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“...IF THE PRINCES OF THIS WORLD KNEW BETTER, THEY WOULD NOT
HAVE CRUCIFIED THE LORD OF GLORY...”
-1 CORINTHIANS 2:8



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THE HIMALAYAS, INDIA.

IT WILL HAPPEN TONIGHT. JUDAS HAS FALLEN. PETER AND THE REST ARE WEAKENED.

THE SHEPHERD WILL BE STRUCK. THE SHEEP WILL SCATTER.



WE ARE TO STAND ASIDE... AND JUST OBSERVE?

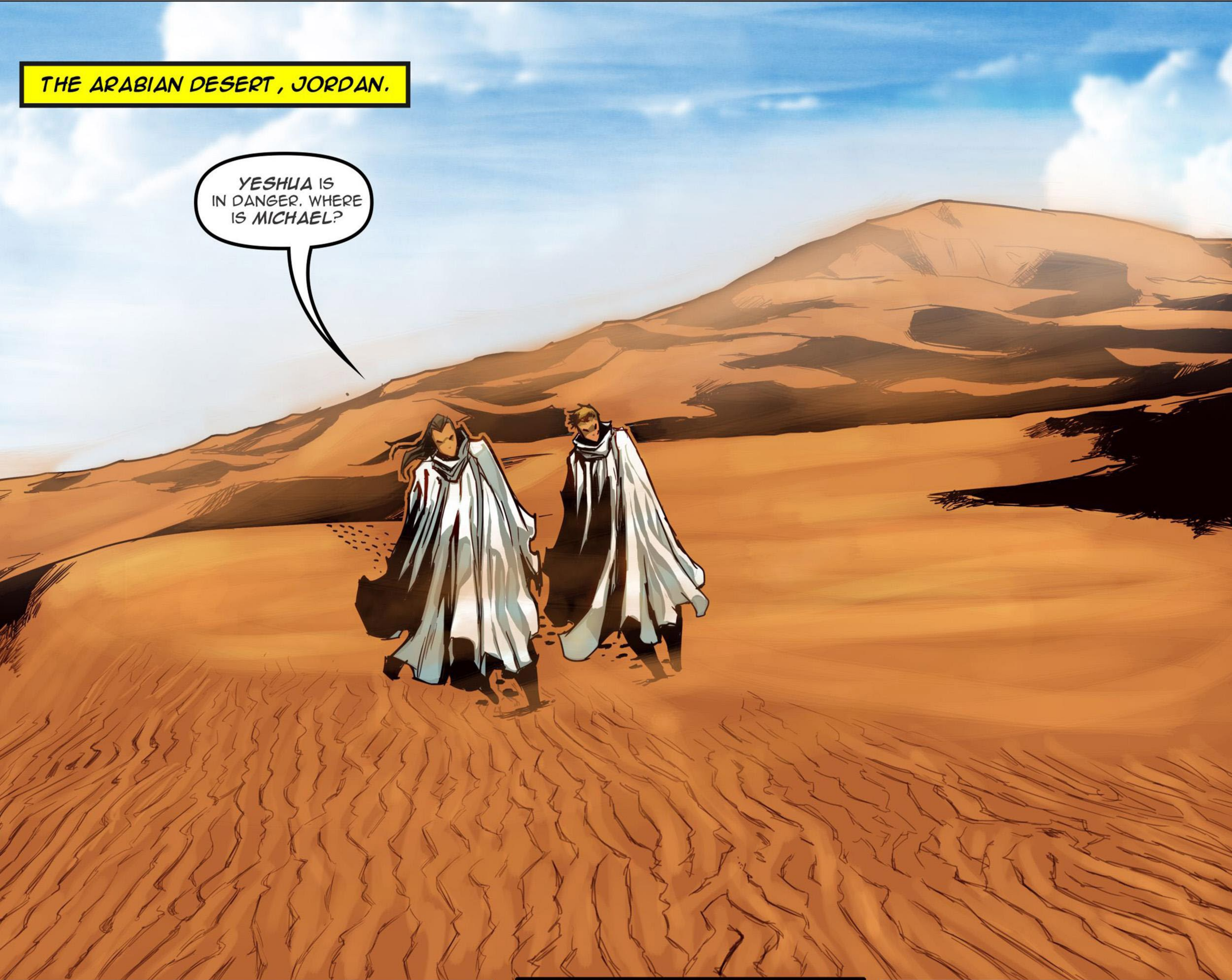
YES.

GUARD YOUR THOUGHTS BROTHER. NOTHING CAN HAPPEN THAT IS NOT ALLOWED.



THE ARABIAN DESERT, JORDAN.

YESHUA IS
IN DANGER. WHERE
IS MICHAEL?



HE IS IN
JERUSALEM;
IN THE GARDEN OF
GETHSEMANE. THEY
ARE TOGETHER.



GOOD.



MAYBE, MAYBE
NOT. WE HAVE ORDERS
TO DO NOTHING THIS
NIGHT, NO MATTER
WHAT HAPPENS.





Y

ESHUA AND HIS DISCIPLES HAVE JUST FINISHED
THEIR LAST SUPPER; HE TAKES PETER, JAMES AND JOHN
WITH HIM, UP TO GETHSEMANE TO PRAY.

AFTER A WHILE THEY FALL ASLEEP BUT YESHUA REMAINS
AWAKE; CAUGHT IN DEEP ANGUISH. THE NIGHT HOLDS HIS
GREATEST TEST; THIS NIGHT, HE WILL TASTE DEATH.

