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I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

THIS CAN'T BE TRUE!




WHO COULD'VE DONE THIS?
WHY WOULD SOMEONE BE
SO CRUEL? WHERE WAS I TO
ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN?
NOT TO YOU...



...LISA...

...MY
BEAUTIFUL
ANGEL...!



JASON,
I'M GUESSING YOU
WANT TO KNOW
WHO IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR THIS ATTACK
ON THE WOMAN
YOU LOVE?

?!?



IT WAS ME.

THE ONLY THING
THAT PLAGUES ME IS THAT
I KNOW I DIDN'T ACT
ALONE.

I DID IT FOR
REASONS THAT ARE
NOT MY OWN...

...IT
SEEMS AS IF
SOMEONE ELSE WAS
PULLING MY
STRINGS!



IT WAS YOU!!

YOUR HEART ACHED
AS YOU WATCHED HER
DIE...

...BUT...

YOU WANTED HER
DEATH MORE THAN
ANYTHING!

SHE WAS REALLY
NOTHING MORE
THAN A TOOL...

...AND YOU USED
HER UNTIL THERE
WASN'T ANYTHING
LEFT!!

HOW'S THAT FOR YOUR
"BEAUTIFUL ANGEL"?

NO!!!

AGAIN WITH THE
SAME DREAM...?

THAT'S THE FOURTH,
MAYBE FIFTH
TIME THIS MONTH.

THEY KEEP GETTING WORSE,
BUT THE STORY IS THE
SAME...

...LISA DIES...

...BY MY HAND!

AM I FINALLY LOSING IT?

WHY DO I KEEP
HAVING SUCH
HORRIBLE DREAMS?

LISA MEANS TOO
MUCH TO ME.

WITH JUST A SIMPLE SMILE,
SHE COMPLETELY TAKES
ALL MY PAIN AWAY.

SHE IS THE ONLY
PERSON ON THIS
PLANET I FEEL I
MUST PROTECT...

I LOVE HER.

WHAT THE...!

THE LEGIONUS!!

KRRASSH!!!

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO THINK...

...I DON'T HAVE TIME TO PROPERLY REACT...

...THEY'RE TOO FAST!!

WHAT CAN I DO...?

...NOTHING!

THERE'S NO WAY OUT OF THIS!

I FELT THEIR PRESENCE,
BUT I WAS TOO LATE!

DO I HAVE A CHANCE TO FIGHT?

NO!

I CAN'T GET AWAY!

I'M SCREWED!

UGH!

THE ROOF?!

KRSSSHHT!!

WHY DID THEY
THROW ME ON MY
ROOF? REGARDLESS,
I'M GONNA BEAT THE
CRAP...

...OUTTA...



...THEM...?



OKAY...

...SO THERE'S
A LOT MORE
LEGIONUS THAN
I EXPECTED.




GOOD...

...THAT MEANS
IT'LL BE MORE
FUN!!!



BRING IT ON!!!



WAIT A SECOND,
SOMETHING'S DIFFERENT...

ARGH!!!

THESE ARE NOT THE
LEGIONUS I FACED BEFORE!

THEY NEVER WORKED
AS A TEAM...

...NOT LIKE THIS!





I MIGHT HAVE TO
TRANSFORM TO WIN..!

..BUT IF I CHANGE I
RISK TURNING INTO
"HIM"!!!

SOMEBODY'S DEFINITELY
CONTROLLING THEM...

...BUT WHO?





I UNDERESTIMATED THEM!!



THE PAIN IS TOO MUCH TO BEAR...

AIIRGH!



I MADE THE MISTAKE
OF THINKING THAT I
CAN TAKE THESE GUYS
WITHOUT SHOWING MY
TRUE FORM...



...THAT IS SOMETHING
I'M NOT GOING TO LET
HAPPEN AGAIN!!



FUNNY, I CAN TELL BY
THEIR MOVEMENTS...

...AND BY THEIR
SCREECHES...

... EVEN THEY FEAR DEATH!




