

You and Lili return home and go to bed.
'Good night...', Lili says in a sleepy voice.
'Sweet dreams', you say.

The next morning you two are awoken by a crowd in front of your house. They are holding swords, guns and other weapons and are shouting things like "Come out of your house!" and "We don't want any demon lord here!".

Lili looks at you scared.

You hold Lili's hand tightly.

'Don't worry, everything will be fine.' you whisper to her.

"Come out or we'll get you out!", someone shouts again.

The crowd starts chanting, "Come out! Come out!" and begins to bonk the door.

You and Lili go downstairs.

'I'm scared...', Lili says.

'Don't worry, I won't let anything happen to you.', you say before opening the door.

You want to talk with the crowd, but as soon as the door is open everyone points their weapons at you.

'Please calm down.', you say. It's no use however, as someone fires their gun. You feel an immense amount of pain as the bullet pierces through your chest. Your vision goes blurry as you fall to the ground.

You see Lili crying and you feel her arms wrap around you. She grabs you and quickly teleports both of you into the forest.

You look at her as she tries to heal you with her magic. Tears are pouring out of her beautiful green eyes.

'Please....don't leave me...'. she sobs.

She puts all the magic she has into healing you, but nothing works.

'Don't die, I can save you!', she cries as she keeps trying to heal you.

You grab her hand and pull her into a hug.

'No... You're my only friend. I... I don't know what I'll do without you.', Lili says while sobbing uncontrollably.

'Lili', you mumble softly.

'Yes?', she asks between her sobs.

'I love you..', you say.

She slowly stops crying, but still holds on to you. You both stare into each other's eyes.

'I love you too...', Lili says. Her tears stop, so now there are only soft sniffles.

Her grip loosens slightly, as you kiss her forehead.

After that you close your eyes and die in Lili's arms.

'No!!', Lili screams. The enslavement collar on her neck opens and falls on the ground.

'Why...', Lili whispers. 'Why!'

Her aura goes dark and fills the entire area. She picks up the enslavement collar and puts it in her pocket.

Lili's aura swirls around her like a tornado. The wind becomes stronger as she just stares at your dead body. Finally, she lets out a defeated scream.

Her aura grows stronger and the nearby trees get pulled out of the ground by the strong wind.

Then Lili turns around and walks away, her aura destroying everything in her path.

She walks back to your house, when the crowd sees her they start attacking her. The people fire their guns, but it doesn't seem to have effect.

All they do is anger her even more. Her aura engulfs the crowd and they all die.

Lili keeps walking endlessly with no destination, destroying everything and killing everyone in her path.

Eventually goddess Lili, mother of all gods, descends from the heavens to stop her.

Goddess Lili stands in front of Lili.

Lili stops walking and stares at the goddess.

'Lili... We are friends, but you need to control yourself.', Goddess Lili says.

'But I want to kill them all! They killed him... They killed Aiden!', Lili screams.

'Calm yourself. The world would be destroyed if you did such thing.'

'I don't care anymore... They killed him... He was all I had... I couldn't lose him. He promised never to abandon me.', Lili says before continuing on her path of destruction.

'Lili, stop.', Goddess Lili says.

Lili ignores her.

'If you continue this path, I will have no choice but to seal you away for good.', Goddess Lili says.

'THEN DO IT! SEAL ME AWAY! DON'T MAKE ME SUFFER ANY LONGER! LET ME BE WITH HIM AGAIN! PLEASE!', Lili screams while tears flow down her face.

Goddess Lili nods. 'Very well...'

She seals Lili away in the same forest where your dead body rests.

The seal prevents your corpse from decaying. Lili is stuck in a state between life and death, trapped in

a magic crystal, forever asleep in your lifeless arms.

'I'm sorry, Lili...', Goddess Lili says. 'May you rest peacefully in Aiden's arms forever. The seal I placed upon you shall be undone whenever he stops holding you.'

And with those last words she closes her eyes and disappears back to the heavens.

---A few centuries later---

Goddess Lili appears in the forest in which Lili is sealed.

'Lili...', she says, sadly.

Multiple cracks have appeared in the crystal over the many years Lili has been trapped in it.

'Lili... It's been a while since I've seen you... I really didn't want to seal you, but what else could I have done? If I had done nothing you would have destroyed... everything...', Goddess Lili says sadly. 'But it's April 20th today, your birthday...'

She places her hand on the crystal and breaks the seal she had created many years ago.

The crystal disappears and Lili wakes up.

She stretches herself and jumps to her feet, looking around in confusion.

