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## **Titans**

he kitchen at the end of the room has the solution. The lawyer's face showed a slight smile, remembering that there is an alternate route to reach the elevators. Crossing the kitchen to reach the elevators is not the shortest route, but it is the safest. Immediately, Odeim put the medal award in his pants pocket and left the bathroom. The commotion in the room is enormous.

The demons, who received awards, are considered heroes. After giving out the awards, it's time to congratulate the winners. All those attending the event show their admiration to the winners, with applause, euphoric shouts and pats on the back. These heroes contributed effectively to promote evil in the world. Of all of them, the recipient of the "Medal of Honor" is the most important honoree. The expectation of the majority is to touch Odeim with their hands, as a sign of respect for his great achievement. No one noticed lawyer avoiding contact with the crowd.

Odeim, instead of crossing the room to reach the kitchen, he moved close to the wall without being noticed. He achieved his goal without much trouble! The spacious and modern kitchen is located at the opposite end, from where the stage is. The kitchen in the «Penthouse», has nothing to envy, any famous restaurant. The place, packed with sophisticated equipment, has the potential to be able to prepare all kinds of exquisite meals. This refined and elegant kitchen combines the science with the art of preparing food and presenting it in the most attractive way possible with the intention of motivating the appetite. In their artificial body, the demons can ingest food, but they cannot enjoy it like the Associates.

The guests at the "Gala Ball" wear "black tuxedos". The waiters, the people who serve the attendees of the event, wear a white jacket. Near the kitchen, placed in a portable closet, are several white jackets, which are available for employees in case of an accident and their jacket gets stained. Passing through the closet, without anyone

noticing, Odeim took one of them and immediately put it on. Entering the kitchen, he went unnoticed, because he looked like one of the servers of the event.

A great activity, with constant movements from one side to another, reigned in the kitchen. It is surprising and at the same time admirable, that despite the chaotic eagerness that is in it, there are no accidents to regret. No one paid any attention to Odeim as he crossed the huge kitchen. There are only two entrances to this place where the art of gastronomy is exhibited, one of the entrances connects with the room where the "Gala Ball" is held and the other gives access to Lord Z's private office.

Being careful not to trip over the busy employees, Odeim made his way through the kitchen, until he reached the door connecting to Lord Z's private office. A pair of huge security officers, with faces of bad dogs, guard the door. As he approached them, the guards joined shoulder to shoulder to block the way.

Without words, only with their threatening body language, they let the attorney know that he could not pass. Odeim, undeterred by the aggressive attitude of the officers, took the note out of his pocket and showed it to them. One of them, the largest in size, took the note in his huge, rough hand. Although his bad dog face didn't change, his threatening body attitude changed after reading the note.

The agent... without words, handed the note back to him and... let him through.

Lord Z's private office, located in the company's «penthouse», is huge and extremely luxurious. It is divided into two: the private room and the conference room. His pompous desk, covered in gold, is in the private room. The other larger area is known as the "conference room." In this place, the general manager meets daily with the management of THE CONSORTIUM. The daily operations of the powerful company are supervised, and the results obtained are evaluated. The main objective of this powerful company is to assure to the Empire of Darkness, that evil reigns in the world.

Another name, for the conference room, is the "Room of the Titans." Some members of management dismissively call it the museum. Very old objects, and of religious content, adorn the room. In addition to the ancient archaeological pieces that adorn the place, the four walls are full of pictorial paintings. Representative paintings of the demons that have most influenced humanity and they are considered "Titans". The term is associated with a powerful race of giants, who dominated the world and belong to the spiritual levels.

After the two huge security guards let him through, Odeim entered Lord Z's private office. On this occasion, unlike the first time he visited the office, the lawyer Odeim did not stop to admire the paintings of the five most famous of THE CONSORTIUM. (Note: 1). On this occasion, unlike the first time he visited the office, the lawyer did not stop to admire the paintings of the different heroes. Without wasting time, the lawyer crossed the «Room of the Titans» as fast as he could and headed for the elevators. The area where the elevators are looks clear. The guests at the Gala Ball are celebrating in the main hall, unaware of the serious problem which has led to an emergency meeting.

Odeim achieved his goal, he reached the elevator area, without being noticed. There are several elevators with their doors open... but none of them... descends to the «Room of the Hidden Secrets».

There is only one elevator, which can reach the lower levels of the huge building, and it is known as the «Express».

THE CONSORTIUM headquarters consists of thirteen elevators, but only one of them travels to the lower levels. Mr. Odeim used his magnetic card to activate the unit known as "Express". While waiting for the elevator, Odeim recalled the first time he visited Lord Z's private office. On that occasion, he was promoted to the position of High Council Advisor. Before holding such a prestigious position, he worked as a lawyer for the FARM. This division is the second most important of THE CONSORTIUM. His promotion is associated with his good work in defending Dadlam, a dangerous

demon accused of being a traitor and a terrorist. (the name "Dadlam" spelled backwards means "maldad" which is "evil" in English),

The group known as the High Council is made up of 12 "Powers" who wear black hooded robes and oversee the work of Lord Z. The position of Advisor, to which Odeim was promoted, work directly for these hooded Powers. Dadlam's trial, in addition to being his stepping stone to ascend in THE CONSORTIUM, has a dark side to him, because it aroused Odeim's curiosity. Demons are not naturally curious, but Odeim during Dadlam's trial developed curiosity. At first... it didn't bother him... but as his curiosity grew, it brought him serious problems within the Empire of Darkness.

As soon as the «Express» elevator arrived, Odeim proceeded to get on to begin his journey to the Room of the Hidden Secrets. The door started to close when he heard screams coming from the hallway.

In an agitated and breathless tone, the voice shouted...

"Wait for me... wait for me".

**Note**: The five most famous titans in that room are; Zeus, Jupiter, Ra, Quetzalcóatl and Viracocha. All of them are gods with a small "g".

Zeus: he controlled Greece. He was called the "god of the universe."

Jupiter: Controlled Rome. Responsible for maintaining order between men and gods.

Ra: He controlled Egypt. Considered the sun god. Recognized as the giver of life.

 $Quetz al coatl: Controlled \ the \ Aztec \ empire. \ His name \ means \ "feathered \ serpent".$ 

Viracocha: Controlled the Inca empire. Considered as the creator of heaven and earth.