THERE ARE ANGELS ALL AROUND HIM; CONCEALED BUT
CLOSE BY.

HE CAN FEEL THEIR COMFORTING PRESENCE; BUT THEN HE
SENSES SOMEONE ELSE APPROACHING, HIS OLD FOE...

LUCIFER.

THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE.



HELLO *LUCIFER*,
WHAT BRINGS YOU
HERE? HAVE YOU COME
TO PRAY WITH ME? OR
TO OFFER ME THE
WORLD AGAIN.



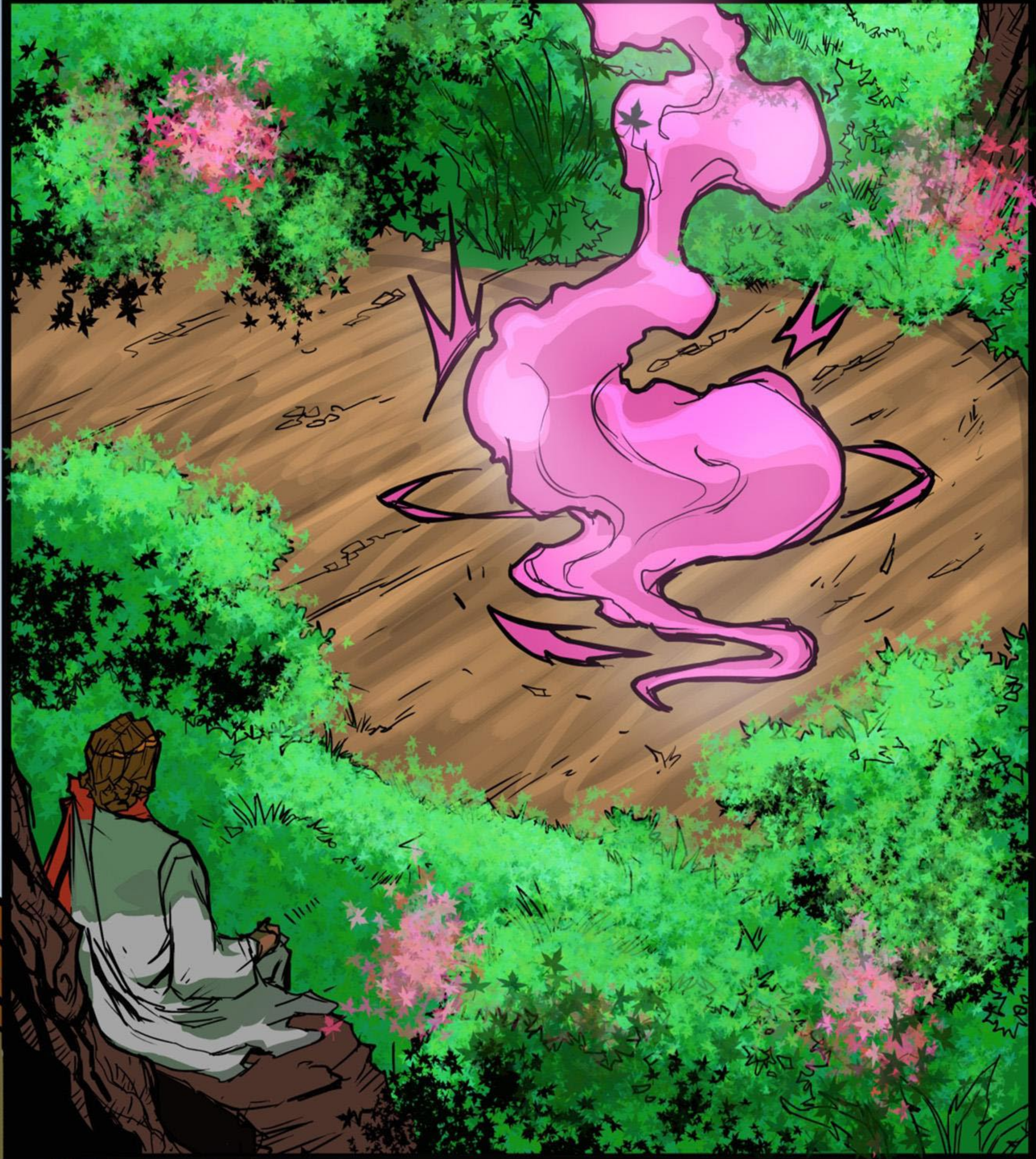
GOOD EVENING, LORD *YESHUA*.
I HAVE COME TO REASON WITH YOU,
AGAIN. I SEE YOUR DISCIPLES HAVE
FORSAKEN YOU FOR SLEEP.

WHY YOU AND
YOUR FATHER WASTE
YOUR TIME ON THEM
IS BEYOND ME.

YOU COULD NEVER
SEE THE TREE IN A SEED
LUCIFER; IT WAS ALWAYS
YOUR BIGGEST FLAW.