'Where am I?', she says. 'What happened...'

'Happy birthday...', Goddess Lili says.

Lili turns around and notices Goddess Lili.

'Goddess Lili! Why are you here?!', Lili asks, confused.

'Because you were my friend... And it's time that we started anew.'

'Started anew? Why? What happened between us?', Lili asks confused.

Goddess Lili sighs. 'Do you really not remember all the destruction you caused, all the lives you have taken?'

'I... I... No. I can't remember anything.', Lili says. 'What happened? What did I do?'

'When you became a demon lord, a lot of humans got scared of you and shot Aiden. When he died you went mad with rage and sadness. I had to seal you away, or you would have destroyed everything...', Goddess Lili says.

Lili stares at her in shock.

'I... I remember now...', she says in a sad tone.

Lili reaches into her pocket and grabs the enslavement collar. She holds on to it tightly.

Then she looks at your dead body.

'Is there anything we can do to bring him back?', she asks.

Goddess Lili shakes her head. 'His soul has left his body when he died, floating to wherever it wants to go. The only way to revive him is to find his soul and place it back into his body.'

'So that means... That if we find his soul... Then... We can bring him back...', Lili says.

'Theoretically, yes. But while some people have succeeded in finding a soul by using magic, none of them have managed to put it back into it's body. The soul needs to be willing to go back.', Goddess Lili says.

Lili looks at your lifeless body again. 'I have to try.'

She puts the enslavement collar on her neck and uses her magic to search for your soul.

A beam of light surrounds her and a strong wind blows from her.

'Something is wrong...', she says after a few seconds. 'His soul is... it's right here!'

Lili reaches her hand forward and a small glowing orb appears in her palm. The beam of light fades and the wind lies down.

Lili looks at the shining orb in her hand. 'He never broke his promise... Even when he died... He stayed with me all this time...'

She starts to cry as she holds your soul close to her chest.

'Thank you, Aiden...', Lili says.

Your soul floats over to your body and touches your chest.

A small ray of energy comes from the orb and it goes back into your body.

The enslavement collar on Lili's neck begins to glow.

You slowly open your eyes.

Lili gasps and runs to your side hugging you tight. 'You're back! You are really back!', she exclaims.

'Lili...', you whisper.

'Don't worry, I'm gonna take care of you. I won't let any harm come to you ever again', Lili promises.

She helps you sit against a tree and hugs you tightly.

'What happened... I thought I died...', you ask weakly.

'You did... But I brought you back...', Lili says.

Goddess Lili steps closer to you. 'I'll explain everything.'

You listen to her explanation.

'So, when I died, you destroyed the whole town?', you ask Lili.

She nods.

'And you sealed her away?', you ask goddess Lili.

'Yes'

'And now you brought me back from the dead?', you ask Lili.

'Yes'

'So... What do we do now?', you ask.

'Well... I would like to ask a favor of you two.', Goddess Lili says.

'Of course, what is it?', Lili asks.

'When I sealed you away the monsters that you ruled started invading other nations. I want you to stop them.', Goddess Lili says.

'How do we do that?', you ask.

'You need to show them that Lili is released from the seal, hopefully the monsters will listen to her.', Goddess Lili answers.

'We should probably get going then.', Lili says.

'Great. I'll make sure you two can sleep in the church, in exchange for some work of course.', Goddess Lili says.

You and Lili start walking out of the forest.

'Wait, one more thing.', Goddess Lili says. 'There are some new Demon lords who aren't as peace loving as the ones you used to know. Two of them are brothers who despise me for sealing you. They are extremely powerful and want nothing more than destruction and chaos. They think of you as their goddess. I don't know what they will do when they hear you have been released.'

'We'll be careful.', Lili says.

Goddess Lili nods and disappears.

You and Lili walk out of the forest.

While the two of you walk, Lili starts the fiddle with the enslavement collar on her neck.

'What's wrong?', you ask.

'Nothing... It's nice to have it on me again...', Lili says with a smile. 'It reminds me of when we were together.'

You smile at her.

'... And to be honest... I'm scared I will do... It... again... What I did when you... When you died...', Lili says softly.

'Don't worry, I know you didn't want to do that and I know you won't do something like it again.', you say.

Lili smiles and hugs you tightly.

After a few minutes you continue walking.

Eventually you reach the edge of the woods and continue walking on a dirt road.

After an hour you arrive at a huge wall with a gate to the other side. There are two guards standing by the gate.

They stare at Lili suspiciously.

