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It begins.

This book is dedicated to:

My Ancestors  
Seen and Unseen  
Known and Unknown

and to my Teachers  
for Feeding my RAW  
Imagination

“Yeah Malus, don't worry about the kitchen. I'll do it in the morning,” Michael sighed. “I think instead of blaming the Illuminati, I'll blame someone easier – the Lizard men.” They both laughed again and Malus went over to give Michael a hug.

In his shaken-up state, Michael tried to imagine Lizard Men in his living room. He chuckled, *Impossible. This whole Illuminati thing; this whole conspiracy thing; the whole magic and initiation and Witchcraft and everything - it's all bullshit. We can't just create myths and religions as we go along... can we? We can't just re-write history as we see fit. This Illuminati crap is a myth, but it is also a myth that we can align ourselves with 'the energy of the universe'. What the fuck is that anyway? What the fuck am I doing here?*

This book is dedicated to:

The Next Generation  
Seen and Unseen  
Known and Unknown

and to my Friends and Lovers  
for Making Life Worth Living

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# FOREWORD

This space reserved for Bob.

# TRANSLATIONS

## LIBER

Children Of	(Noun, PL)
Book Of	(Noun)
Unimpeded	(Adj.)

## MALORUM

Evil	(Adj.)
Apples	(Noun, PL)
Apple Tree	(Noun, Singular)

# PROLOGUE

“Scratch under the surface of this 'well to do' society and you will find a filthy, scandalous underworld; a circus that rehearses in the protection of the nights' shadows; where sounds are muffled and activity slips away unnoticed...

“Keep it secret... Keep it safe... Let it become strong, twisted and entwined and let the roots become so deep that they break apart all other matter.”

- Anneli Stollar, from *Her Travel Diary*

~

“And there never was an apple, in Adam's opinion, that wasn't worth the trouble you got into for eating it.”

- Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett, from *Good Omens*

# FRUIT OF THE DEVIL

*Cigarettes, juice and chocolate - just what I need for a heart-broken, hung-over afternoon.* In the late April sunshine Bernadette set out on the short walk from her Clapham apartment to the corner shop. *Oh fuck, what now?* Blocking her entrance to the shop was a well-dressed but angry-looking man with a particularly shiny head. He held aloft a placard depicting a large green apple with a red slash through it. Beneath the apple was a cross signifying that he was a Christian of some kind. *But what kind of Christian would put a slash through an apple?*

There were weirdos and creeps everywhere and a modern woman had to avoid communicating with people all the time simply to maintain sanity. Bernadette decided that she would not communicate with this strange man. Alas, as she approached to walk past him and into the shop he stepped out in front of her. *What the hell could this freak want? I do not need this!*

Bernadette felt a nervous rush when she realised he was about to answer her unspoken question. "Kind miss," he said in a very polite Oxbridge accent. Bernadette ignored his advances as best she could as she tried to step around him. "Kind miss," he repeated. "For the sake of your soul, please stay well clear of apples." Bernadette said nothing and did all she could to avoid eye-contact as she accepted the piece of paper thrust into her hand.

Instead of going into the shop, she continued walking in the same direction. *Damn! I didn't get chocolate!* Once she had turned the corner and was out of the man's line of sight, Bernadette read the flyer:

CHILDREN OF THE APPLE

Apples are the sin of the World and the Fruit of the Devil.  
Shun apples as you would shun the Devil himself.

We all know that original sin was created by Eve eating  
the apple given to her by Satan, the evil devil ruler of Hell.  
Forbidden from that day forth,  
it is a sin to eat apples!

To eat an apple is to transgress against the Almighty  
and to wish upon yourself  
eternal misery and damnation!!!

It is time for you to request, nay DEMAND,  
your local fruit and vegetable store to  
IMMEDIATELY STOP  
supplying apples.  
Tell your grocer they are performing  
the work of the DEVIL.

Contact your local church groups to  
campaign against this malevolent fruit  
and together we can beat the  
**FRUIT OF THE DEVIL**  
once and for all.

For Heaven on Earth, the only option is to destroy the apple.

AMEN

For more information contact Father Ryan Duffy by phone, dial 0800 NO APPLES

*What a fucking weirdo!* Bernadette crumpled the pamphlet. There were no rubbish bins nearby so she put the crunched paper into her bag to be disposed of properly later...