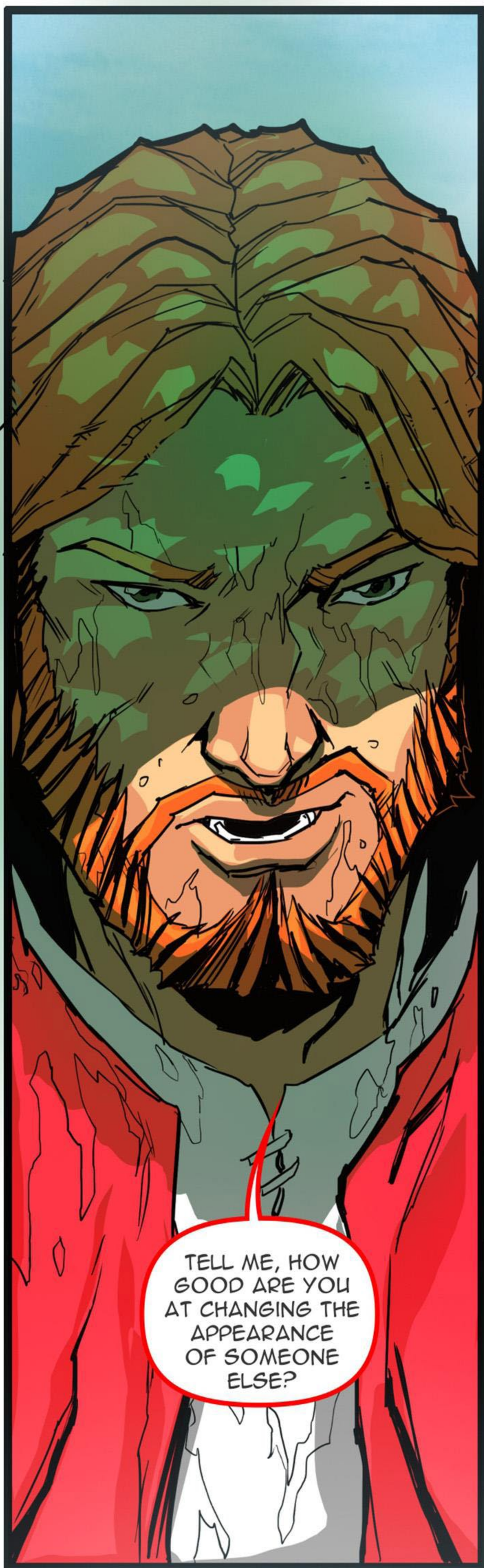
BE THAT AS IT MAY.
I HAVE NOT COME TO TRADE
PARABLES LORD *YESHUA*, I HAVE
COME TO OFFER YOU YOUR LIFE.
I HAVE YOU COMPLETELY SURROUNDED;
YOUR JUDAS HAS TURNED TO ME. THE
HIGH PRIEST, THE TEMPLE GUARDS, THE
MOB, PILATE; THEY'RE ALL MINE. I URGE
YOU ONE LAST TIME; BOW TO ME.
BOW TO ME AND I WILL MAKE THEM
ALL GO AWAY; I WILL GIVE YOU
THE EARTH AND A LONG
LIFE TO ENJOY IT.

YOU THINK I WANT
AN ESCAPE FROM DEATH;
I DO NOT. I HAVE WORK TO DO
IN *SHEOL* AS WELL AS EARTH AND
DEATH IS THE ONLY WAY TO GET
THERE, SO DO WHAT YOU
MUST...QUICKLY.