'Hello, I'm Lili and this is Aiden. We would like to enter the city.', Lili says.

'Demons aren't allowed inside the city. Now scram.', one guard says.

The guard draws his sword and the other guard points a crossbow at Lili's head.

'If you don't leave in three seconds, I will shoot.', he says.

You and Lili don't move.

'Very well then.', the guard says.

He fires an arrow at Lili's head, but she catches it before it hits her.

The guards stare at her in disbelief.

Lili throws the arrow on the ground.

'Who are you?', the second guard asks.

'I'm Lili, I am the demon lord that was sealed by the goddess.', Lili says.

'We are here to stop the monster attacks.', you say. 'Please let us into the city.'

'We told you... No demons allowed into the city.', the guards say as they draw their weapons.

'STOP!', a voice shouts.

All of you look to where the voice came from. In the city gate stands a young woman dressed in clergy clothes.

'Lady Eileen, what are you doing here?', one of the guards asks.

'Goddess Lili send a messenger to me.', Eileen says. 'It said that Demon lord Lili has been freed from the seal that the goddess placed upon her. She wants the church to help them on their quest to stop the monster attacks.'

The guards exchange glances.

The first guard turns back to face you and Lili.

'Alright, you two may enter the city.', the guard says.

The guards open the gate and let you enter the city.

You and Lili follow Eileen to the church.

While you are walking people stare at Lili with fear.

Lili gets a bit nervous when people are staring at her. She hides behind you and grips onto your hand tightly.

Eventually you arrive at the church. Eileen Guides you to a dorm room and gives you the key.

'Please stay here for as long as you like.', Eileen says.

'Thank you.', you say.

'You know, my grandma told me a lot of stories about you two.', Eileen says.

'Really?', you ask in surprise. 'Is Erin your grandma?'

Eileen nods. 'I will spread the word of your release, it's my duty as the head priest.'

Eileen leaves the room.

You and Lili sit on the bed.

Lili starts rubbing your stomach. You watch her and smile.

'Hey...', Lili says.

'Yeah?'

'Thanks for coming back to me.'

You lean forward and kiss her cheek.

Lili closes her eyes and kisses you back.

A few minutes later someone knocks on the door. A young girl enters holding a tray with food.

'Demon lord Lili?', the girl asks looking at you and Lili nervously.

Lili looks at the girl. 'Yeah... That's me.'

'My mother wanted me to bring you dinner.', the girl says before placing the tray on the table.

'Thank you.', Lili says.

'I also came to ask if you two are coming to pray later this evening. A lot of people are... Worried about your sudden release. My mother would like for you to ease their minds.', the girl says shyly.

You and Lili nod.

'We'll be there.'

The girl bows at the both of you and exits the room closing the door behind her.

'Let's eat.', you say.

You and Lili sit at the table and begin eating.

Lili smiles while watching you eat.

When you two finishes eating, you walk downstairs to the church.

You see a large crowd gathered inside praying to the goddess.

Eileen walks up to you two.

'Thank you for coming, please come with me.', she says politely.

You and Lili follow her to the altar.

Everyone keeps staring at the two of you nervously.

'Everyone, this is Lili. The demon lord who was sealed away by goddess Lili.', Eileen introduces.

People whisper among themselves while looking at Lili.

Lili starts to feel uncomfortable as people stare at her. Her wings start to wrap around her body and she tries to hide behind you.

You reach for her hand and hold it in comfort. You smile at Lili reassuringly.

'Please remain calm, I assure you everyone that she is not dangerous.', Eileen says.

'And how can we be sure she's not evil?', a man asks.

Lili shrinks in embarrassment. She grips on to your hand tighter and pulls it slightly.

'Goddess Lili send me a messenger, it told me that Goddess Lili freed her from the seal to stop the monsters from attacking.', Eileen says.

Everyone seems satisfied with that answer, though they keep glancing at Lili every now and then.

'Well then, let's pray.'

Everybody kneels down and starts to pray.

Lili pulls you back to the dorm room and sits on the bed. You sit down besides her and hug her.

'Are you alright?', you ask.

Lili leans against you.

'I'm fine. Let's go to bed.', she says quietly.

Lili lays on the bed next to you and snuggles up to you.

'Good night', you say.

'Night.', Lili replies sleepily.

She wraps her wings around you. A few minutes later you both fall asleep.

When you wake up, you see Lili sleeping in your arms.

You gently stroke her soft black hair and she smiles in her sleep.

'Good morning.', you say softly as you gaze at her.

Lili slowly opens her eyes and looks at you.

