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The Time of the Dead

When Squire Popielski died, his soul wound up in the Time of the Dead. For the squire, his kingdom come proved to be a journey through the eight Worlds of the Game. At the gates of the 1st World he encountered his guardian angel, who offered him words of wisdom:

„The truth will set you free”

Thus, Popielski finally, wholeheartedly acknowledged the existence of God. The eight Worlds symbolised the Purgatory, atonement for his impiety and sins back on Earth. Discovering the truth was the only guarantee of Heaven. Popielski was ready, wrapped in love and immense gratitude to God of the mere existence of a world beyond. Plucking up the courage, he set his foot in the 1st World of the Game.

During his travels in the 1st World, his faith was grounded. The squire proved to be at a loss for words when he bore witness of God’s creation through a collision of light and dark matter. Awestruck, the squire observed how God tried humans on like masks. Popielski went on to see the innumerable, pathetic lies people bathe in, like pigs wallowing in mud. Yet, it wasn’t the last time he witnessed the dark side of human nature.

The 2nd World was reigned by chaos. This World was riddled with wars and suffering. Popielski pitied all the citizens of the 2nd World. He left with a sigh of relief.

The 3rd World evoked anger in Popielski. The squire turned a blind eye to God’s gluttony, and witnessed only what his heart commanded him to. Blind to the animals’ unwillingness to transform into humans, Popielski deemed them ungrateful to God for the honour He was bestowing upon them.

In the 4th World Popielski despised the prideful, arrogant humans, who cast away Eden. He observed as over time humans involuntarily created a purpose, becoming obsessed with the idea. The squire watched as the people left God without as much as a backward glance.

Meanwhile, throughout his journey, Squire Popielski found it steadily harder to seek out the gates to the next World. At last, upon his entrance to the 5th World he encountered the very same Jew, who supplied him with the Game.

„What really sets God apart from humans?“ – asked the Jew.

Popielski immediately thought of the intellectual, spiritual superiority of God, safe to say, it was a ridiculous quandary. When he set his foot at the entrance to the 5th World, his certainty was to be tampered with. The squire watched as God, out of pure tedium, made a pious follower's life a living hell. As Job was being stripped of material layers Popielski saw his holy glow gradually brightening until the squire himself had to squint his eyes. This event led him to an earth-shattering conclusion: „ The Jew was right, God is lying, He's no different from humans.“ Humans aren't at fault for their actions, God is.

Barely did the words escape his lips when he found himself at the gate to the 6th World.

Strange – thought Popielski – it seemed like he was on the right track, despite the nagging feelings of guilt. The 6th World proved to be teeming with Gods. The squire perceived that humans lacked purpose in this world, which ultimately led to calamity. He concluded that people need to have a purpose to life itself, a secret ingredient. Purpose sweetened the pill of the harsh, disappointing reality. Since the dawn of time, God has been the embodiment of humanity's purpose . The idea of God, a divine, almighty force, symbolised a recipe for life. Popielski saw that God was an idea, a mental concept rooted in the human mind. All rivers of deities and religion flowed directly into one ocean of God.

Yet, upon entering the penultimate, 7th World Squire Popielski saw clearly that purpose is intrinsic to humans' existence. Even if life itself had no higher purpose exempt from living, humans would create one nevertheless. Consequently, the purpose is fake. Hence Popielski realized, God is no more than a cock and bull story, a lie. The mere thought sent shivers down his spine.

Then, the squire was granted entry to the ultimate, 8th World. The truth was just around the corner. Lost in reverie, Popielski summarized that everything starts with the mind. Purpose springs from it. Unaware of the mind's power, humans succumb to it. It all comes down to perception of reality, the environment, the self. Humans only perceive their surroundings, ignorant of their might, while God creates and perceives the World simultaneously. The vicious circle of life. The snake eating its own tail. Finally, Popielski held the answer to the Jew's question at his fingertips. God consciously pulls the strings of reality while the layperson observes as events unfold before them like a deck of cards. Each person has their own subjective reality, their own simulation loading in their minds. Nothing was truly real, his life, the journey were figments of his imagination, happening inside his mind.

Thus, Popielski broke the shackles of the mind and bent it to his will. He became the master of the mind. He became God.

