

Lucifer and The Cosmic Egg

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THE VOICE OF GOD

(Off-stage, coming from on high) A meadow. Serene grassy, trees, clouds, the sun, desolate in a way. Peaceful. Heaven on Earth. Lucifer enters. He holds a knife, a magnifying glass, and a small wooden box. He stares at the ground, his eyes peeled.

LUCIFER

He steps onto the solid ground. Not sure whether or not his feet will fall through the Earth to the heated sanctuary below. Step by step he sees nothing but green. He scans the ground. He scans the sky. He scans the bushes and trees. Looking for that sparkle of wings or the movement of a minute being waiting to be found.

A shift in Lucifer's body language. He sings, obnoxious and would shoo off any being he would like to capture.

BUGGY BOY, BUGGY BOY
IM HERE TO TAKE YOU
IT'S ME, YOU KNOW WHO
FALL INTO MY TRAP
INTO THIS BOX WITH THIS FLAP
COME HOME WITH ME
TO MY PALACE OF HORROR AS YOU WILL SEE
OH BUGGY BOY, OH BUGGY BOY
PLEASE REVEAL YOURSELF TO ME

IM ONLY HERE EVERY SO OFTEN
IN THE OFF-SEASON FOR POLLEN
TO LURE YOU INTO MY CAGE
PARTICIPATE IN MY BUGGY RAMPAGE

OH BUGGY BOY, OH BUGGY BOY
PLEASE REVEAL YOURSELF TO ME

I TAKE THE RISK
STEP INTO THE AIR THAT IS BRISK
TAKE A MOMENT AWAY
FROM WHERE THE DEMONS PLAY
SO I CAN WATCH, SNATCH, AND CATCH
ALL THE BUGS IN THIS GRASSY PATCH

OH BUGGY BOY, OH BUGGY BOY
PLEASE REVEAL YOURSELF TO ME

THE COSMIC EGG appears, floating, behind Lucifer. A silly and ridiculous grin sits on their face.

COSMIC EGG
Hello, Lucifer.

LUCIFER
(Startled.) Oh great, you again.

COSMIC EGG
You've pranced along the forest floor and landed here once more!

LUCIFER
(Whining) How did you get here! I changed my song! I changed my rhythm!

COSMIC EGG
You're in my meadow. *(Recites the following as if a limerick spoken by trolls under a bridge.)*
All that enter, all that sing, all that be, shall bring upon the Cosmic Egg, shall he sing twi--

LUCIFER
OK! I sang. My mistake. I can't sing in Hell, the demons never let me live it down. I just wanted to find my bugs and go. I really don't need egg wisdom today. Or ever.

COSMIC EGG
(Not paying attention to Lucifer.) Home again! Home again! Jiggety Jig! Jiggety Jop!
Hippity Hip! Hippity Hop!

Cosmic Egg continues to repeat their 'home again' chant while it bobs around and dances, as much as an egg can dance.

The movements grow and morph into a deeply ritualistic and almost frightening set of movements. The egg grows larger and larger and begins to float toward the sun. Light is generated by the Egg's movements.

Lucifer cowers and stares at the Egg. It gets too bright to look any longer and he covers his eyes.

Suddenly everything stops.

COSMIC EGG

There's always room for one more!

Lucifer uncovers his eyes and looks up. OCTAVIA floats in front of him as if a goddess. An egg goddess. He stands in front of her, his mouth agape.

LUCIFER

In one mad instant, she was there - a tense white shape, vibrant with love, fierce. She compels all to stare and bask in her beauty, and none would refuse. My feet feel as if they couldn't slip through the Earth, or even stay on its surface. I feel as if I could float. I feel as if I want to float. Just to be closer to her awesomeness.

Octavia closes her eyes. Lucifer is taken off the ground and brought to meet her eyes.

LUCIFER

As our eyes meet, we feel the world melt away. We call in air and feel the cleansing energy of the wind. It runs through our past and removes all faults. We know nothing of what the other has done. We know only that the other is built for us to discover the future, together.

COSMIC EGG

Together as a trio. Together in my grotto.

I couldn't think of something purer, our happy future together of which I couldn't be surer.

A silence. Lucifer didn't think of a thruple. He ponders. He considers. He doesn't like it. Shakes it off.

LUCIFER

Egg, I think you misunderstand me.