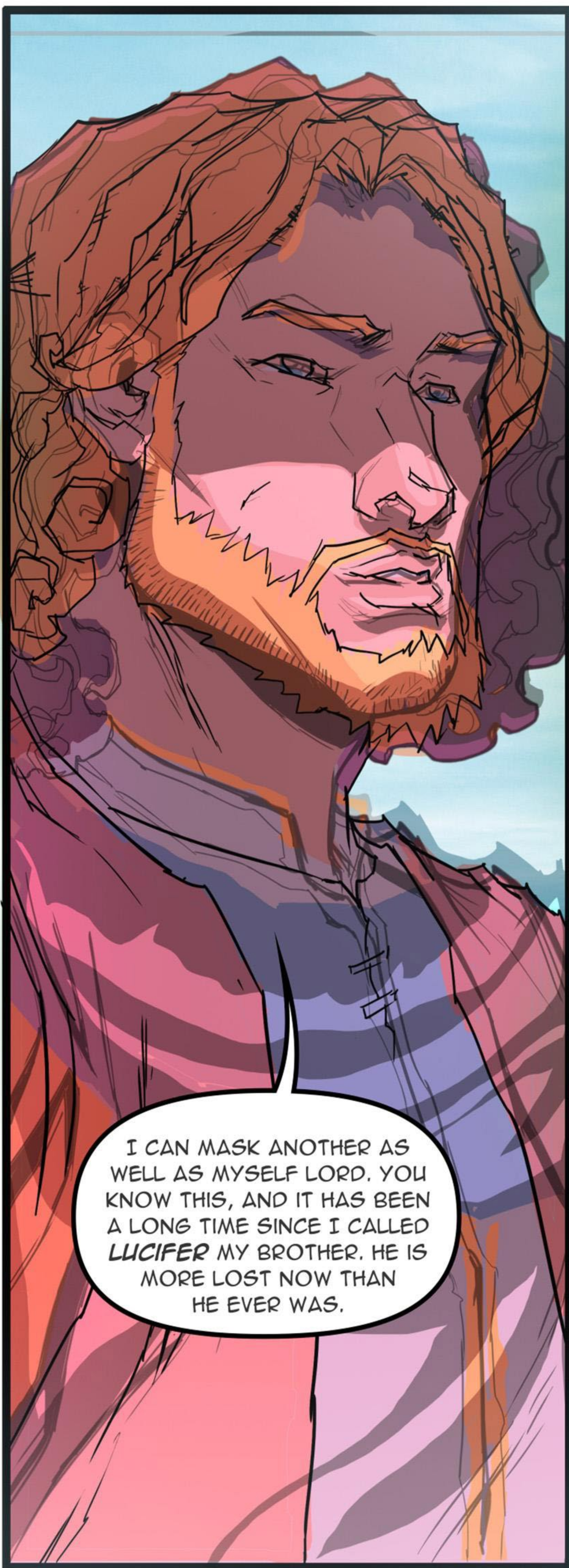


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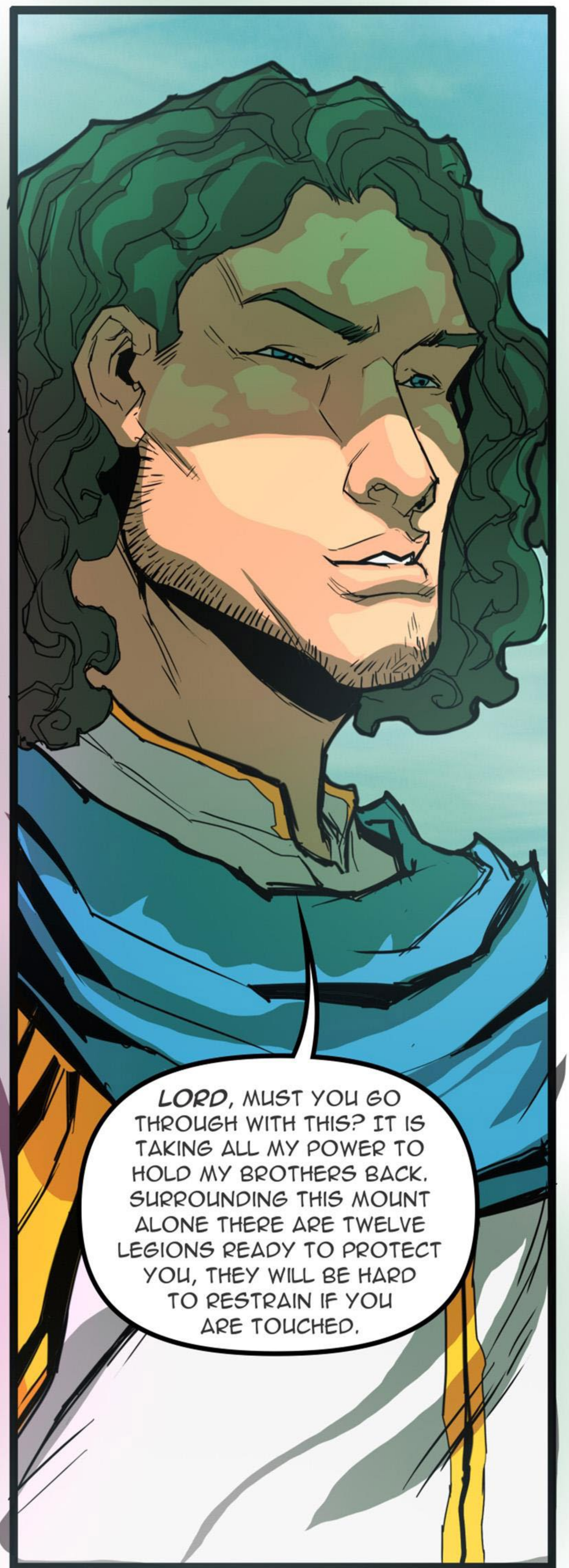




TELL ME, HOW GOOD ARE YOU AT CHANGING THE APPEARANCE OF SOMEONE ELSE?



I CAN MASK ANOTHER AS WELL AS MYSELF LORD. YOU KNOW THIS, AND IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I CALLED **LUCIFER** MY BROTHER. HE IS MORE LOST NOW THAN HE EVER WAS.



LORD, MUST YOU GO THROUGH WITH THIS? IT IS TAKING ALL MY POWER TO HOLD MY BROTHERS BACK. SURROUNDING THIS MOUNT ALONE THERE ARE TWELVE LEGIONS READY TO PROTECT YOU, THEY WILL BE HARD TO RESTRAIN IF YOU ARE TOUCHED.



YOU HAVE ALWAYS TRUSTED ME **MICHAEL**; WHEN **LUCIFER** TURNED, THOUGH HE WAS YOUR BROTHER, YOU FOUGHT HIM AND CAST HIM HERE. THAT WAS LONG AGO; BUT HE IS STILL NOT BROKEN. HE WILL NOT REST UNTIL HE DESTROYS THIS EARTH AND TOTALLY CORRUPTS MAN WHOM YOU KNOW MY FATHER AND I LOVE. I NEED TO END THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL. I HAVE ASKED **YAHWEH** IF THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO DO THIS; THERE IS NONE. I WILL DIE TOMORROW; A SACRIFICE TO TURN HIS ANGER AWAY FROM MAN. **LUCIFER** WILL WIN A LITTLE BATTLE, BUT THERE IS STILL A WAR TO COME.

I WILL NEED YOU **MICHAEL**.

WHAT WILL YOU HAVE ME DO LORD?

THE TEMPLE OF DAVID, JERUSALEM.

WHY IS HE SO CONFIDENT, SO SURE OF HIMSELF? COULD HE BE THE ONE? MAYBE I SHOULD CALL THIS OFF. LEAVE HIM ALONE AND LET HIM DIE OLD AND GREY.

HUMBLY MASTER, I DISAGREE.

BUT WHAT OF THE PROPHECIES? IF THEY ARE TRUE THEN WE WILL BE DOING EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTS BY KILLING HIM.


