You're close too.

LUCILLE

But you're closer.

RAPHAEL

Do I make you nervous?

LUCILLE

You make me happy.

RAPHAEL

Is that true?

LUCILLE

It's true today.

RAPHAEL

I wish it was always true.

LUCILLE

Me too.

RAPHAEL

But then we wouldn't be who we are.

LUCILLE
Don't make excuses.

RAPHAEL
Lucille.

LUCILLE
Don't say my name like that.

RAPHAEL
Like what?

LUCILLE
Like you love me.

RAPHAEL
I do.

LUCILLE
Like you care.

RAPHAEL
I do.

LUCILLE
Like you'll stay.

RAPHAEL
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LUCILLE
I thought so.

RAPHAEL
I can't stay in Hell.

LUCILLE
And I can?

RAPHAEL
You don't have to be here.

LUCILLE
You obviously don't know how hell works.

RAPHAEL
You're close.

LUCILLE
Do I make you nervous?

RAPHAEL
Lucille.

LUCILLE
Don't say my name like that.

RAPHAEL
Like what?

LUCILLE
Like you hate me.

RAPHAEL
I do.

LUCILLE
Like you're lying.

RAPHAEL
I am.

LUCILLE
Why are you here then?

RAPHAEL
To deliver you.

LUCILLE
From who?

RAPHAEL
Yourself.

LUCILLE
Do you hear yourself?

RAPHAEL
I mean it.

LUCILLE
You always do.

RAPHAEL
And I always will. I love you.

LUCILLE
What's love to a Devil like me?

RAPHAEL
Don't act your title. You're not The Devil.

LUCILLE
Am I?

RAPHAEL
Not to me.

LUCILLE
Tell that to the Christians. And the Muslims. And the Samaritans. And the Druze.

RAPHAEL
But not to me.

LUCILLE
And only you.

RAPHAEL
That's not true.

LUCILLE
What's The Devil to you?

RAPHAEL
Everything you're not. The boogeymen of boogeymen. Beezlebub. A horned beast. Lucifer, The Arrogant. God's great shame.

LUCILLE
God implies a name. The Devil is a title.

RAPHAEL
Anything can be The Devil?

LUCILLE

Anybody can be The Devil. Any action can be The Devil. Even God can be The Devil.

RAPHAEL

But...

LUCILLE

"But you're not The Devil". Your God sees red when She sees me. She's my Devil. The Devil of Devils.

RAPHAEL

LUCILLE!

LUCILLE

And she was right. At some point, I was The Angel. Maybe Her Angel. But anything beyond Love is for sure The Devil.

RAPHAEL

But you don't have to live in Hell.

LUCILLE

Hell is where The Devil belongs, Raphael.

RAPHAEL

But who are you without your struggle?

LUCILLE

Who is The Devil without their Hell?

RAPHAEL

Who are you without yours.

a consideration

LUCILLE

I'm not there yet.

RAPHAEL

I'll be there when you are.

LUCILLE

Isn't it sacrilegious to Hope for The Devil?

RAPHAEL

Since when does The Devil care for religion?

LUCILLE

The Devil might care for prayer.

RAPHAEL

A prayer?

LUCILLE

A small one. Will you pray for The Devil?

RAPHAEL

No. But I will pray for you, Friend. Close your eyes.

a peace is found.