



## His Dark Materials

LYRA lives in a parallel universe. She has been captured by Iofur Raknison, the King of the bears, and is in prison guarded by Chief Bear. Iofur enters the room where Lyra is kept. Lyra has come up with a plan to trick Iofur, so she can escape from prison.

**LYRA:** *(Is asked if she is a spy)* No! No! I'm not!

I'm his daemon.

*(Iofur is surprised by this and asks how this is possible)*

It was an experiment at Bolvangar. There was a doctor, he pressed a button and I appeared.

*(Iofur queries why she is in human form)*

It's 'cause... I'm an animal's daemon. Humans have animals, animals have humans. It's like, back to front, all right?

*(Iofur queries how she has travelled so far)*

I'm like a witch's daemon. And beside... he's not very far away. He's coming to Svalbard really soon, and he's gonna raise up all the bears against you... 'cause he's heard how they grumble about you.

*(Iofur roars)*

Wait, wait, wait... And I don't want that to happen, I don't, 'cause he's a poor, sad, drunken disgrace of a bear, and you're a king with a magnificent palace. So what you gotta do... you gotta tell your guards, that when he arrives... they mustn't attack him...

.. an' I'll pretend that I'm still on his side... and then you gotta challenge him in single combat! On your own! And when you've beaten him, that'll prove that you're the strongest, and then I'll belong to you! I'll be your daemon! I'll have a little throne of my own, right next to yours, and humans will come from all over the world to wonder at you! King Iofur Raknison, the bear with a daemon!

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