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your mother said, 'i do not want him. let him be a devil," and so you were: grew wings and horns and too big to fit inside the smallness of human rituals. you were cast from eden pre-birth. you scare the locals with your grieving cry, your only-one mating calls in the night. townsfolk lock doors and clog chimneys.

your mother said, 'i do not want him. let him be a devil," and the prophecy was self-fulfilling. you heard her rejection and became rejected. you didn't exist until you were named. You were named and the mass hysteria followed.