NO MATTER HOW
HARD YOU TRY...

...NO MATTER
WHAT YOU DO...

...YOU ABOMINATIONS...

... WILL NEVER BEAT ME!!



I CAN'T EVEN CALL YOU SINFUL
CREATIONS WORTHY OPPONENTS.
I KNOW THAT I SHOULD HAVE
MERCY ON YOU "THINGS", BUT I
CAN'T...

...EVEN IF YOU WERE
ONCE HUMAN...

...AND FOR THAT I AM SORRY.





HOW BARBARIC,
EVEN FOR YOU MASAD.

?!

AND YOU
ARE....?

ANIMUS,
SON OF AKIVA
AND RIGHTFUL
HEIR TO HELSYN'S
THRONE.







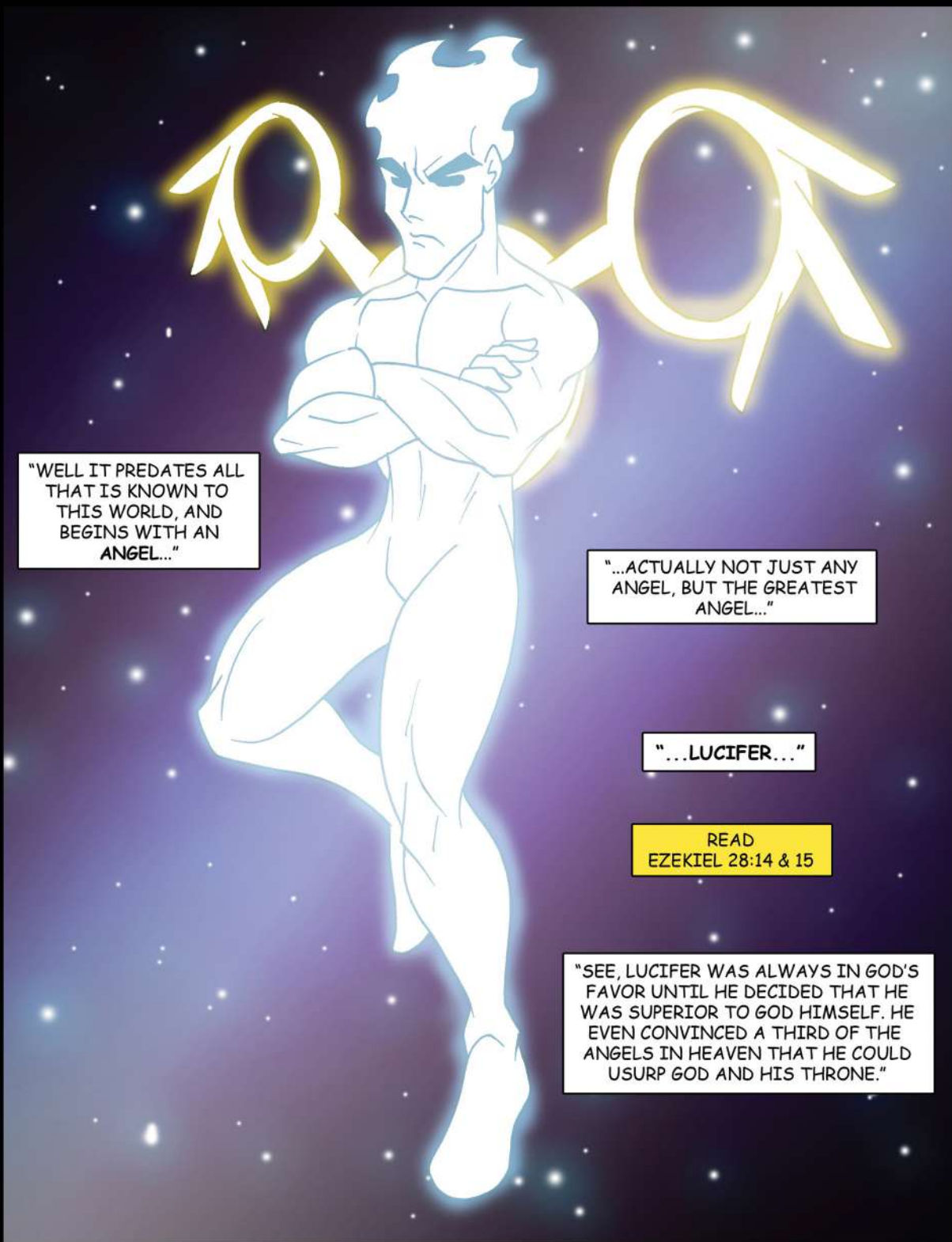
WELL THANKS A LOT BABYLON,
YOU ALLOWED THAT ANIMUS GUY
TO GET AWAY!!!

