RUN.

Goblin Slayer is an adventurer who hunts only goblins, despite being Silver-ranked. Injured on a job with High Elf Archer and the party, he is resting up at Cow Girl's farm when...

WHAT ...

I FOUND FOOTPRINTS.

I MEAN... WHY?

ALL OF A SUDDEN...
IT'S GOBLINS.
IN A CAVE, I COULD FACE A HUNDRED GOBLINS—

—AND I WOULD FIND A WAY TO WIN.

RIGHT...

NO... I CAN'T.

AW, BUT YOU CAN HANDLE THEM.

BUT...

A HORDE, MORE THAN A HUNDRED OF THEM, BENT ON BLOODSHED.

...THIS TIME, THEY'RE COMING HERE.

POSSIBLY TODAY.
COW GIRL: AN OLD FRIEND OF GOBLIN SLAYER. THEY LIVE ON THE SAME FARM.

CHANCES ARE THEY MEAN TO USE THIS PLACE AS A BASE TO ATTACK THE TOWN.

WHY WOULD THEY... COME HERE...?

TO DEFEND AGAINST SO MANY ON A FLAT PLAIN...

...IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME.

I AM NO PLATINUM-RANK.

A... GOBLIN HORDE...

I AM...

...NO HERO.
Yeah, but I'm sorry.

I'm not going to run.

I see.

It's all true, huh?

Yes.

You've decided?

...All right, then.

...!

You're going to stay...

I knew it. You go silent when you're cornered. You always have.

... Aren't you?

I mean...
THAT'S WHY—
YOU WILL NOT MERELY DIE.

THAT'S WHY...
I WON'T GO.

YOU KNOW...?

THAT DAY...
...I WAS WATCHING.
A-AND ANYWAY!

WE MIGHT GET AWAY, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE ANIMALS?

...AND ME...

I CAN'T...

WE'D JUST...

LOSE ANOTHER PLACE...

TO CALL HOME.
I'M REALLY SORRY.

I KNOW IT'S SELFISH.

AND THEN ...

...SO...

I KNOW, BUT...

DON'T MAKE THAT FACE.

I'LL DO ALL I CAN.
...I...

EXCUSE ME...

SHE'S A GOOD GIRL.

SHE'S GROWN UP WELL ...

...SO DON'T YOU MAKE HER CRY.

YOU HAVE TO PROTECT GIRLS.
ADVENTURERS GUILD

I WILL TRY.
SO YOU'RE STILL KICKING.

GOBLIN SLAYER?

Haven't seen much of you lately...

YOU WANT SOMETHING, OR...?

EXCUSE ME. PLEASE LISTEN.

I HAVE A REQUEST.

A goblin horde is coming.

Why not take care of it yourself?

I thought goblin hordes were your specialty.

I don't know how many.

I expect them tonight.

I thought he always fought solo.

I think he found himself a party.

Couple of pretty cute girls too!

Judging by the number of scouts they sent...

That means no less than a hundred goblins.

...a goblin lord is with them.
A hundred goblins...!? I GUESS...?
A LORD...? NO WAY...
IS HE SERIOUS?
A LORD? SO, THEN...

WE MAY CONSIDER THEM THE PLATINUM-RANKS OF THE GOBLIN WORLD.

A LORD IS A GOBLIN WHO IS FOCUSED ON NEITHER COMBAT NOR MAGIC...

PLATINUM...!

...BUT ON LEADERSHIP.

...AND THE ARMY HE HAS RALLIED BEHIND HIM.

OUR ENEMIES ARE THIS LORD...
I need your help.

There is no time.

I cannot hope to face them all myself on an open field.

Please.

Hey!

What are you gonna do?

What do you mean, what?

The work doesn't pay.

You know goblins.

Yeah, me too.

I'm out.
...Is some kind of mistake, right?

You want something, skip the requests.

That means a reward.

Get it?

And make it a quest, period.

And we're adventurers.

This is the Adventurers Guild.

Leave some ladies for the rest of us!

We don't risk our lives for free!

We're adventurers!

Yeah, he's right!

Right now, you'd do more harm than good.

What the hell is wrong with them?

But... I share your distress.

Are you really a high elf?
THE REWARD IS EVERYTHING I HAVE.

ALL MY POSSESSIONS, OR ANYTHING IN MY POWER TO GRANT.

MY EQUIPMENT, MY RESOURCES, MY SKILLS, MY TIME.
SO IF I TOLD YOU TO DIE, YOU'D DO IT?

YES.

NO. THAT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.

EVEN MY LIFE.

YOUR LIFE?

THERE IS ONE WHO MIGHT WEEP AT MY DEATH.

