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Have you considered becoming a Redeemer?

Hello! Welcome to your Afterlife! My name is Charlotte, and I will be your personal Soul Assistant for the rest of your life, unless you prematurely enter Oblivion. Oh, what is Oblivion you say? We'll get to that in a second.

If you are confused about your current situation, that's okay! It's perfectly natural and everyone goes through it at first.

You have died.

No, I am not kidding, and this is not a joke. You are currently in Purgatory, where all restless souls called Lost go when they have ties to the Earth still. Because the Lost are tied to Earth, they have a certain amount of time before they are banished to Oblivion, where nothing exists.

Why? Because, the Earth can only handle so many spiritual presences at once. Because there are so many Lost, they... hmm, how do I say... "take up space." The universe needs to stay as open as possible, so it occasionally does a clean-up of the ... undesirables.

And yes, you are a Lost.

I know this is a lot to take in and is a very overwhelming time for you, but that's okay, as well! That is why I am here.

You're probably wondering what being a Lost is like, and I will tell you now, it is quite unpleasant. Conditions include crippling depression and dread, languidity, hopelessness, yearning for loved ones, yearning for past life (or lives), irritability, possible transformation into a Forlorn, and eventual departure to Oblivion.

But you don't have to always worry about these conditions. I am offering you a chance, on behalf of Lord Death, an opportunity to change both your afterlife and the Spiritual Realm as we know it.

You can become a Redeemer. Redeemers, under Lord Death's command, squelch the scourges that are Forlorn, who feast upon the spirits that inhabit this realm.

They are Lost, like you.

If you do not want to be like these terrible creatures and come to a brutal demise, I highly recommend becoming a Redeemer. You are awarded wonderful benefits like rapid regeneration, a weapon of your creative choice, such as a gun, a sword, a polearm, railguns and lasers, deployable robots, You also receive a humanoid body, some vacation days and the possibility of returning to the world of the living.

Yes! Lord Death will grant you permission to return to the afterlife if your complete your one hundred-year term as a Redeemer.

No, I am not kidding, and this is not a joke. Restrictions will apply, however. You are not permitted to interact with your living loved ones; your spiritual trace will lead Forlorn to them and devour their souls. And we don't want that, now do we?

What is better than serving your fellow man in the most selfless, beneficial way possible? A clean Realm is a semi-happy Realm!

Lord Death does not wish to force this upon you. It is completely up to you whether you choose the path of the Redeemer, but understand that becoming a Redeemer is the best option for you, your afterlife and the Spiritual Realm!

Now, what will you choose?