THE PROPHECIES SAY HE WILL DIE AND BE RAISED FROM THE DEAD; LAZARUS ALREADY DID THAT, IT'S NOTHING NEW.

I SAY HE'S A FAKE, JUST ANOTHER PROPHET WHO HAS FOUND A WAY TO DO GREAT MIRACLES. LIKE ALL THE PROPHETS THAT WENT BEFORE, HE WILL DIE AND STAY DEAD IF WE KILL HIM. AND EVEN IF HE IS THE ONE, THIS IS OUR KINGDOM. WE ALMOST WON IN HEAVEN, WHERE WE WERE OUTMATCHED.


HERE WE ARE IN CONTROL. AND IF YAHWEH TRULY HAS INHABITED A HUMAN BODY, WHAT BETTER CHANCE TO CLAIM OUR REVENGE THAN THIS.

YOU'RE RIGHT BAEI. GO AND DO ALL WE HAVE PLANNED, AND THEN MEET ME IN SHEOL. I MUST MEET WITH ABADDON.


PONTIUS PILATE AT COURT.



THESE SHEPHERDS
ATTACKED ONE OF MY
MEN WHO WAS OUT HELPING
PUBLICANS COLLECT
TAXES.



WHAT HAVE YOU TO SAY FOR
YOURSELVES? ARE YOU GUILTY OF
THE CRIME? DID YOU ATTACK THIS SOLDIER
OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE, WHO WAS
DOING HIS LAWFUL DUTY?




PLEASE MY LORD,
IT WAS MY LAST SHEEP THAT
YOUR SOLDIER TOOK, AFTER
OTHER SOLDIERS HAD TAKEN THE
REST; *GESTAS* IS MY UNCLE AND
WAS ONLY TRYING TO HELP
ME. PLEASE HAVE MERCY
ON US.

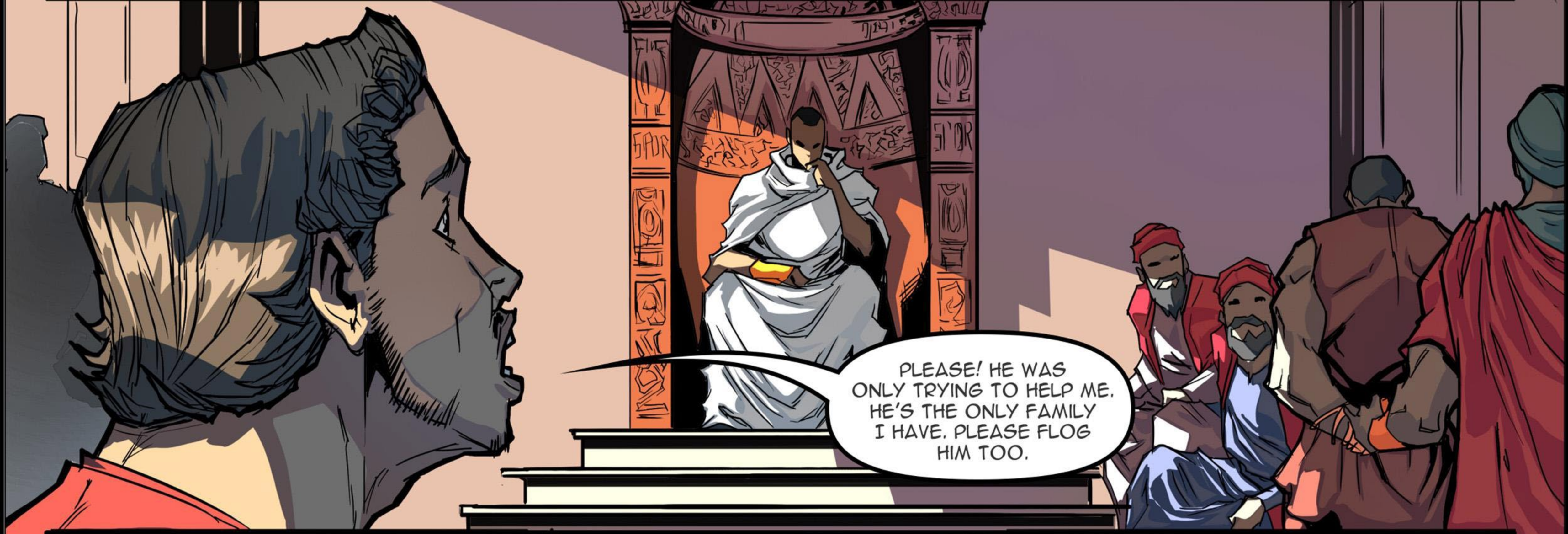


DID THESE
MEN BOTH
ATTACK
YOU?


NO, JUST
THE UGLY
ONE.



IT'S AN EASY DECISION THEN. FLOG THE BOY AND LET HIM GO. CRUCIFY THE OTHER ONE.