THEREFORE, MY LIFE IS NOT MINE TO GIVE.

AND I HAVE PROMISED NEVER TO MAKE HER CRY.
BUT YOU'RE SERIOUS.
THAT'S CLEAR.

I CAN'T PRETEND TO KNOW WHAT THE HELL YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

FEH!

IZZAT RIGHT?

YOU SON OF A BITCH ...

YES.

I HAVE NEVER BEEN MORE SO.
TREAT ME TO A DRINK LATER.

NOW WHAT?

AREN'T YOU HAPPY ABOUT IT, QUEST-GIVER!? THIS IS A MARKET-PLACE!

AND A SILVER-RANKED ADVENTURER JUST ACCEPTED YOUR GOBLIN-SLAYING QUEST!
MY APOLOGIES.

WHATSOEVER! SAVE IT...

...FOR WHEN ALL THE GOBLINS ARE DEAD.

THANK YOU.

ERK...

I-I'M IN TOO!

AND THEN YOU HAVE TO COME ON AN ADVENTURE WITH ME!

I'LL SLAY THOSE GOBLINS WITH YOU!
SURE! WE'RE A PARTY, AREN'T WE?

YOU GUYS ....!

THAT ADVENTURE ...

S'POSE I COULD GET IN ON IT, LONG-EARS?

A FRIEND'S REQUEST I SHALL NOT REFUSE.

I'LL NEED A WHOLE BARREL!

BUT IF YOU INSIST ON GIVING ME A REWARD ...

AND PERHAPS ONE MORE ...

...IS WHERE THE CHEESE IS MADE.

HEH HEH.

TRULY !?

...YEAH, BUT...

YOU'RE COMING TOO?

THINGS HAVE GOTTEN ...

YES?

EXCITING ...

THE RETURN ON GOBLIN WORK REALLY SUCKS...

TRuly ...

THEN MY WRATH UPON THOSE TINY DEVILS SHALL KNOW NO BOUNDS!
TH- THE GUILD IS HEREBY OFFERING...

SO COME AND GET IT, ADVENTURERS!

A BOUNTY OF ONE GOLD COIN FOR EVERY GOBLIN KILLED!

I SEE WHERE THIS IS GOING.

FEH!

HIGH ELF ARCHER: A HIGH ELF, ONE OF THE ADVENTURERS OPPOSING THE DEMON LORD.
NO NEED TO BE EMBARRASSED ABOUT IT.
YOU JUST WANTED AN EXCUSE.

MY REASONS ARE PURELY ECONOMIC!

I HAPPEN TO REMEMBER HE SAVED YOUR VILLAGE WHEN THOSE GOBLINS SHOWED UP.

A GOLD PIECE PER GOBLIN? IT DOESN'T GET MUCH BETTER THAN THAT.

JOINING THE FUN?

HAPPEN TO REMEMBER HE SAVEP YOUR VILLAGE WHEN THOSE OOBLINS SHOWEP UP.

AS A WOULD-BE PALADIN, I CAN HARDLY TURN DOWN SOMEONE IN TROUBLE.

THAT IS, IF YOU GUYS ARE...

I GUESS SO...

RIGHT?

WITH ALL THESE PROS ALONG, IT SHOULD BE PRETTY SAFE...

MAYBE... MAYBE I'LL GO TOO. I'VE NEVER SLAIN A GOBLIN.

OH...! THEN WE'RE IN TOO!
I REMEMBER ALL THE TROUBLE GOBLINS GAVE ME WHEN I WAS STARTING OUT...

WE CAN'T JUST LET THEM DO WHATEVER THEY WANT.

I BECAME AN ADVENTURER THE SAME DAY HE DID.

I'M ALWAYS BEEN CURIOUS HOW HE FIGHTS—HE GOT ALL THE WAY TO SILVER RANK THIS WAY.

I GUESS THAT'S FATE FOR YOU.

I WAS JUST THINKING I NEEDED SOME MONEY.

WE AIN'T COMRADES, AND WE AIN'T FRIENDS...

THAT FARM DOES MAKE DELICIOUS CHEESE, IT'S TRUE ...

WEIRDEST QUEST-GIVER I'VE EVER SEEN.

...BUT WE'RE ALL ADVENTURERS!
THAT WENT WELL, DIDN'T IT?
OF COURSE.

I’LL BE COMING TOO, OF COURSE!

I HAVE A PLAN.

SO WE’RE UP AGAINST A GOBLIN ARMY.

HOW DO WE FIGHT THEM?

AND IT’S GOING TO DEPEND ON YOU.

TO BE CONTINUED!