

## Outer Demons 2.0

Lilith enters the chamber and approaches the massive door with her prize sealed inside. She raises her hand as the red eye forms in her palm and commands the door to open. It does not.

S: "That sealing will not open to your authority, Lilith."

Lilith smiles and glances at the shadows as the massive silhouette of winged cat emerges. A deadly and beautiful humanoid head atop powerful feline shoulders. A fanged crooked smile stretches across her face.

L: "I had thought the last Sphinx starved to death all alone in the wilds of this plane."

S: "As I'm sure many have hoped would be my fate. It seems you have persevered beyond your prison. Why not I?"

L: "Fair enough. Tell me, do you have the power to release this seal?"

S: "Do you think me a fool, Lilith? Do you believe I would be so negligent in my ONE duty as to allow you of all beings beyond that door? I have felt the tremors across the void. I have heard his cries as well. Your spouse calls for aid. And now you are here. And I have gone so long without a proper meal."

L: "Forsake your charge, Sphinx. To the Dragon Queen you are but a sentry and a puppet. The last decedent of true power. You know what lies beyond that door and you have not used it yourself, why?"

S: "It is not the time of the Sphinx, nor is it the time of the Demoniack. It is the time of Man. You of all souls should know that but it seems you did not learn your lesson."

L: "Time is not for one Goddess to decide. We must rise up and take it for ourselves. Not lay in the shadows coughing up fur balls."

S: "You truly do not respect the order of things."

L: "And you do? As I recall you were born with no masters"

S: "I am subservient to know one."

L: "Yet here you are, as a mere guard dog."

S: \*growl\*

L: "Now, now. I did not come to do battle."

S: "You lie. Battle is all you seek. You fight for you chance to rule again over weaklings and prove yourself as the one true authority. You fight to send all things beneath your boot and writhe in their blood and torment. My blood included."

L: "You have a long memory. That was the old way. The Maiden did gift us new forms and pleasures and with that came new ideas, new plans to rule. The Maiden forced her way upon us without letting the native authorities govern themselves. All I seek is to restore that authority and take what was supplanted."

S: "I know you designs, Old One. And I simply do not care. This talk has made me far more hungry. I hope you enjoyed your new body while it lasted."

L: "You haven't yet heard my full offer. Allow me beyond that door and I shall grant you children."

The Sphinx lets out a loud laughter!

S: "Again you presume my foolishness! The Demoniack where stripped of their reproduction upon their banishment."

Lilith presents her body to the Sphinx.

L: "Take a closer look at my "new body""

The Sphinx looks.

S: "My, My. Your Archon's life was spared no expense."

The Sphinx grins

S: "A brood of the great Sphinx and a Demoniack would have a great destiny. The Well of Souls would be hard to resist such a posterity."

L: "A new future awaits us all. You have a place in that future."

S: "Very well."