

AUDITION SIDES

“THE CAGE”

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When God had created man from the black mud and breathed his spirit into his creation, he told the angels to fall down and make obeisance to man. So the angels made obeisance. All but one: Iblis, who refused. God spoke: *O Iblis! What excuse have you that you are not with those who make obeisance?* And Iblis replied: *I am not such that I should make obeisance to any mortal whom thou has created from nothing but black mud fashioned in shape.* And God spoke: *Get out! For on you is a curse until the Day of Judgment!* But Iblis spoke, saying, *wait my Lord. Let me still be in your service. Since thou hast made me evil, allow me to make evil over man and earth. Let only the truly devoted servants find you, and let me feed on the others in the fires and pits of hell?* And God... Agreed...

(Closes the book.)

It is a pity you were not born a boy Elmas. It is not proper that I pass on wisdom to a mind that could never grasp its meaning.