

# The Demon Cycle Novellas

A Collection of *The Great Bazaar*, *Brayan's Gold*, and *Messenger's Legacy*

In this collection of three novellas, the world is overrun by bloodthirsty demons as humanity teeters on the edge of extinction.

## *The Great Bazaar*

Messenger Arlen Bales has seen more of the world than most. Driven to experience all that life has to offer, he wanders the Krasian desert on horseback in search of priceless treasures. Abban, a merchant in the Great Bazaar of Krasia, has put a map into Arlen's possession that leads to an abandoned hamlet once known for its pottery, which, if claimed from the ruins, could make Arlen a very wealthy man. When he realizes he has ridden into a graveyard scarred by past battles, Arlen learns his circles of protection are not proof against the clay demons that infest the place.

## *Brayan's Gold*

Apprentice Messenger Arlen Bales is ready to embark on his first overnight expedition alongside Curk, an aging veteran who is drunk more often than not. A last-minute change in plans has the two transporting a wagonload of thundersticks to the remote mining town of Count Brayan's Gold. Arlen and Curk think the most they'll have to worry about is moving the delicate cargo while staying a step ahead of colossal rock demon—but little do they know that there's a traitor among the Messengers who has set them up to be ambushed.

## *Messenger's Legacy*

Half-Krasian Briar Damaj was named for a boy who once outwitted a pack of nightwolves by leading them into a briar patch. However, the local children of Bogton call him Mudboy for his dark skin. His father, Relan, a former Sharum warrior turned refuse collector, teaches young Briar how to evade the demons at their doorstep. When tragedy strikes home, Briar flees to the bog with little more than herb lore to protect him. Ragen, an old friend of Relan's, has just retired from two decades as a Messenger and passed his route down to his adopted son, Arlen Bales. But when Ragen learns of Briar's disappearance, he wastes no time coming out of retirement, risking everything to find the boy and return him to safety.

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