NO MATTER. THAT FIGHT
WAS FOR ANOTHER DAY.

THEN EXPLAIN TO ME
WHAT'S GOING ON!!

HMMM. WHERE
SHOULD I
BEGIN?

WHO IS HELSYN?



"WELL IT PREDATES ALL THAT IS KNOWN TO THIS WORLD, AND BEGINS WITH AN ANGEL..."

"...ACTUALLY NOT JUST ANY ANGEL, BUT THE GREATEST ANGEL..."

"...LUCIFER..."

READ
EZEKIEL 28:14 & 15

"SEE, LUCIFER WAS ALWAYS IN GOD'S FAVOR UNTIL HE DECIDED THAT HE WAS SUPERIOR TO GOD HIMSELF. HE EVEN CONVINCED A THIRD OF THE ANGELS IN HEAVEN THAT HE COULD USURP GOD AND HIS THRONE."



"GOD THEN CAST DOWN LUCIFER
AND HIS COHORTS TO EARTH
NEVER TO ENTER HEAVEN AGAIN."

READ REVELATION 12:9

"WITH ALL THE HATRED AND
RESENTMENT IN HIS HEART
LUCIFER THE GREATEST ANGEL
WAS NO MORE...."

"...HE BECAME WHO WE NOW
KNOW AS SATAN THE DECEIVER."

"SATAN'S GOAL IS TO DISRUPT ANY
AND ALL PLANS GOD HAS FOR THIS
WORLD WHILE ALSO PROVING
THAT HE IS IN FACT JUST AS
POWERFUL, IF NOT MORE POWERFUL
THAN GOD."



"IN HIS OWN MIND, SATAN BELIEVES
THAT HIS GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT
WAS INTRODUCING SIN TO A PERFECT
WORLD."

READ GENESIS 3



"WITH THE WORLD FESTERING
MORE AND MORE IN ITS OWN
EVIL, SATAN HAD ENOUGH
TO BECOME..."

READ GENESIS 4:1-8



"...HELSYN THE
DESTROYER!!!"

"WITH HIS NEW POWER HE IS CREATING
AN ARMY THAT WILL STAND UP AGAINST
GOD DURING THE SECOND ADVENT..."

"...THE FINAL BATTLE
BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL!!"

"AS FOR YOU MASAD, YOU AND YOUR
LITTLE GIRLFRIEND ARE THE CATALYST
TO GET THIS WAR UNDERWAY!!"



SO TELL ME BABYLON,
WHAT DOES LISA HAVE
TO DO WITH THIS?

WELL, KNOWING
WHO YOU ARE..



"...OTHERS DON'T LIKE THE
IDEA OF THE ANGEL OF DEATH
HAVING A RELATIONSHIP WITH
A HUMAN..."

"...BUT..."

"...THEY REALIZE THAT YOUR
LOVE AND HER DEATH WILL
JUMPSTART THE FINAL WAR."



WHAT?!?!

SO THEY'RE REALLY PLANNING
TO KILL HER IN ORDER TO START
THE SECOND ADVENT?!

PRETTY MUCH.



I HAVE TO
PROTECT LISA
NO MATTER WHAT!!

I SWEAR, IF ANYONE HARMS
HER I WILL DESTROY EVERY
LIVING BEING ON THIS
PLANET!!!