COSMIC EGG

The truth is pretty plain to see, You're in love with her and me!

LUCIFER

Oh Egg, I'm not in love with you. I think you might actually be my least favorite being in every possible realm. *(Shifting attention to Octavia)* It is her that I love, it is her that I cherish. My dark and corrupted heart hasn't beaten in a millennium. But it cannot stop racing since her eyes met mine.

Lucifer and Octavia embrace. Cosmic Egg feels the sadness of its rejection and slowly sinks to the ground. It lands softly. The egg rolls in slow, sad revolutions as an egg might on a countertop.

COSMIC EGG

Heartbroken. By the devil and a demon.

LUCIFER

Did you say demon? She's a demon?

COSMIC EGG

Yes, she is, indeed. Number Eight of the Seven Deadly Demons.

LUCIFER

Eight? Never have I heard of an eighth!

COSMIC EGG

She is too great and powerful to be known within the core group. In a way, she's all seven in one perfect body.

(A grand flourish; the egg begins to sing:)

WHEN HEAVEN, HELL, AND EARTH AROSE
ALL THE NICETIES BEGAN TO DECOMPOSE
EACH EVIL INTENTION
WARRANTED AN EVIL HENCHMEN
THUS THE CARDINAL SINS WERE BORN

THERE'S GLUTTONY, GREED, AND LUST
ALL ENHANCED WITH ANGEL DUST
ENVY AND THERE'S PRIDE
BOTH OF WHICH ARE JUSTIFIED
THEN SLOTH AND WRATH
THAT'S SEVEN IF YOU CAN DO THE MATH

BUT WE'RE MISSING ONE TEMPTATION
THAT WILL ENSURE TOTAL DAMNATION

OCTAVIA, OCTAVIA, OCTAVIA THE EIGHTH
NO ONE IS GREAT AS SHE

AS NUMBER EIGHT, SHE'S FILLED WITH HATE
THE BEST OF LUCK TO HER MATE
OCTAVIA, OCTAVIA, OCTAVIA THE EIGHTH
WITHIN HER GRASP YOU'RE FAR FROM SAFE
OCTAVIA, OCTAVIA, OCTAVIA THE EIGHTH!

LUCIFER

But if she's so evil, how is she so beautiful?

COSMIC EGG

HER LOOKS ARE ALL A RUSE
TO TRICK HER NEXT MUSE
JUST LIKE A SIREN, BEAUTIFUL AND STRONG
SHE TRICKS HER SUITORS WITH HER SONG

ONCE SHE HAS YOU IN HER CLUTCHES
ONE MUST ROLL WITH THE PUNCHES
YOU WILL NEVER KNOW THE FEELING
OF BREATHING WITHOUT WHEEZING
FOR EVERY GAZE
SETS YOUR GUT ABLAZE
THE CONSTANT PAIN
KEEPS YOU COMING BACK AGAIN

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LUCIFER

How has she never been found? How could a beauty like this go undiscovered for so long?

COSMIC EGG

WHEN HER LAST INAMORATO
WAS CASTRATO-ED
SHE HAD NO USE FOR HIM

SHE PULLED HIM LIMB FROM LIMB
THREW HIM TO THE BUFFALO
AND LANDED IN MY GROTTA

SHE WEPT FOR HER LOST LOVE
THOSE CRIES SUMMONED ME FROM ABOVE
SHE RELAYED HER STORY TO ME
BUT HER VOICE WAS QUITE BEASTLY
SO I LET HER STAY BUT TOOK HER VOICE AWAY!

OH! OCTAVIA, OCTAVIA, OCTAVIA THE EIGHTH
NO ONE IS GR--

LUCIFER

Wait! Why did you take it away!

COSMIC EGG

It would make your ears bleed, Lucifer.

LUCIFER

I'm the King of Hell! I wake up to blood-curdling screams every day. It cannot be that bad.
And you said she tricks men with her beautiful song!

COSMIC EGG

That was a metaphor. Her voice is more than irregular.

LUCIFER

I want to hear it. Nothing could make me love her less.

COSMIC EGG

Even--even after the whole song. Where I described the lethality of her love.

LUCIFER

I think you forget that I am the King of the Underworld.

COSMIC EGG

Understood, my lord.

The Egg begins to roll around in the same ritualistic manner that conjured Octavia in the first place.

