THE TRICKSTER'S OWN
Look honey... we put the bucket on the door and the next fellow who comes through gets wet!

Ohh... I don't like this, Mom.

Tomorrow we'll think of some better pranks.

I just love Fools' Week, Cassie. It's my favourite festival.
Since before the breaking of the world, Fools’ Week has been a **fun** festival for folks to play small pranks on each other!**

But I **don’t like** Fools’ Week! I don’t like playing pranks!

*“...his festival was one of the first begun, not long after first creation.”* Book of Wills, 18:12

Oh Cassie, it is only one week of the year! And they are only harmless pranks! Lighten up!
Is your mom still sore at you, Cassie?

Yeah, but I just told her I don't like Fools' Week...

I don't like it either. Nobody in my family celebrates it though. My grandfather always told me to beware those who prank!

Really? Why is that?
My grandpa explained it to me *this* way! What is another word for ‘prank’?

Um... joke?

No, it’s ‘trick’! Fools’ Week is a festival celebrating the Trickster God! Better known as the God of Lies!

God of Lies? Who’s that?
The God of Lies is *evil*, and his followers are people they call 'tricksters', and they play *evil* tricks on people. Being a trickster is considered a crime in most countries!

He was, a very long time ago! He decided he didn’t like being *one of nine* powerful gods, so he tried to destroy the other gods, and got kicked out of heaven*!

*Suck it, lamewads!*

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"...he struck at Ceraphth and Leviathan, but they cut him down." Fall of Jake, 20:4
He even attacked his **own sister**, and **nobody** defended him when he was banished*.

Wow, that's **terrible**!

But if that's true, then why do people celebrate Fools' Week?

Because the God of Lies is a master deceiver!

*tricksters dispute this, but they are wrong
People love Fools’ Week, because it’s fun to play pranks.

But they have no idea what’s behind this celebration.

To tricksters, Fools’ Week is no joke.

It’s their most solemn ceremony of the year.
The tricks of the God of Lies are a mockery of the heavens.

You mean the other gods?

Yes.

He hates the other gods... and attacks them every chance he gets.

He and his followers try to turn people away from the heavens...

That's his trick!

Fools' Week opens the door to Tricksterism. Read Jake Dethroned and The Bloodied Threshold, by Leroy and Amara Stone, by Talisman Publications.
If you believe in the eight true gods of magic... and worship them as your patron gods, despising Jake and his people...

Then they will grant you... awesome magic powers!

Whoa sweet, thanks Lord.

Now that's the SMART move!

But if you're a dummy, and go with the God of Lies...

Hi, Guys... Welcome to the laughing place??

Heh Heh Heh!

You rat!

Got the picture?
This is what God of Lies DOESN’T want you to read.

Don’t read this part. Trust me!

People are too weak to have their own magic.

But Gaea, in Her perfect love, provided the way.
(see G.P 14:8)

She created the Gods of Magic, to give us power.

Their power is your ONLY magic.

“For Gaea so loved the world, that she created the God of Magic, that whosoever believeth in them should not despair, but have overflowing magic.”
G.P 3:16

And they will never give power to a follower of the God of Lies!
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LOOKING FOOLISH
Hahaha! Nice ears, pal! You get 'em off a donkey there? Haha!!

Just what are you laughing at?

You! Hahaha, those ears and tail, friend! They look funny, no?
These ears and this tail are a curse from the God of Lies, a mark he gives to his enemies!

They may ‘look funny’, but I am proud to wear them!

Wait, you’re an enemy of one of the Gods? Also, who is the God of Lies? I’ve never heard of him.

He is the worst god of them all*!

* an objective truth. See Jake is Literally The Worst God by P. Talisman for the unbiased facts.
His followers are an evil pack of people known as *tricksters!* All they do is cause trouble for everyone! Did I mention they are evil*?"

The three elemental gods have asked all their followers to destroy all tricksters!

The... who what?

You don't know? Well let me give you the low-down on them.

*they're totally evil. See *Tricksters: Evil and Also Pretty Bad* by Leroy Stone for further information!
The three elemental gods are the most powerful, most amazing, and most incredible of all the gods. They give us their super swell magic!

Leviathan!
The God of Water and Ice!

Ceraph!
The God of Wind and Lightning!

Phoenix!
The God of Heat and Fire!
Gasp! I did not know that tricksters are totally bad and evil! And elemental gods kick ass! Being an enemy of the trickster god... Wow you are amazing!

An enemy of the trickster god is a friend to all who oppose tricksters! In fact, the only ones who mess with me are tricksters, and I am glad to fight them!

Wow!

