

Divilethion

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Intro

In the middle of nowhere, in a forest teeming with giant monsters, lies a small village of little more than 400 people. This village has no name and can only survive due to the protection of their magnificent, glorious, beautiful, wonderful, fearsome, great and incredibly benevolent deity, Divilethion! All it requires is a human sacrifice or two, but what's a human heart and a party at the temple for protection from monsters and freedom from drought? The high priest, Lynn, certainly seems to think so. Technically, he's only one of three high priests, but Divilethion practically despises the other two, so it's almost always Lynn's job to sacrifice some poor sap to the great god!

This is much to the displeasure of Lynn's little brother, Marrow, who is the only being Lynn cares even the slightest bit about aside from Divilethion himself. Marrow despises Divilethion and that his brother serves it, and soon Lynn's faith will be tested, as his precious little brother will be chosen as the next sacrifice for the god. At just this moment, though, Lynn is down with the flu and about to deal with the present sacrifice - some father of two who just got a newborn. While Divilethion may be their benefactor, I am yours. So, take this gift - no human sacrifices necessary!

+1000 Hearts

Origins

Perks are 50% off for matching origin. 100 Heart perks are free for matching origin.

High Priest

Celebrate today, my friend, for you've been blessed by the mighty Divilethion and chosen as one of its priests. Truly a moment to be proud of! I wouldn't count on it giving you the time of day, though. At least not as long as Lynn is around. Maybe that's a good thing, though?

Innocent

You're an innocent person, at least relative to the rest of the people in this village. It might be more accurate to say you're just a run of the mill villager, but you likely harbor some serious misgivings about the "god" Divilethion and its whole "sacrifice people in a booze and drugs party" schtick. I wouldn't be too public about it, though.

1000 - Divile Being

My goodness! You are a being on par with Divilethion itself, a "divine" entity of mysterious nature and origin. You are fueled by human worship and sacrifice (or you just get a kick out of it, who can really say), and with your powers you can do many wonderful things; healing the sick, causing and preventing droughts, killing giant monsters - nearly anything some literal nowhere village would sacrifice to a pagan god for is in your power. Just your mere presence is enough to send any beast fleeing for its life. You also possibly exist in some other realm, manifesting to your followers through portals you can create. The Divilethion will likely be ...less than pleased... at your presence in its territory, so be prepared for that.

Age

Feel free to pick whatever you'd like. If you're like Divilethion, who knows just how old you could be?

Perks

High Priest

100 - Black Soul
You're really the perfect type of person for this calling. While other people worry about stupid things like empathy or the sanctity of life, you really couldn't care less about anyone but yourself. Even as someone's telling you the latest sob story about how they "have a family" or how they're "just a child" or how they're "your mother" that won't get in the way of your duties. You can still make room for some particular people or beings in your heart, like a favored sibling or a god, but otherwise you're a complete psychopath. Additionally, you're also very good at cleanly killing people. Wouldn't want the sacrifices to get too messy.

200 - Hurt/Comfort
Little brothers can be a bit hard to handle, especially if you're the replacement for your dead parents. It's understandable, then, if you get a bit wound up at times and choke them out a bit. They'll be terrified in the moment, but after a quick apology, a kiss on the head and an offering of food they'll forgive you and accept that maybe it was partially their fault you came home drunk and nearly strangled them to death. This seems to apply to pretty much all your relationships too. People will almost never stay mad at you despite how abusive you can get.

400 - Losing My Religion
As hard as it is to sacrifice for your incredibly evil god, it's even harder to realize you'll have to give it up for the sake of the one you love most. Whenever you have a life altering decision to make, you'll find yourself pulled towards the "right" answer, whatever that may be, and you'll have the strength of will to be able to commit to and enact that decision, regardless of the cost. Love is worth it.

600 - God's Favorite Son
You are very special. Perhaps not to other people, but to the Divilethion. You're like a favored pet to it, and it has a hard time staying mad at you. Where others may suffer a fate worse than death for some cheeky banter or vomiting at Divilethion's feet (or lack thereof), it just grumbles a bit in aggravation if it's you. It really does like you quite a bit, willing to occasionally give you gifts and boons. You share this same bond with other entities such as gods and demons, with even very malign ones finding you cute and amusing enough to want to interact with and bless. Be warned, though, they can very well still be angered, potentially over what one would consider a minor thing by human standards, like missing work.