IS HE STRONG?

YES,
PERHAPS
TOO STRONG.





MASADA, A CITY IN SOUTHERN ISRAEL.
IT'S ROUGHLY 72 BC.

THIS ERA WAS KNOWN AS
"THE GREAT JEWISH REVOLT"...

...I REMEMBER IT BEING A DESPERATE
AND BRUTAL TIME FOR THE JEWS.

THE ROMANS HAD DESTROYED ALL
THE FORCES OF ISRAEL, EXCEPT
FOR MASADA, WHICH WAS THEIR
SAFE HAVEN IN THE DESERT.



THE JEWS' SENSE OF SAFETY AND
REFUGE DID NOT LAST LONG THOUGH.



THE ROMANS HAD BROKEN
THROUGH THE MASSIVE WALLS...



...DISCOVERING THAT THE ENTIRE CAMP
OF JEWS COMMITTED A MASS SUICIDE.

THEY WOULD RATHER DIE
THAN FALL INTO THE
HANDS OF THE ROMANS.

NOW IT'S 2078 AD, AND MASADA
ADVANCED BEYOND ANYONE'S
EXPECTATIONS.

IT'S NOW KNOWN AS THE "WORLD TRADE CITY",
A METROPOLIS LIKE NO OTHER.

EVERYTHING FROM TECHNOLOGY,
TO THE ARTS...

...EVEN THE WORLD'S ECONOMY
RUNS THROUGH THE VEINS OF THIS
DISPLAY OF WHAT MANKIND HAS DONE.

WITH THIS POWER COMES ARROGANCE.

THIS TIME AND PLACE WILL BE
THE LOCATION OF HUMANITY'S
DESCENT.

EVEN FOR ME, AS THE ANGEL OF DEATH,
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO STOP IT.

NOW I HAVE TO HEAD
OVER AND PROTECT LISA
FROM HELSYN...

...WITHOUT HER KNOWING
WHAT'S HAPPENING.

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO
PLAY THIS OFF? I MEAN, I'VE
KEPT MY SECRET FROM HER,
BUT WITH DEMONS AIMING
FOR HER THIS IS GOING TO
BECOME A PROBLEM!

I SPENT TOO MUCH TIME TRYING
TO HIDE MY CELESTIAL FORM FROM
HER, BUT I ENDED UP PUTTING HER
IN THE LINE OF FIRE.

I JUST HAVE TO FIGURE OUT A
WAY TO KEEP HER DISTRACTED
WHEN THINGS GET CRAZY, IF
THAT'S EVEN POSSIBLE!

THIS IS WHAT I GET FOR
GETTING INVOLVED WITH
A HUMAN KNOWING WHAT
THE CONSEQUENCES ARE.

I WAS PERFECTLY FINE SIMPLY OBSERVING THE HUMAN RACE AND DOING MY JOB AS THE ANGEL OF DEATH...

...THEN I MET HER...

...LISA LARSON.

SHE WAS AN INTERESTING STUDY. SHE NEVER WENT OUT OF HER WAY TO INTERACT WITH OTHER HUMANS UNLESS COMPLETELY NECESSARY...

