

DARK MAN

THE DARK GARDEN

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Chapter One: Time to Die

The world seems upside down.

The Dark Man has been captured, but he remains calm.

A rope is tied around his ankle.

He hangs by this rope, which is suspended from the branch of an ancient tree.

The tree stands in the middle of a lawn, in a tidy garden, bathed by silver moonlight.

Silver handcuffs tightly bind his wrists behind his back.

The garden belongs to a house far from the city.





A dark figure comes to stand before him.

Slowly, the figure lowers itself to sit on the grass.

It is a Shadow Master.

“Why have you come here?” the Shadow Master asks.

“To put a stop to your plans,” the Dark Man answers.

The Shadow Master shakes his head. “We are too strong and too many,” he says.

The Dark Man does not reply.

After a minute, the Shadow Master speaks again.

“We have been watching you,” he says.

“You have the power to work in the day and the night. Why do you oppose us?”

“Because people deserve to live in freedom,” the Dark Man says. “You want to make slaves of them.”