Innocent

100 - Good Boy
When you grow up in an entirely isolated community in the middle of the woods, it's quite odd that you'd reject the human sacrifice cult that runs your town, but that's just how you are. You have an inherent sense of right and wrong and you aren't afraid to speak your mind on the topic (to people who won't immediately kill you if you tell them, at least). You're good at sticking to your guns morally even when things are tough. That's kinda the whole point of morals, right?

200 - Favorite Kid
There's always one - the favorite child, the golden boy the parents put all their time and energy into while the rest fight for scraps of affection. Guess who it is? Everyone in your family loves you lots, even more than a normal family should. Your parents, aunts and uncles, even siblings just can't help but shower you with affection and feel compelled to protect you with their life. Even if your family was a bunch of psychopaths that hardly felt empathy, they'd still love you just as much. Isn't that sweet?

400 - Hidden in Plain Sight
When someone's branded by Divilethion, that's usually it for them. They're found out almost immediately and skedaddled on over to the temple for some good ol' fashioned human sacrifice. You're more lucky than that, though. Even if your brother was the high priest, he likely wouldn't find out for a couple of days. This is less out of skill on your part and more just luck - how hard could it be to find one person with a distinct brand in a village of around 400? You're just generally lucky when it comes to not being found out, though this will eventually wear out, so you'll have to bail sooner or later.

600 - Most Prized Possession
Is there anything more precious and sacred than love? If there is, you haven't found it. When someone loves you deeply, like the love between two brothers or a husband and wife, they will put you over anything else. Be it man, beast or god, they would always put you first over all of them no matter what, because that's just how deep their love for you is. Be sure to show them lots of appreciation, okay? These kinds of choices are never easy.

Divile Being

100 - Brand
lf something is your property you don't want it running off, and you certainly don't want someone else touching it. That's why you have the ability to remotely brand any being weaker than you with your mark. This mark usually appears on the chest over the heart and can't be removed. All who see it will know the marked one is your property, and that if they've escaped they should be returned to you immediately. Dumb mortals, always trying to run...

200 - Favorite Pet
Every god needs priests, and for the sake of the longevity of your religion they're gonna have to be good ones. Thankfully, you're no slouch when it comes to finding effective candidates. You just know when someone would be able to fulfill whatever requirements you need and just how good they'll be at it, even if they're still just a fetus. The earlier you start to groom these servants, the more devoted they'll be to you. Get them early enough and you'll be pretty much all they care about. Good, you like it that way.

400 - Charming Gifts
When you've got that special someone, that worshiper that really goes the extra mile for you, it's only fitting to give them something in return. Thus, you have the ability to shed parts of your body off like a snake and fashion them into charms containing your powers. You could make a necklace out of your old bones with your ability to terrify nearly any living being, or gloves out of your hands that allow healing and curing illness. These may be limited in strength compared to your full power, but if it is an ability you possess it can be turned into one of these charms. l bet they're gonna be so happy when they see this!

600 - Absolute Territory
What's a divine being without a domain to call their own? No, not in THAT sense, but in a literal physical space of land to rule over. Any location where you have a significant religious following will become such a marked area, in which you can enact your power to do things like smite nonbelievers and control the weather freely. Most creatures like monsters dare not encroach on your territory and will immediately flee rather than enter. Both this area and your power expands the more followers you have. lt can also be increased in larger increments via human sacrifice. lt's good to be a god.

Items

Free - Smile Mask
Your very own happy little smiley face mask. They're used in the sacrifice rituals to Divilethion. Wouldn't want anyone's frowning faces to dampen the mood, after all. That would just be terrible!

Free - Snazzy Robes
The robes of the high priests of Divilethion. They're both stylish AND comfortable. You'll probably get in trouble if you're wearing them and you aren't actually a high priest of Divilethion, though.

100 - Ritual Dagger
Kali ma! Kali ma! No, but seriously, this impractically curvy dagger is used to sacrifice people and cut out their hearts. As you can hopefully imagine, it's pretty damn sharp.

100 - Drugs and Wine
It's not easy to get someone to calm down when you're about to cut their heart out on an altar. That's why you've got this stuff. The nondescript drugs leave them so out of it they can't even speak, and the wine is wine.