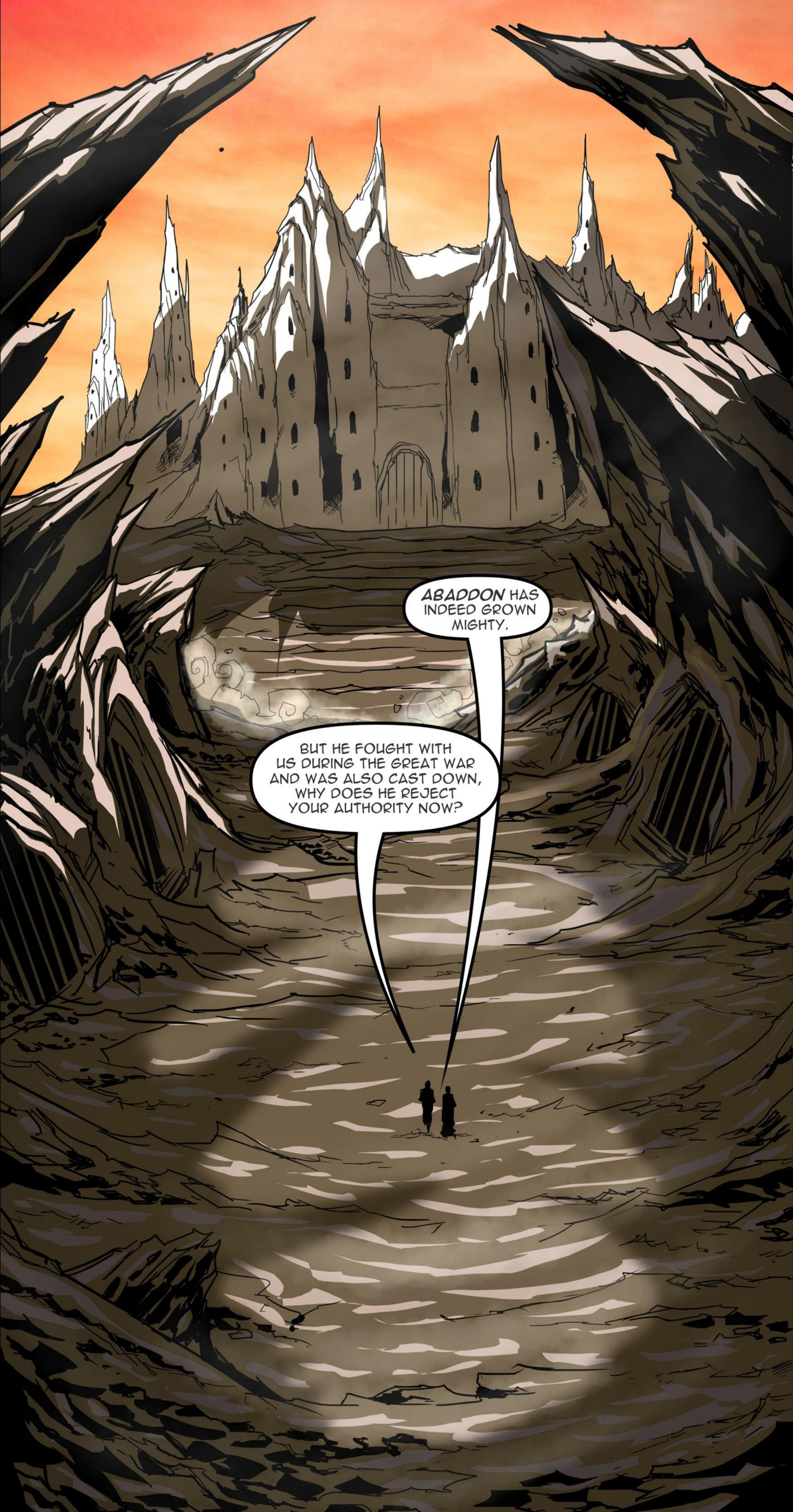
PLEASE! HE WAS ONLY TRYING TO HELP ME. HE'S THE ONLY FAMILY I HAVE. PLEASE FLOG HIM TOO.



BARELY AN HOUR AGO, I SENTENCED AN INNOCENT MAN TO DEATH AND LET A MURDERER GO FREE. THIS *GESTAS* WOULD'VE KILLED MY SOLDIER IF HE HAD THE CHANCE. NO MORE MURDERERS WILL GO FREE TODAY; NEITHER WILL THEIR FRIENDS.



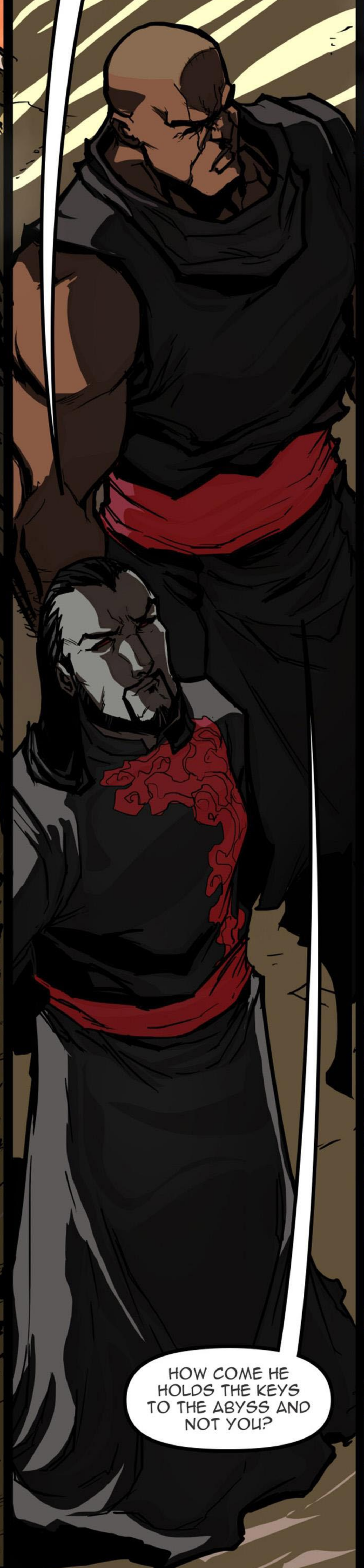
CRUCIFY THEM BOTH, ALONGSIDE THAT RABBI, *JESUS*.