'Hi,' she says in a sleepy tone. She rubs her eyes and yawns before laying her head on your chest.

'Good morning.'

You smile at her and continue stroking her hair.

After a few minutes someone knocks on the door.

You get out of bed and open the door, revealing Eileen's daughter.

'Good morning. Would you like to help me collect the fruit from the garden?', she asks.

'Sure.', you reply smiling.

'Thank you, my name is Elena.', she says. 'Come with me.'

Elena leads you and Lili downstairs to the garden.

She hands you both an empty basket. The three of you start collecting apples.

Lili starts to harvest the tree next to you.

Suddenly you hear someone outside screaming. 'The monsters are attacking!'

'Come on. Let's go.', Lili says.

The two of you run out of the church to the city wall.

You see an army of various monsters approaching.

Lili flies to the ground and the monsters stop their march.

'Turn back now!', she shouts.

The monsters laugh at her.

'We only take orders from demon lord Lili, until her seal is broken we will continue attacking the humans she despises.', one monster laughs.

The monster army charges towards the city.

Lili throws a fireball at the monster army. It explodes in the middle of the monsters and turns into a giant inferno.

The monsters caught in the flames scream and the rest of them look at Lili in fear.

She snaps her fingers and the fire disappears.

'Who... Who are you?', a monster asks.

'I'm Lili.', Lili says. 'The demon lord.'

The monsters kneel for her.

'We are sorry to anger you lord Lili. Please, forgive us.', the monster's commander, an orc, apologizes.

You walk to Lili. 'Good job.'

'Thanks', she replies.

'My lord, I will kill this human for you!', a monster says.

Lili's aura suddenly goes dark and swirls around her. She looks at the monster furiously.

'Don't even think about touching him.', Lili growls.

The monster backs away slowly.

'Good.', Lili says.

'Lili, calm down.', You say.

Lili's aura goes back to normal.

'Sorry...', she says.

The monster commander walks to you and Lili.

'Forgive me for asking, my lord, but why aren't we allowed to kill this human?', he says.

'Because he is my friend.', Lili says. 'I want you all to protect him at all costs.'

'Yes, my lord.'

The monsters kneel for Lili again.

'What are your orders, my lord?', the commander asks.

'Orders?', Lili asks.

'Yes, how should we attack this city?', the commander asks.

'We are not going to attack anything.', Lili asks. 'I just want to live peacefully.'

'I understand, my lord. Please allow me to guide you and your friend to our village.', the commander says. 'The villagers will be thrilled to see you.'

Lili nods. 'Okay'

You and Lili follow the monsters into the forest.

The sun shines through the clouds and shines brightly on everyone. A soft breeze passes by and the leaves rustle gently.

After a while you arrive in a small village. The houses are made of sticks and mud.

'Everyone, come out of your houses. We have great news!', the commander shouts.

All kinds of monsters come out of the houses. A few minutes later the whole village has gathered in front of you, Lili and the commander. The villagers gaze in astonishment and amazement at Lili.

'Everyone, please welcome our leader, demon lord Lili!', the commander says happily.

The crowd cheers and applaud. Lili blushes because of all the attention she's getting.

After a few minutes everyone settles down.

'My lord, would you like to say anything to your disciples?', the commander asks.

Lili stares at the crowd nervously.

A few moments pass by. Everyone keeps staring at Lili, waiting for her to speak.

Lili wraps her wings around herself nervously and shifts her feet on the ground.

You rub her back gently to make her feel a bit more comfortable.

'Uh... Hi, I'm Lili...', Lili says shyly. 'It's nice to meet you.'

She bows down politely at the monsters and they bow back at her.

'My lord, we were wondering how you've got free from the seal. Would you like to tell us?', one of the monsters asks.

'Well... It's nothing special, really. Goddess Lili just broke the seal she put on me. That's all.', Lili answers. 'She is my friend and she wanted to give me a second chance.'

The crowd whispers among themselves.

Suddenly Lili's belly growls.

She looks embarrassed.

'Uhm... Sorry about that. I didn't eat any breakfast today.', Lili says.

'Then we shall prepare a feast to celebrate your return!', the commander says.

The villagers start to prepare for the feast.

'We are going hunting. Would you like to join us, my lord?', the commander says.

'No thanks. I want to stay here and explore the village a bit.', Lili says.

The hunters nod and bow for her before walking into the forest.

When they're gone Lili looks at you.

'Do you want to walk with me?', she asks.

'Of course', you say.

Lili grabs your hand and the two of you walk through the village.