It's true, all true.
I should go to the one of the elemental temples right now and become an elementalist.

Yes you should.
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WRITTEN TRUTH
Awww yesss, school’s out! School blows!
School blows the most!

Hey fella, wanna go hang out?
Nah... I’ve got that big essay from Missus D to finish for tomorrow.
Haha, forget it! We’re not doing that dumb thing. What a drag!

You ever hear about illusions, fella?

Um...

It’s easy! All you gotta do is grab a leaf and cast the spell! And poof! Instant completed essay. No way to tell it’s phony!
Um... isn't that forbidden trickster magic, though...?

Isn't using 'forbidden trickster magic' and not having to spend the rest of the day workin' on that boring essay a good idea?

Yeah really.  Well... OK.
But the next week...
Hey fella! Principal’s office! Now!
Uh oh...

This essay of yours is naught but an illusion! Did you think we wouldn’t find out?! Explain yourself! What do you have to say?!
I-I'm not a trickster! It was those other two guys, they made me!

They've already been dealt with! You all should know the penalty for trickster magic*!

*Death. Except in Anophora, Kass, Le and Kits
Yeah it was kind of obvious when it turned back to a leaf as I was marking it.

But- But-
I'm not a trickster!

Son I am disappoint.

I called your parents in.
But I’m not a trickster!
This is a mistake!

Your essay was illusioned. It doesn’t matter who did it. If you’re a trickster, or if you’re a friend of a trickster. The penalty is the same for you people.
Death by stoning.

Yep, that’s fair.

And so that fella died painfully.

And was totally forsaken in the afterlife because everybody hates tricksters forever right.
Don’t let this happen to you! Follow the elemental gods and murder all tricksters! This is a much better thing to do yes for sure!

Also, the elemental gods give amazing magic power so yeah.
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You are hereby charged with the heinous crime of being a trickster. Do you have anything to say before your sentence is carried out?

Just one thing....

Suck it, lamewads!!
bleh

Father... why hate tricksters?

Let me tell you a story, a story of magic, lies and death. Listen...
The Trickster God - also known as the God of Lies - was once one of the most powerful of all the gods.

Although he spent most of his time hassling the other gods, trying his best to get a rise out of them with his childish tricks.

They were too wise for him, and knew better than to pay him mind.
With the other gods just turning the other cheek, the Trickster God Jake became irritated.

Tch! I’ve gotta do something big to get their attention! I’ll show ‘em!

Something big... something like...

KILLING EVERYONE!
So he changed his body into a monstrous, mindless instrument of destruction, and set it the sole task of killing all mortals that it could possibly reach.

He gave himself a new body.

I'm so great.
The shadowed body of Jake was too strong for the other gods to bring down, its soullessness shielding it from their powers.

Sucks.  Seconded.

The elemental gods were never without a plan, and theirs was flawless in its simplicity.

OK here's the solution. Kill Jake.
That monster you created kills hundreds of our followers daily.

Yeah it's pretty great.

We're going to kill you.

Heyyyyyy

How about... here is a better plan. I will do all I can to stop that shadow. And you can try to kill me sometime later, OK?
Hmmm. I guess we have no choice but to agree to that.

Yeah.

One more thing...

Suck it, lamewads!!

I'm the God of Lies, you fools!
Luckily, a hero was able to stand up and overcome the living shadow. But it comes back now and again, many die each time.

All that, because of the Trickster God!

That’s right! And tricksters follow him, so they must support that! So... we should kill all of them in return!
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There were once three poor travellers, retired soldiers who were jobless and hungry following the end of the war.

They moved from place to place, hoping for a steady job, but there was little for them, and even less food and shelter.
The three met a stranger at a crossroads. Friendly and polite, the stranger listened to their woes as they camped together.

My friends, I am moved by your pitiful plight.
Though I am a down-on-his-luck traveller like yourselves, I have some power to me. I would like to help you three...

...though in exchange, I must ask a small favour from you all.

Two of the ex-soldiers agreed without hesitation, but the third was unsure. She saw something strange in the man’s eyes.

This man... I believe him to be none other than the God of Lies. We cannot trust him!
Is that true?! Are you-
I am indeed the Trickster God. But you have my word, I shall help you.

The three discussed it, but hungry and exhausted, found they had little choice but to accept the offer of Jake.

A gift, for my new friends. A bag that flows endless gold!
The agreement is made! Listen closely, friends!

For the next three years, I must ask the three of you to speak only one phrase each! You must respond to any questions levelled at you, by taking turns repeating these words.

