

The Eye of the Morning

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Jeff Laurent teaches night school at a downtown Seattle alternative high school—and he is dying from leukemia. While he knows he’s dying, he doesn’t know that somebody wants his soul once he’s gone.

Can he beat death before it turns him into a monster?

It all begins with a chance encounter at a local bar. Jeff meets a beautiful man called “Ogre,” who looks like a cross between an angel and a demon: beautiful and powerful, but dark and sinister. He looks to Jeff like the combination of Archangel Michael, and Lucifer.

Ogre uses Jeff’s attraction to his advantage, and poisons Jeff. Now that poison is working its way through Jeff’s body, taking over, creating evil out of what was once compassion, destroying Jeff in ways the leukemia never could.

However, Ogre’s poison has an unplanned effect. Ogre’s victims, those whose lives have already been taken, are turning to Jeff for help, who somehow has the power to guide them away from their tortured half-existence.

What happens when a vampire crosses the line and becomes a shaman?