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YOU'VE DEALT WITH THIS BEFORE?



YEAH. THIS IS ALL STARTING TO FEEL UNNERVINGLY FAMILIAR.



I EVER TELL YOU I FOUGHT IN THE WAR?

YOU MENTIONED IT, BUT NOT MUCH MORE THAN THAT.



I SUPPOSE I HAD GOOD REASON TO KEEP IT TO MYSELF. YOU WOULD THINK I WAS NUTS. NOW, MAYBE NOT SO MUCH.



I WAS JUST A KID AT THE TIME--HARDLY SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD...

1918.

TEN MILES FROM BELLEAU WOOD.

"THOSE WERE THE DAYS OF TRENCH WARFARE. DURING THE DAYLIGHT HOURS, WE FOUGHT GERMANS TOOTH AND NAIL.

"I SAW A LOT OF CARNAGE, A LOT OF SOLDIERS BLOWN TO PIECES.

"IT WAS A NASTY WAR.



"THE WAR HAD ANOTHER SIDE, THOUGH."





"NIGHTS WERE A DIFFERENT MATTER ALTOGETHER."



SHE IS VERY BEAUTIFUL. YOU ARE A LUCKY MAN.

"THEY WERE ALSO THE DAYS OF HONOR, AND DURING THE NIGHT, ALL SIDES--AMERICAN, GERMAN, AND FRENCH--WOULD PUT DOWN THEIR ARMS AND LEAVE THE TRENCHES TO SOCIALIZE, EVEN WITH THE ENEMY."



WHEN THIS WAR IS OVER I'M GOING TO GO SEE SOME FOOTBALL GAMES.

I HAVE NEVER SEEN AN AMERICA FOOTBALL GAME. IT IS MUCH LIKE RUGBY, YES?

SORT OF.



WHEN THE WAR IS OVER I WILL RETURN TO MY WIFE. WE HAVE A BABY I HAVE NOT EVEN MET.



HERE'S TO THE END OF THE WAR.

I WILL DRINK TO THAT.

SANTÉ!



THERE ARE WORSE THINGS IN THE WORLD THAN BOMBS AND POISON.



THERE ARE THINGS THAT CANNOT BE FOUGHT WITH BULLETS, NOR PROTECTED WITH GAS MASKS-- THINGS THAT LIVE IN DARKNESS.



HUH.



YOU TALKING ABOUT SPOOKS AND GOBLINS?



I WOULD NOT LAUGH, MY FRIEND. THERE ARE MANY THINGS IN THIS WORLD THAT CANNOT BE EASILY EXPLAINED.



EVERYTHING CAN BE EXPLAINED.



I HAVE HEARD SUCH STORIES...
WHOLE PLATOONS SHREDDED TO BITS.
NO TRACE OF GRENADES, BULLETS,
OR BAYONETS. JUST MEN RIPPED INTO
PIECES, THEIR FACES EATEN OFF...
GARDENS OF STONE STATUES
THAT USED TO BE SOLDIERS.



THESE ARE
NOT JUST STORIES.
THE DARKNESS HOLDS
MANY SECRETS.
THESE THINGS ARE
REAL.



WHAT
THINGS ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?



ANCIENT THINGS.
MASTER MAGICIANS
THAT CONJURE EVIL
FROM OTHER-WORLDS.
THEY CONTROL...
THOSE THINGS THAT
CANNOT BE
CONTROLLED.