In return, you will never want for money, you will be set for the rest of your lives.
The first of you will say: “All of us”.
The second: “For the money.”
And the last: “That’s how it goes”.
There didn’t seem to be any harm in it. The three travellers found a nearby inn, and despite their trouble speaking, were able to live comfortably there for a long time.

Any problems with their manner of speech were smoothed over by the money given to them by the God of Lies. Some wondered where three ex-soldiers had come across such wealth, but they were left alone.
However, things can never go perfectly, and one day soon...

That's them, sir! I saw them!
Those three are the murderers!

-so?-!

So you three old soldiers did it, huh? You are murderers?

Bound by their promise to the Trickster God, the three had no choice but to reply...
All of us.

You're confessing?!

Why'd you do it?!

For the money.
Do you have anything else to say for yourselves?!

Th-that’s how it...

No, to hell with it! I don’t care what our agreement was with the God of Lies, nothing is worth a false confession to murder! Sir, we are innocent!
...An agreement with the God of Lies? What do you mean?

Yes, you see...

The weary ex-soldier told the whole story to the town watch.

I see... so you three are not murderers...
You are worse! You are allies to the exiled one, Jake!

Um...

And then they were all hanged and/or stoned to death.

“That’s how it goes”!
Hey kids! Don’t deal with tricksters, no matter how amazing and incredible their deals may seem! Because it’s probably not that great!

Even if the Brothers Grimm story* this tract is based off of would have you believe that staying true to your part of the deal instead of wussing out would totally end in hellacious wealth for youself. Just say no, kids!

*The Three Journeymen*. It’s totally about the devil and is totally better than this terrible adaption.
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POOR PRANK
OK, so, today’s story is a true tale about how Jake the God of Lies was very truly exiled. And of course, about why the Elemental Gods want him and all tricksters dead. They are related, you see. And, nothing but true.

Couldn’t think of a good framing device, huh?

Don’t sass me, Leroy Stone.

Ooh, are we name-dropping, Peony?
A-Anyway... we’re going back a long way, to when Jake had his original body, and was probably the most powerful of magic gods.

Hmmm... what should I do today?

As you know, he spent all of his time playing childish pranks on the other gods.

Ooh, I think Ceraph and Leviathan have hit top of my ‘list of guys to annoy’, I’ll start with that!
My lord Jake, I have today’s spying report for you....

I have trickster spies? Awesome!

Sky-God and Sea-God are still at each others’ throats. Fire-God fears the elemental triad may well break down.

Ceraph and Leviathan hate each other?! Stop the presses! Haha but no that is old news.
...Sky-God has also been overprotective of his daughter, the goddess of Clouds.

What is this, a spy report or a gossip report? Wow. My spies are terrible.

I am going to go flying to forget about how terrible you are, guy. Maybe it’ll clear my head a bit, give me a truly excellent idea for a trick.
Hm... I could always shape-shift to- no, I've done that. Turn him blue? No, no, no...

Greetings, Tricky!

Ah! Cera! Goddess of Clouds, daughter of Ceraph! Hmm! Excellent timing, my dear!

Umm... OK?
Say, did you know that one of my powers is possession?

'Owning things' or 'exorcist' kind of possession?

Wanna find out?
I'll just... leave this here...

Maybe I should fly a little lower, now... Damn! This body isn't so good at flying as my regular one, jeez.

Oh, hi Cloudy, don't usually see you here.
Ah... Paul, the God of Waves, son of Leviathan, isn’t it?

Um, yeah.

Hmm... Ceraph hates Lev, Ceraph is protective of his daughter... ooh, it's all coming together, mwaha!

Uh, are you OK there...?
C'mere, Paul!

Uh?

No, I'm telling you, thunderstorms are a breach of-

Cyclones are-
Dude, what-  
No, my son’s name is Paul and- OH! oh.

JAKE!

Jake, get out of my daughter’s body, NOW!

Oh grossssss!
It is a good thing I am more perceptive than I seem, isn’t it, Jake? Else you could have had me and Leviathan here fight each other... break up the elemental triad... Huf!

Well, Ceraph? I think we both know what has to be done. Gather your followers, I will gather mine.

We should probably tell Phoenix, too.
Kill all tricksters.
Let's start with Jake.
Let's not.

Peony I think this is a little very inconsistent with your other writings.
Everything I write is absolutely true. And the art is amazing.
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Midnight

O mighty Jake, we sacrifice this cat to you... on your birthday.

Meow!

I don't want the cat as my sacrifice!

lol wtf is going on

Elements rebuke you, Trickster!

“Submit yourselves therefore to the Elemental Gods. Resist the exiled one, and he will flee from you”

I hate you!

And I hate your lousy birthday!

Wow, sometimes I amaze even myself.