ABBADDON HAS
INDEED GROWN
MIGHTY.

BUT HE FOUGHT WITH
US DURING THE GREAT WAR
AND WAS ALSO CAST DOWN,
WHY DOES HE REJECT
YOUR AUTHORITY NOW?

PARTLY OUT OF
ANGER THAT OUR SIDE
LOST; HE CHOSE TO FIGHT
WITH US AT THE LAST MINUTE,
A CHOICE HE REGRETS
AND BLAMES ON ME.



HOW COME HE
HOLDS THE KEYS
TO THE ABYSS AND
NOT YOU?

IT STARTS HERE...

TO BE CONTINUED...

HOPE RISEN

PRESURRECTION IS A STORY OF WHAT MIGHT HAVE OCCURRED IN THE DAYS BETWEEN THE CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION. WHAT WE KNOW FOR SURE IS THAT THERE IS A PLACE AFTER DEATH WHERE THE RIGHTEOUS AND UNRIGHTEOUS ARE HELD. WE KNOW THAT THE ANCIENT BIBLICAL FIGURES ARE IN PARADISE WITH ABRAHAM. WE KNOW THERE WAS A STRUGGLE FOR THE KEYS OF DEATH AND THE GRAVE; THAT JESUS TRIUMPHED OVER THE SATAN, AND THAT SATAN WAS SUBSEQUENTLY MADE A SPECTACLE IN HELL (SHEOL) FOR ALL TO SEE.

PRESURRECTION TRIES TO FILL IN THE BLANKS; TO TELL A TALE OF ADVENTURE, INTRIGUE, BETRAYAL AND RESTORED LOVE AND TRUST, WHILE RESPECTING THE VALUES OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND THE BIBLE FROM WHICH IT DRAWS INSPIRATION. WHILE CREATIVE LICENSE IS TAKEN IN LARGE MEASURE AND VARIOUS INSTANCES, IN NO WAY IS THE SOVEREIGNTY OF CHRIST IMPUGNED; OUR PURPOSE IS TO RETELL THE STORY OF THE CRUCIFIXION THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF COMICS; SHOWING THAT OUR SPIRITUAL FOREBEARS ARE EVERY BIT AND MORE THE HERO AS THE ONES WE SEE ON THE BIG SCREEN TODAY.

THE BIBLE IS FULL OF HEROES. NOT JUST INSPIRATIONAL CHARACTERS, BUT FULL-ON SUPER HEROES.

FROM ELIJAH WHO OUTRAN A ROYAL CHARIOT PULLED BY A TEAM OF STALLIONS, TO JOSHUA WHO MADE THE SUN STAND STILL, TO MOSES WHO PARTED A SEA, TO SAMSON THE ORIGINAL HULK, TO PHILIP WHO TELEPORTED FROM JERUSALEM TO AZOTUS, TO JESUS WHO WALKED THROUGH A SOLID DOOR. WE HOPE YOU ENJOY READING AS MUCH AS WE ENJOYED CREATING A STORY OF THE ORIGINAL SUPER HEROES.

BLESS.
DAVID ATTA.

