

HELL AND ABOVE

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Ted

So this is it huh?

Lucy

Yep

Ted

So what's the story

Lucy

Well, as you probably notice by now, your dead. And this here is Hell. My name is Lucy, I am the great, great, great, oh hell I don't know how many greats I am, but I am sort of great granddaughter of the infamous Lucifer.

Ted

Ok, and I am here because.....

Lucy

As if you didn't know. Should I bring out the list? Adultery, Embezzlement, Fraud, Pornography, do I have to go on?

Ted

No, I think I get the point. So this is hell huh? Doesn't look to bad.

Lucy

It's not. We just got some bad publicity, that bible thing and all that shit. Anyways would you like a latte?

Ted

Hell ya. Oops I guess I shouldn't say that

Lucy

No, that's up above. Here you can say whatever you damn well want to.

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So what do you do here in hell?

Lucy

Well I am your personal greeter. I greet all the new recruits to this place. But actually, I've stepped up in rank, to case worker, and your my first assignment.

Ted

You want to run that by me again. I'm a recruit? or assignment? I don't understand?

Lucy

Ok, lets start from the beginning, not the very beginning, because that would be a long and over done story, You know, God, the fallen angel, and stuff, I'm sure you heard that one before. Anyways, God and Gramps play golf, every few years, and they have a couple beers, and chat about old times. You know, the floods, the downfall of the roman empire, and so on. Oh by the way, God does cheat in golf, but when gramps calls him on it, he pulls a temper tantrum and lightening happens and the course gets rained out that sort of stuff, its useless. So Gramps and him have certain bets on who is going to be rotten, and whose going to be a savior of sorts, you know that kind of thing.

Ted

God bets?

Lucy

Shit does he ever. Once in a while you'll catch him at the track. Its not fair mind you, since he has an inside edge of which horse is going to win. But every once in a while Gramps puts a spur into his outcomes.

Ted

Fine, now where do I come in?

Lucy

I'm getting to that. In order for all these bets to be played, we place people, a.k.a. souls, back on earth, and play the game. Its quite fun actually, the strategies, the maneuvers, the wars. You see the more influences we have on our side to convert souls to come with us, the better off we are to win the game.

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Ted

So you place me back on earth, as a human I hope, and I convert souls to come over to your side?

Lucy

You got it.

Ted

This sounds fun. But what if I don't want to do it?

Lucy

I would not suggest going there. You just wouldn't want to make gramps mad. I remember one guy doing it, and I think now he's living as a tick on some animal.

Ted

All right then. But now the million dollar question. What the fuck is in it for me?

Lucy

What would you like?

Ted

Really?

Lucy

Yes

Ted

I want to be president of the United States. You know with scandal, deals with the Mafia, lots of women, drugs, dirty money, you know stuff like that

Lucy

Sorry we already have a guy in there for that position, but I can get you some political spot in Cuba, if your willing.

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Ted

Sure, I like the warm weather. Is there anything else I should know before I go back?

Lucy

Yep. Don't ever play by the rules they make up there. All they are is a bunch of laws made for wooses. And watch out for a guy named Michael. He's a fuckin angel, whose the right hand man to God, and he is a pain in the ass, the goody two shoes.