

A LOST ONE IS FOUND

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—TALES OF THE AWAKENED DEAD—

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CHILD

He awakened into darkness. His breathing was ragged and he could not fill his lungs. 'My chest...' he thought. Something had happened to him but he could not recall anything.

"You are safe, lost one" came a voice from the darkness. "I have found you."

The voice sounded familiar. He tried to remember but the memory was out of his grasp. His eyes darted around the room but he saw nothing but darkness.

"What's happening?" he gasped.

"I have found you", spoke the same voice. "I have saved you." A faintly glowing skeleton dressed in tattered robes drifted into his view. The empty sockets stared at him with a faint blue glow. Some memory seemed to be crawling in his mind but he couldn't hold onto it.

His memory was fading as the blue eyes grew brighter. "Forget what happened, child. There is no past." The pain in his chest began to dull. "There is only what is now and what will be." The eyes began to glow brighter and his memory faded entirely from his mind.

He could feel his mind evaporating into the now flaming eyes. "Who are you?" he cried softly.

"I am you father" said the figure. "And you are my child. My Darling child."