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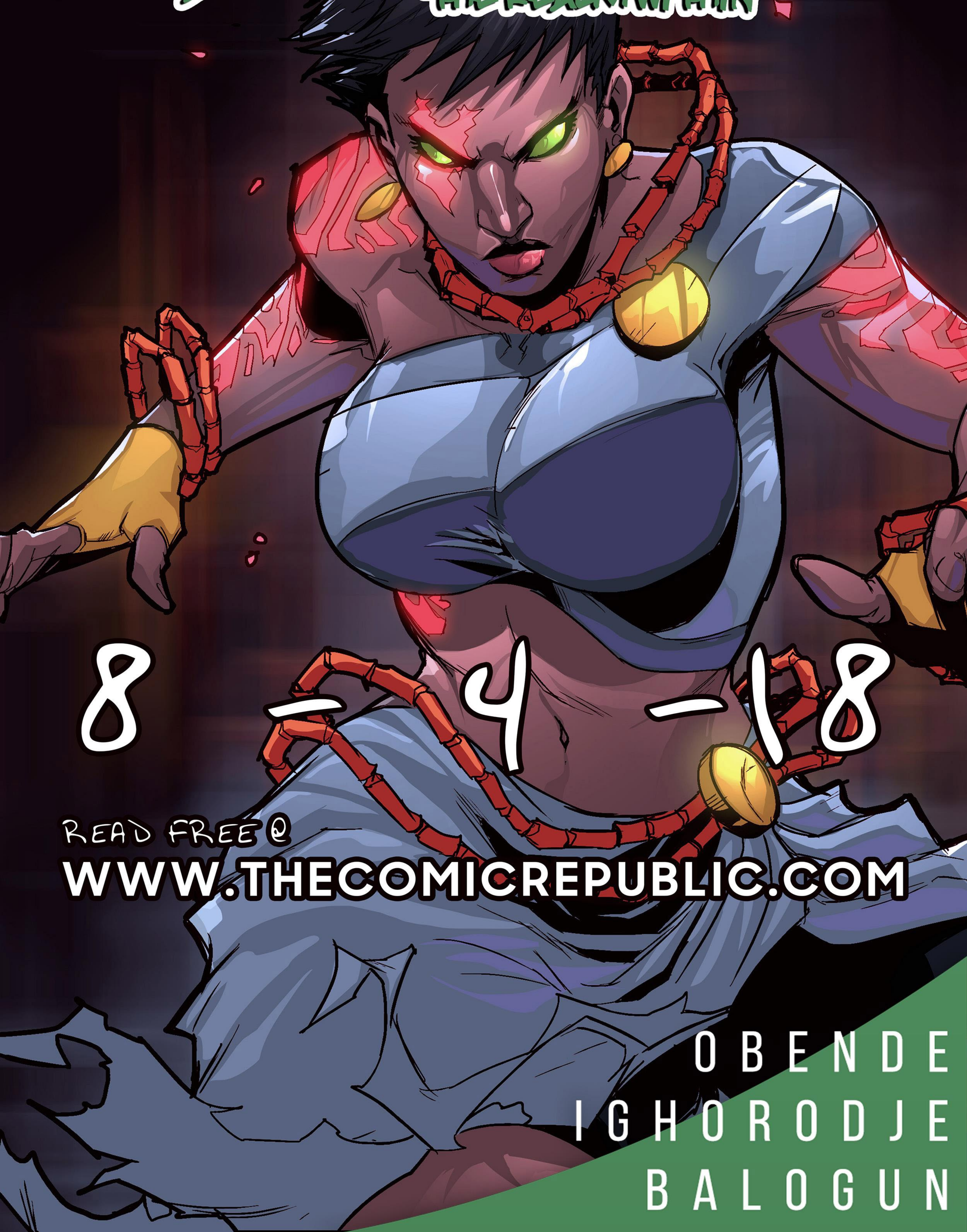
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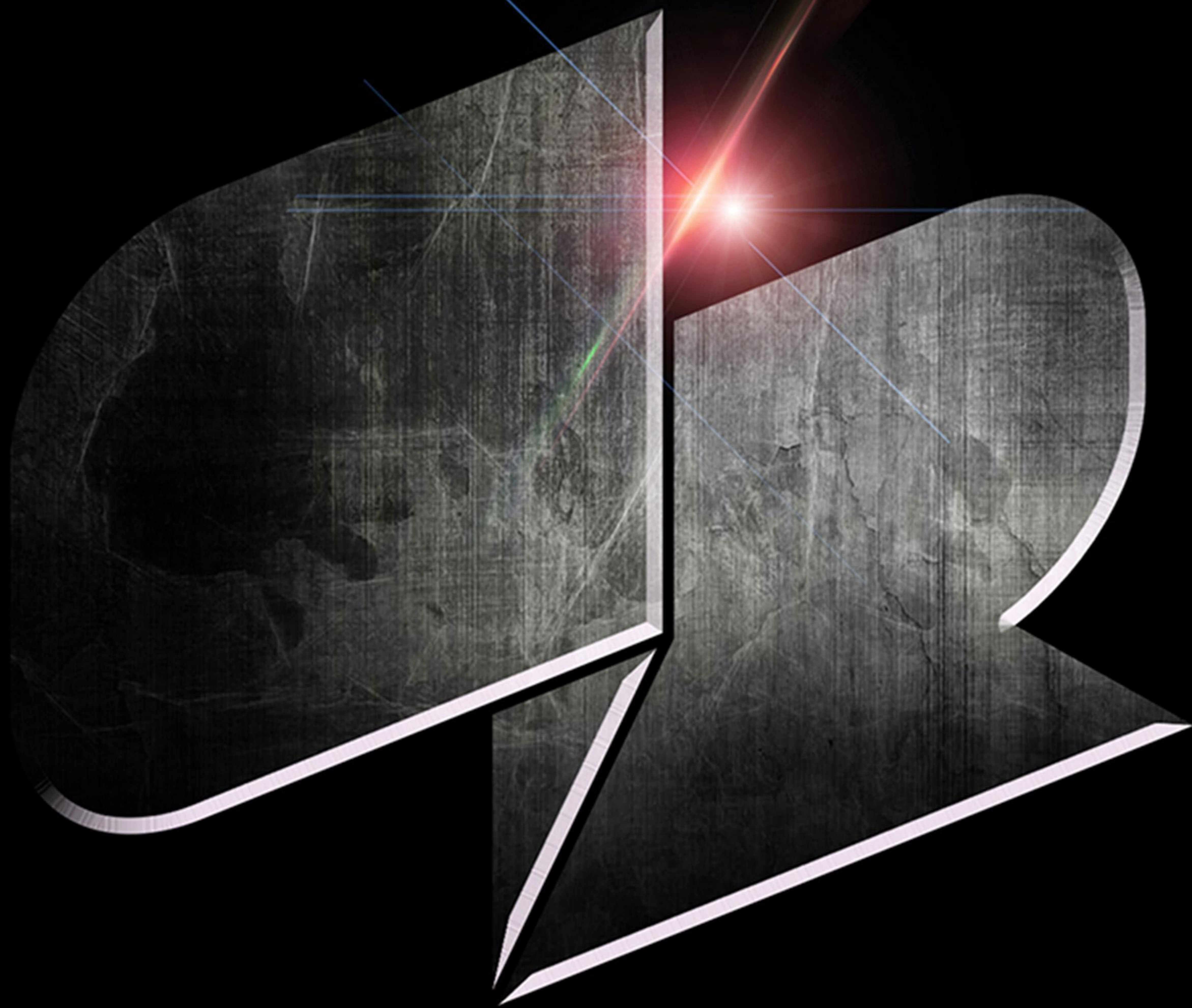
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