The villagers greet Lili as you walk past. Then a child runs up to Lili.

'Are you really our lord Lili?', he asks.

'Yes, I am.', Lili says.

'Who is that human?', the boy asks while pointing at you.

'I'm Aiden', you answer.

The boy giggles before running back to his mother.

You and Lili continue walking till you reach a large field filled with trees and flowers.

You and Lili sit under a tree next to the fields.

'This reminds me of that time we went to the park...', Lili says.

'Yes, it was a beautiful day.', you say.

'And then it started to rain.', Lili says.

The two of you laugh together and talk about the past while watching the sunset.

Suddenly Lili's smile fades.

'What's wrong?', you ask.

'It's just... It feels like everything was much simpler back then...', Lili says. 'And now I'm a demon lord and I can't forget what happened...'

You pull Lili into a hug.

'Don't worry. Everything will be alright.', you say. 'I love you.'

Lili rests her head on your shoulder and you stroke her back softly.

Lili hugs you tighter. 'I love you too.'

The two of you stay there, hugging each other in silence for some time.

Lili leans forward and kisses your lips.

'Lady Lili, we have returned!', the commander says.

The two of you spring apart and stand up.

'I'm sorry, did I interrupt something?', the commander asks nervously.

'It's fine...', Lili says. 'Let's go back to the village.'

The commander bows at Lili and leads you and Lili back to the village.

The villagers have built campfires where they are roasting meat on sticks.

They cheer when they see Lili.

You and Lili sit down near one of the fires. Some villagers hand you and Lili a meat skewer to roast on the fire.

You and Lili roast the meat for some minutes and eat it together.

You both smile at each other and continue eating.

The commander sits down next to Lili.

'Lady Lili, how is the meat?', he asks.

'It's delicious!', Lili answers.

The commander smiles.

The enslavement collar on Lili's neck shines in the fires light.

'Lady Lili, if I may ask, what is that thing on your neck? It has a strong magic emitting from it.', the commander asks.

Lili looks surprised by his question. 'It's an enslavement collar...'

The villagers gasp when they heard her response.

'But... how can you...', a villager asks.

'Lady Lili, does this mean... Are you a slave?', the commander asks worriedly.

'No, Lili is free to do whatever she wants.', you say before Lili can answer.

'And how do you know?', another villager asks.

'Because I'm the one that placed the enslavement collar on Lili.', you answer.

'Hah! So you're saying that Lady Lili belongs to you now?!', the commander says angrily.

'No need to be angry. Please calm down.', you try to explain calmly.

'How dare you!? Our lord is so powerful, she can crush you with just a finger and yet you treat her like shit!', the commander yells.

You try to protest, but the commander points his sword at your face. 'Don't worry, my lord. I will free you from this human.'

He raises his sword and swings it at you, but Lili punches him away from you.

The commander falls on the ground.

'Don't hurt him.', Lili says.

'Let me prove to you that Lili is free to do as she wants.', you say.

The villagers nod.

'Lili, as owner of the enslavement collar I placed upon you I command you to tell everyone here the truth about your freedom.'

As you say this the enslavement collar starts to glow a bright greenish color.

Lili shows no emotions as she stands up.

'Aiden has never ordered me to do anything before. He let's me do whatever I want.', Lili says in a monotone voice.

She sits back down. The enslavement collar stops glowing and Lili returns to normal.

'Lady Lili, I'm sure a powerful being such as yourself could easily break free from the enslavement collar. May I ask why you haven't done so already?', a villager asks.

Lili stares at the fire.

'I don't want to...', Lili says quietly.

'Why not?', another villager asks.

'Because I love Aiden and...', Lili hesitates for a moment. '... And I don't want to lose him again... He placed it on me because he loves me...'

Everyone goes silent, the only thing to be heard is the soft crackling of the campfires.

Lili continues staring into the flames. She holds her arms tightly around herself.

'I want to sleep...', she says after a few minutes of silence.

'Then I will lead you to your house, please follow me.', the commander says.

You and Lili follow the commander to a house at the edge of the village. It's larger than the other houses in the village.

'This is the house we build for you, my lord. I hope it fits your expectations.', the commander says.

He bows for Lili and walks back to the feast.

Lili steps inside the house and you follow her.

Inside is a small wooden bed with sheep wool to make it a little softer, a wooden table and two chairs.

Lili lays on the bed and closes her eyes.

You lay down next to Lili.

'Goodnight', you whisper.

Lili turns around and wraps her wings around you, making you feel safe and warm.

'Goodnight'