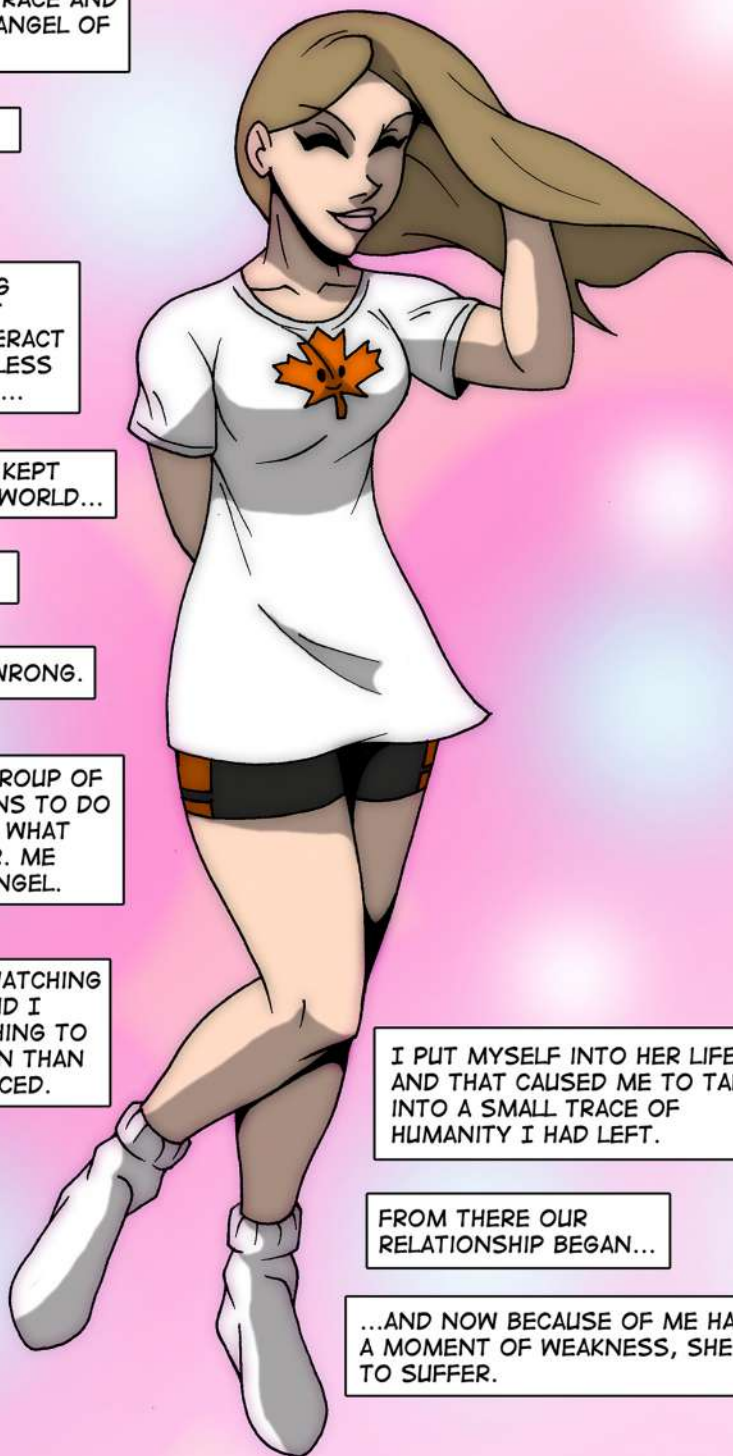
...EVEN THEN SHE STILL KEPT EVERYONE OUT OF HER WORLD...

...UNTIL SHE MET ME.

THAT'S WHERE I WENT WRONG.

I SAVED HER FROM A GROUP OF HUMANS THAT HAD PLANS TO DO HER HARM, AND THAT'S WHAT BROUGHT US TOGETHER. ME BEING HER GUARDIAN ANGEL.

BY THIS TIME I'D BEEN WATCHING HER FOR SOME YEARS AND I COULD NOT ALLOW ANYTHING TO CAUSE HER ANYMORE PAIN THAN SHE'D ALREADY EXPERIENCED.



I PUT MYSELF INTO HER LIFE AND THAT CAUSED ME TO TAP INTO A SMALL TRACE OF HUMANITY I HAD LEFT.

FROM THERE OUR RELATIONSHIP BEGAN...

...AND NOW BECAUSE OF ME HAVING A MOMENT OF WEAKNESS, SHE HAS TO SUFFER.



THINKING THAT I COULD
KEEP UP THIS LIE WAS THE
BIGGEST MISCONCEPTION
I THINK I'VE EVER HAD.

I AM SUCH
A FOOL.



I DESERVE EVERY BIT
OF THIS ANGLISH...

...SHE DOESN'T
THOUGH.