200 - House
A house. Since the village is in the middle of nowhere there's not really any power, but the construction and furniture are relatively modern and the place is nice enough to live in.

200 (Discount Divile Being) - Temple
A big, fancy temple kitted out for all your worship and human sacrifice needs. You can figure out everything from the design to the iconography and so on, in order to fit whatever aesthetic you're going for.

400 - Bone Necklace
A necklace made from Divilethion's old bones. It scares away any beings weaker than Divilethion, man or monster, unless they're accustomed to its presence. Divilethion probably wouldn't appreciate being compared to a monster though.

600 (Discount Divile Being) - Cult Village
Well, isn't this familiar? It's a village of about 400 people ready to worship you like a god, regardless of if you really are one or not. You can have all the drug fueled blood orgies you like in here, it's great!

Companions

100 - Companion Import/Creation

If you'd like to bring someone with you or create new companions, such a thing is possible. By paying 100 Hearts, you can import/create two companions, each gaining an origin and 600 Hearts to spend. Alternatively, you can import/create one companion who gains an origin and 1000 hearts, but they cannot take the "Divile Being" origin

Free - Canon Companion

You can take anyone you'd like with you to future jumps if you can get them to agree to it. Y'know, any of the five characters in this story.

Free (100 for Divile Being) - Sibling

Blood runs thicker than water, and while friends or evil human sacrifice gods are a dime a dozen, your own flesh and blood is irreplaceable. You have a loving sibling - either a bratty but adorable younger sibling who loves you deeply and you can't help but spoil, or a doting and kind older sibling who may or may not have a complete lack of affection for anything other than you. They might even like you a bit too much, if you catch my drift.

Drawbacks

+100 - God Bless You
Achoo! Aw man, I think I'm catching what you've got. Not only do you start out this jump sick, but you frequently catch colds and the flu and end up sicker than a dog. It's never anything serious, but it's a major inconvenience, especially if your murderchurch is counting on you to show up.

+100 - Bad Childhood
Your childhood was full of misery. Mostly in that your parents didn't give you any affection whatsoever and completely ignored you your whole life. This has left you traumatized, making it difficult to form new emotional bonds with others or care for them. As a result, most people won't like you and will gossip about you behind your back.

+100 - Cheeky Brat
Your sibling is the worst. You really want to get along with them, but they're always causing you trouble or starting arguments and you find it really hard to touch base with them. It's not impossible, you have your moments, but you'll always be at each other's throats (probably literally) a little bit.

+200 - Conflict Averse
You don't really do well with death and gore. You're squeamish, and that kind of stuff causes you to freeze up and become terrified. Obviously, a human sacrifice village is not the best place to live when you have this kind of fear. You won't be locked in place forever or anything, but if you're ever in a life or death situation it's sure to put you in a tough spot.

+200 - Spineless
You're basically a doormat and everyone knows it. You don't have any real ability to stick up for yourself or the people you care about, instead going along with whatever's easiest and keeping your head down. You'll likely get taken advantage of quite a bit because of this weakness. That's what you get for being a pussy, though.

+200 - Abusive Relationships
All your relationships end up being abusive on some level. Whether it's toxic friends who take advantage of you, parents who don't love you or an older brother who strangles you when he's pissed off, you're unable to maintain a completely healthy relationship with anyone, and you're always on the receiving end of the misery.

+300 - God Doesn't Like You

Divilethion just really doesn't like you. This is quite inconvenient considering you now work as a high priest at the temple. Divilethion isn't going to outright kill or torture you unless you piss him off, but you're on very thin ice with him and you'll be stuck working for him until the jump ends. Even one slip up could spell your death.

+300 - Marked

Good news! You've been marked by Divilethion and will be sacrificed in his temple! Well, good news for Lynn. I probably should've specified. You've basically got one realistic option for survival, which is to run away from the village into the forest filled with giant monsters. So, not a great option. Alternatively, if you're strong enough you could potentially duke it out with Divilethion, but I wouldn't recommend it.

The End

So? Did you have fun? Engage in any human sacrifice, run around the woods for ten years looking for civilization? Whatever you did, it's now time to make a choice. Farewell!

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Notes

- Game can be found here, in a pack with the developer's other games https://archive.org/details/nemlei_games

- Thanks for using my jump!