

**Angel R.**

## **The Dark Deception**

### **Chapter 1: Prologue**

Hell... a terrifying word for many mortals to hear. But what is it exactly? Hell is the place where sinners, criminals, and monstrous people go so their souls can burn in eternal punishment. However, some of those souls were lucky enough to be a part of a mission. The Devil himself hired a demon known as Malack to take the soul of one man who has been known to cause a disturbance to the eight layers of Hell. But I will not let that happen. Besides, I need the help of that idiotic mortal to do my bidding anyway. Oh please pardon my rudeness, I forgot to introduce myself! O silly me, My name is Roland, yes I know it is indeed an amazing name, no need to mention it nor bask in my glory. The mortal's identity is unnecessary but for the sake of your entertainment, I'll do it. His name is John Houser, an imbecile who died in a car crash. I brought him back to life and he must do as I say if he wants his wife and daughter back. Oh by the way, I forgot to mention something the soul shards I need. All of them are hidden in the ten portals of nightmares in my manor, which not to mention is the boundary between Heaven and Hell, including my torture chamber for those who deserve to burn and rot in the underworld. And you may be thinking, what did this poor little soul do to deserve to go to hell? Well, this "poor little soul" was abusive as the devil's demons. He even mentioned that he wished his daughter was never born! I, myself have done plenty of bad things when I was alive. But I never disrespected my family. Now it is up to me to decide if he joins Jesus in Heaven, or rots with Satan in Hell. Thanks to our wonderful creator, He has blessed me with the gifts of being the angel during Judgment Day. If the human is clean of sins, the door to Heaven open. If not, then you know. To those who don't deserve to go to Heaven, they get put through a test. A test where you have to survive your worst nightmares. If John dies, to hell you go, my friend. Now then, let us see how he does in the first of the nightmare portals.

### **Chapter 2: Mummified Massacre**

As I stepped foot on the Nightmare Portal, I immediately started to regret my life decisions. I was an idiot to them. But now I finally have a chance to change the fate I deserve. The land around me was nothing but sand in the night sky. And in front of me was a massive figure that looks like the Sphinx. So I decided to check it out. The tracker Roland gave me marked a few soul shards I need to collect to create the ring piece. However, I need to be cautious. It's said that the sarcophagus here holds the souls of various people who in life, valued nothing but wealth. Now they are mummies wrapped in the gold they loved, to decay for all eternity. When I got inside I saw the first crystal, I need to collect 58 of these to create the ring piece and bring it back to Roland. As soon as I collected the first soul shard, the sarcophagus opened. Every single soul that was trapped in there, reincarnated as a mummy wrapped in gold paper with one mission and one mission only..To Kill Me. I was terrified but I had to finish my job. I ran through the Sphinx's maze, collecting every shard I could find, eventually I stopped to check the crystal tracker. There was only 10 more to pick up, I was feeling pretty confident until I heard noises coming from the end of the hallway. They are after me.. I started to run, I'm trembling with fear, will I make it out in one piece? Will I ever see my family again? I kept running not even being able to see 10 feet ahead of me. Suddenly I came to a stop, I was shocked to see a

massive mummy right in front of me. I turn the corner to avoid the monster, there are no crystals left. There is finally a glimmer of hope. I see the portal at the corner of my eye. The maze is collapsing, I need to hurry. I take a leap of faith and.... "Welcome back sinner." I made it, I actually made it... Just 9 more nightmares and I can finally see them again. Don't worry Ella, I'm on my way.

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**A Jester's Joke...**