BEFORE I MAKE THE
SITUATION ANY WORSE
THAN WHAT IT IS, I'D
BETTER GET HER OUT
OF HERE!

**KNOCK
KNOCK**







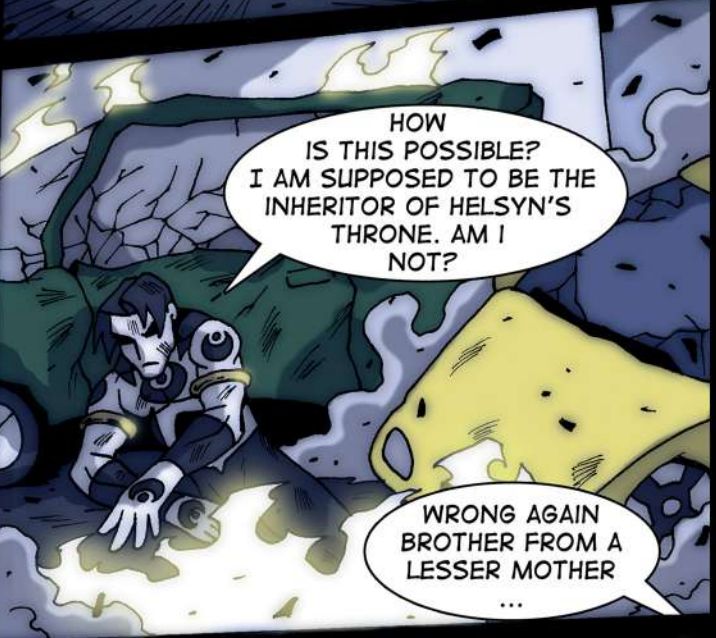








ARE YOU
KIDDING
ME?!



HOW
IS THIS POSSIBLE?
I AM SUPPOSED TO BE THE
INHERITOR OF HELSYN'S
THRONE. AM I
NOT?

WRONG AGAIN
BROTHER FROM A
LESSER MOTHER
...




...AND LET
ME TELL YOU
WHY.



"YOU SEE, AKIVA WAS
IN LOVE WITH SATAN..."

"...AND SATAN WAS IN TURN
IN LOVE WITH AKIVA."




"THROUGH THAT LOVE
I WAS CONCEIVED."

"AFTER A WELL PLACED OPPORTUNITY BY
WAY OF MANIPULATING A POWER HUNGRY
TROLLOP..."



"..YOU WERE BORN."



"BUT YOU SEE THAT WASN'T ENOUGH FOR HER.
SHE HAD A THIRST FOR POWER THAT WAS
SOMETHING OF LEGEND."

"HER JEALOUSY GREW FROM A MERE LIZARD TO
AN OMNIPOTENT DRAGON. SHE WAS TIRED OF
BEING JUST SATAN'S MISTRESS..."

"...AND SINCE YOU WERE HER SON AS WELL AS
SATAN'S, SHE FELT YOU HAD EVERY RIGHT TO
BE SATAN'S TRUE SUCCESSOR."

"SO IN A FIT OF COVETOUS PRIDE, SHE CHALLENGED AKIVA TO A DUEL TO SEE WHOSE BLOODLINE WOULD BECOME THE HARBINGERS OF DESTRUCTION ALONG SATAN."



"OF COURSE HADRIAN, YOU KNOW HOW THIS NEXT PART TURNED OUT..."

"...YOUR DEAR SWEET MOTHER WAS LITTERLY DEFEATED."

