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On 21 September 1765, <u>de Bauterne</u> killed an animal he believed was *la Bête*. It was a 130-pound wolf. After sending his trophy to Louis XV, the hero hunter collected his pay. For a time, all was quiet in the Gevaudan. Until ... the killing started again.

Abbe Pierre Pourcher notes, several times, that la Bête was a beast of great cunning:

Her cunning, skill and mobility, even her very existence were completely beyond human understanding.

When the <u>killing resumed</u>, however, local villagers knew Antoine de Bauterne's prey had been just another animal. It was time for Marquis d'Apcher, a 19-year-old, to assemble a hunting party.

Jean Chastel was a member of that group.

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