VOICE FROM BEYOND! VOICE WE CALL UPON!
VOICE RETURN! VOICE REBORN!

The Egg continues the chant. The wind begins to pick up. Octavia lifts toward the sky and glows brighter and brighter. A screeching noise trickles in as her voice returns. The screech overpowers the Egg's chanting and everything comes to a stop. The Egg falls to one side, unconscious. Lucifer dives to the Egg, trying to awaken it.

OCTAVIA
(In a super sultry voice.) Hello Lucifer.

Lucifer springs up. Octavia approaches.

OCTAVIA
What you ask, you receive...Dark Lord.

LUCIFER
(Giggles.) Your voice is--beautiful. How--wha--the Egg lies!

OCTAVIA
What else would you expect from a massive egg that lives in a meadow?

LUCIFER
Well, I--I'm not/ sure.

OCTAVIA
I've wanted to meet you for a long time you know. Surprising that two beings like ourselves would meet so late in life.

LUCIFER
You don't look a day over 200!

OCTAVIA
Mhm... cute. There is something I've wanted to speak to you about.

LUCIFER

Anything, my love.

OCTAVIA

WHEN I WAS CREATED WAY BACK WHEN,
I LOVED THE POWER OF BEING A DEADLY SIN
BUT I'VE GROWN TIRED OF THIS DOMINATION
ITS TIME TO SHARE THIS VOCATION

PLEASE BE MY PARTNER, OH MOST EVIL ONE
YOU AND I TOGETHER COULD BE SO MUCH FUN
TAKING OVER THE WORLD SOUL BY SOUL,
GAINING MORE AND MORE CONTROL!
OH, PLEASE BE MY PARTNER, MOST EVIL ONE

LUCIFER

I HAVE BEEN LONELY FOR A WHILE
HELL IS BEGINNING TO FEEL MORE LIKE EXILE
I DON'T KNOW WHAT BEING A PARTNER MEANS
IVE NEVER BEEN GOOD ON TEAMS
BUT IVE NEVER FELT LIKE THIS ABOUT ANYONE BEFORE,
SO YOU BRING THE MISCHIEF AND ILL BRING THE GORE

LUCIFER/OCTAVIA

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OCTAVIA

WE COULD BUILD AN ARMY OF HELLHOUNDS

LUCIFER

THE LIMIT OF OUR EVIL KNOWS NO BOUNDS

OCTAVIA

POISON THE OCEANS WITH A DEADLY VIRUS

LUCIFER

END HUMANITY WITH TYPHUS AND BRONCHITIS

OCTAVIA

THRIVE ON THE SCREAMS OF THOSE WE TERRIFY

LUCIFER

WHO SAYS IT'S NOT FUN BEING THE BAD GUY

LUCIFER/OCTAVIA

PLEASE BE MY PARTNER, OH MOST EVIL ONE
YOU AND I TOGETHER COULD BE SO MUCH FUN
TAKING OVER THE WORLD SOUL BY SOUL,
GAINING MORE AND MORE CONTROL!
OH, PLEASE BE MY PARTNER, MOST EVIL ONE

The couple embrace. The Egg rolls to sit up.

COSMIC EGG

LUCIFER! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE!

OCTAVIA

Back off, rotten scum.

LUCIFER

Octavia offered to be my partner-in-torture and I accepted.

COSMIC EGG

NO! I warned you! She will abuse you and your power then throw you to the buffalo!

LUCIFER

Kinky.

COSMIC EGG

Are you listening to me!

OCTAVIA

You heard the Dark Lord, we're partners now.

COSMIC EGG

(The Egg begins its ritualistic movements and begins to chant:)

FROM HEAVEN TO HELL TO THE COSMOS
RETURN THIS BEING TO THE COMPOST
REINSTATE HER ORGANIC COMPOSITION
REMOVE HER DARK AMBITION

Throughout this chant, Octavia has begun to scream and screech as she did before; fighting against the Egg's power.

The Egg repeats and repeats the chant. Octavia's screeches grow to an overpowering volume. Their energies collide in a burst of light and energy.

When all returns to normal, the Egg has exploded and now covers the meadow. Some bugs now cover the ground, all the colors of Octavia.

A moment of silence. Lucifer does not know what just happened.

LUCIFER

Bugs!

End of play.