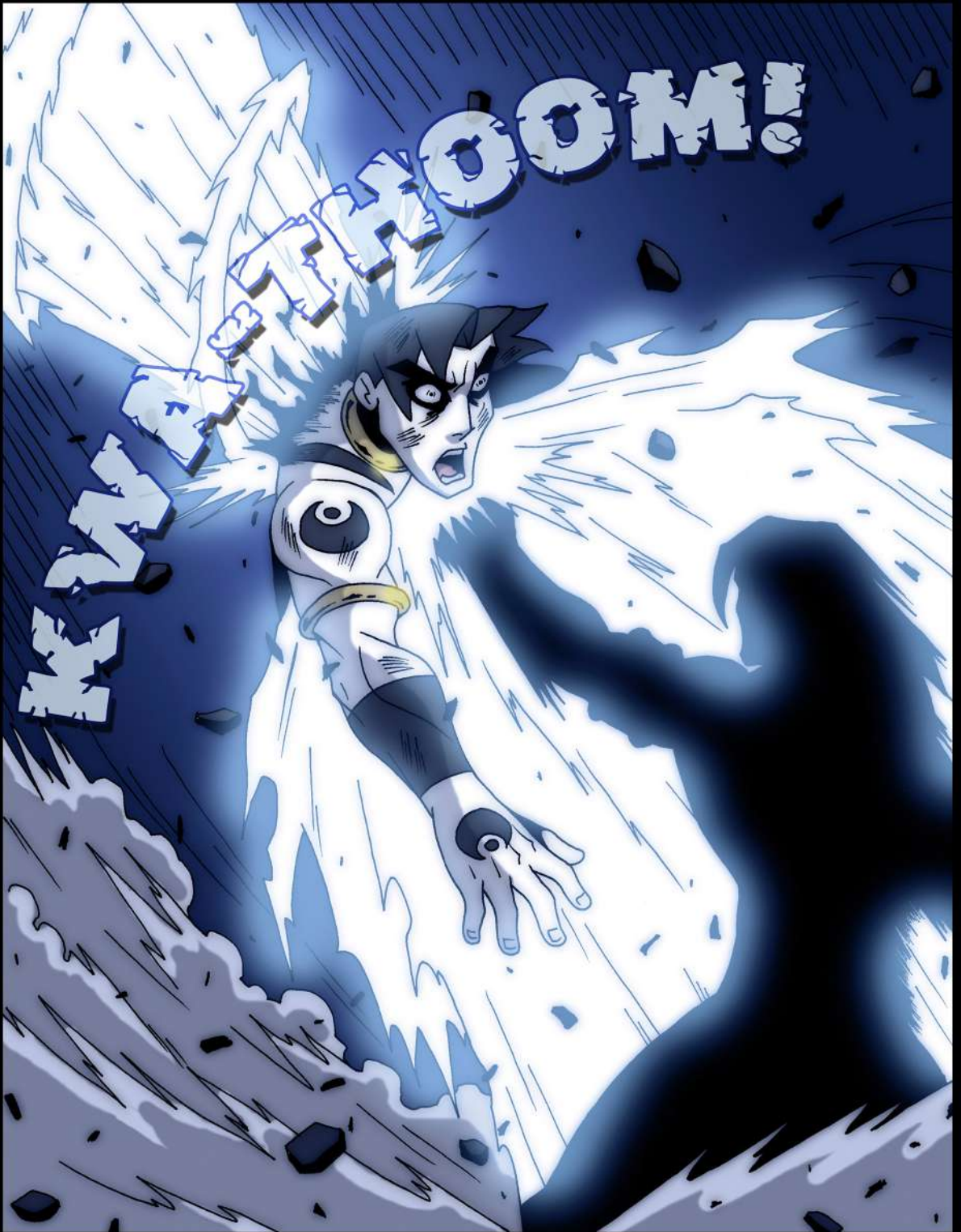
"TO ADD INSULT TO INJURY, YOU AND YOUR MOTHER WERE EXILED FROM SATAN'S PRESENCE..."



"... PROVING WITHOUT A DOUBT THAT YOU ARE WEAK. PERHAPS, YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PUT UP A BETTER FIGHT IF YOU DIDN'T COME FROM SUCH A LOWLY PIECE OF **EXCREMENT** SUCH AS YOUR **MOTHER**."

"I DARE NOT CALL HER NAME, FOR I MAY CONTRACT SOME UNHOLY PLAGUE IF I DO SO."







NOW THAT
YOU'RE OUT OF
THE WAY...

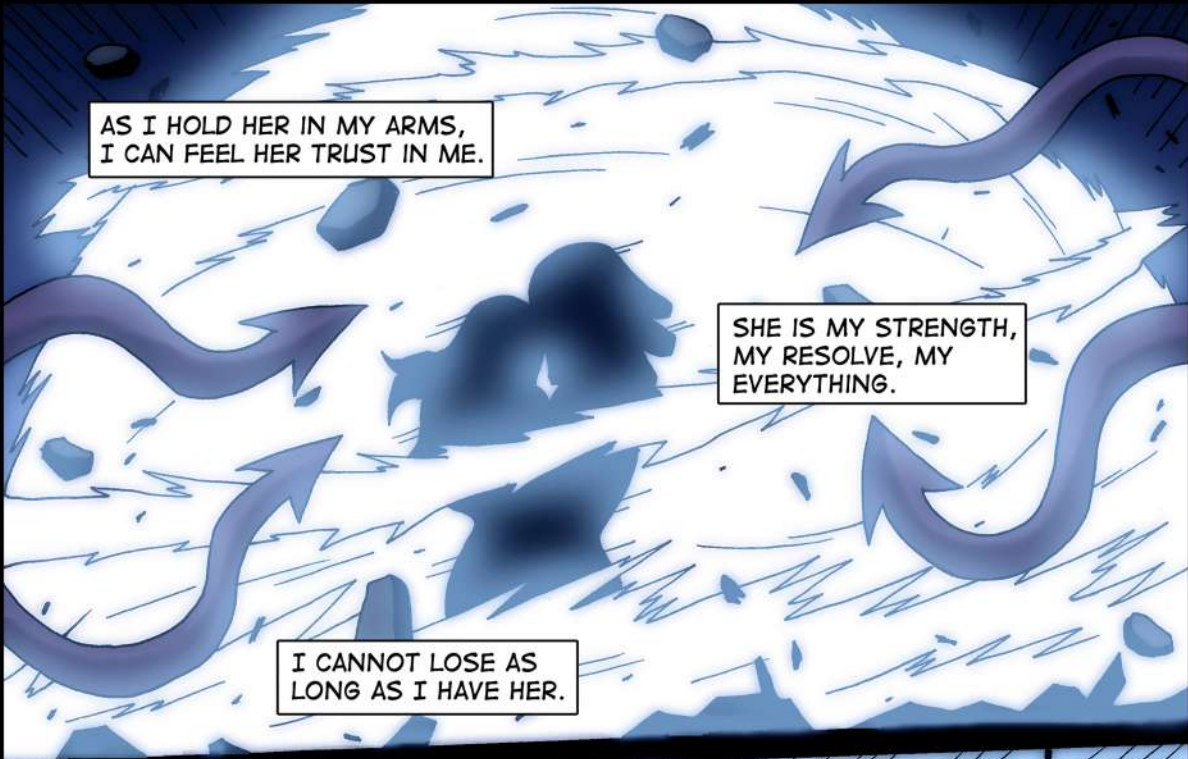


...I CAN BEGIN MY
PLANS TO SHOW MY
FATHER THAT I AM
BETTER SUITED TO
RULE.



"UGH. WHEN WILL ALL THE ANNOYANCES
OF THIS WORLD CEASE?"





AS I HOLD HER IN MY ARMS,
I CAN FEEL HER TRUST IN ME.


SHE IS MY STRENGTH,
MY RESOLVE, MY
EVERYTHING.

I CANNOT LOSE AS
LONG AS I HAVE HER.



LISA...

...MY BEAUTIFUL ANGEL.



IMPRESSIVE.
HE WAS ABLE TO DESTROY THE
LEGIONUS BY JUST MANIPULATING
HIS TRANSFORMATION
ENERGY.

SO AKIVA,
WHICH ONE OF YOUR
SONS DO YOU THINK
HAS THE STRONGER
BLOODLINE...



...ANIMUS
OR MASAD?





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