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## INNER DEMONS



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### ❧ PILOT OUTLINE ❧

The initial issue herein is an introduction to the main characters within Disciples A.D. It incorporates mini stories (penciled, inked, and colored by a host of fine artists from around the world) of The Disciples and their ongoing struggles with their divine endowments and newfound reality. Altercations with foes, human and beyond, are illustrated as well.

### ❧ PROLOGUE ❧

The inhabitants of worlds everywhere are being devoured as the Dark Lord has unleashed pure and demonic evil. The Almighty must exercise absolute influence and act NOW. Thus, a privileged eight are chosen, reborn and granted otherworldly defenses in order to emancipate the oppressed.

The Disciples are: Mother Superior (MS), Sovereign Sheppard, Hallowed Man (Hal), Deke-N, The Reverend, Trinity, Holly Ghost, and Altered Boy (AB).

### ❧ SERIES BIBLE ❧

Disciples receive direction from the Almighty, who commands telepathically within the mountains and skies encompassing The Disciples' headquarters. These reborn champions were mainly created to serve and defend the victims of a re-formed breed of nine grotesque ultra-demons historically documented as "The Ancient Ones."

The Disciples' goal is to suppress and forever extinguish these all-powerful fiends, that have been in existence since the beginning of man. The demons take many forms and are hell bent on ravaging the non-believing, unfaithful, weak, and downtrodden.

Disciples A.D. was created to be a continuing graphic novel series. Within the overall storyline, The Disciples will be challenged and tested by these demons of the Dark Lord. Once all have been permanently dispatched, the Almighty will again reign and be perceived as ultimate and supreme. It will be a peaceful time once more, and the Under-Lord King will have been greatly reduced in strength, force, and control.

The Disciples' primary antagonists in this new realm of reality are the Dark Lord's #1, Maxim D'Ansar, and his sadistic and mysterious servant, R. Scrylek. These two powerful and authoritative minions are emissaries to The Ancient Ones.

Eight Divine Guardians vs. The Demons of the Dark Lord

THE TIME IS NOW.

THE BATTLE...IS ON!







## ALTERED BOY (AB)

LATIN AMERICAN  
5'7"

SPECIAL ABILITIES: METAMORPHOSIS.  
AURA OF SAFEGUARD.

PERSONALITY: ALWAYS STRIVING TO GAIN ATTENTION. YEARNs TO BECOME AN ADULT, BUT WILL FOREVER REMAIN A TEENAGER.

MORTAL LIFE ON EARTH: MOTHER WAS A HEAVY DRUG USER, RESULTING IN AB'S WITNESSING MUCH DEPRAVITY. WHILE PLAYING OUTDOORS, WAS ABDUCTED AND ABUSED.

## DEKE-N

JAPANESE-AMERICAN  
6'1"

DRAGON WEAPON: SILVER FLAME OF PARALYSIS (DRAGON BREATH).

SPECIAL ABILITIES: DISPLACEMENT. ULTRA-QUICK. SUPREME LEVEL OF MARTIAL ARTS. METAMORPHOSIS AT WILL INTO A 20' SILVER DRAGON. AURA OF SAFEGUARD.

PERSONALITY: BROODING. MOODY. ALOOF. HIGHLY INDEPENDENT. FREEDOM-FILLED.

MORTAL LIFE ON EARTH: ALTHOUGH RAISED IN A LOVING FAMILY, OFTEN WANDERED OFF AND RAN AWAY FROM HOME. ALWAYS SEARCHING, BUT NEVER FINDING. ALCOHOLIC — AND FOR SOME MYSTERIOUS REASON, STILL BATTLES THE DISEASE.

NAME IN DRAGON FORM: NOSTRAZIGAL (NO-STRAW-ZEE-GAL)



## HALLOWED MAN (HAL)

SCOTSMAN  
9'

SPECIAL ABILITIES: SECOND ONLY TO MOTHER SUPERIOR IN SHEER STRENGTH AND FORCE. MUTATES FROM 9' INTO A 14' GOLIATH-BERSERKER UPON A PRAYER RECITATION. WHEN BATTLE IS NIGH, HAL CAN RELEASE A SEMI-TRANSPARENT APPARITION FROM HIS BEING TO GUARD AGAINST MASSIVE ATTACK. AURA OF SAFEGUARD.

PERSONALITY: PLAYFUL AND INTENSELY KIND.

MORTAL LIFE ON EARTH: RIDICULED FOR BEING OBESE AS A CHILD. DESPISES NARCISSISTS. BIG TEDDY BEAR, BUT RAGES WHEN TEMPER IS LOST. WILL PUT HIS LIFE ON THE LINE TO PROTECT THE SMALL, FRAGILE, AND LONELY. LOST HIS YOUNGER BROTHER TO CANCER WHEN HE WAS VERY YOUNG.





## HOLLY GHOST

AMERICAN  
5'5"

**SPECIAL ABILITIES:** APPARITION. MOVEMENT THROUGH ANY MATERIAL. FREE-FLOWING HANDS STUN FOES. AURA OF SAFEGUARD.

**PERSONALITY:** VERY BACKWARD. OVERWHELMED BY THE CRUELTY OF MAN AND THE LOSS OF HER FORMER FAMILY.

**MORTAL LIFE ON EARTH:** EXCRUCIATINGLY SHY AS A YOUNG CHILD AND BULLIED SEVERELY BECAUSE OF IT.

## THE REVEREND

BRITISH  
7'5"

**SPECIAL ABILITIES:** CLERIC, HEALER, AND DEFENSIVE SPELL-CASTER. VERY HIGH DEXTERITY. AURA OF SAFEGUARD.

**PERSONALITY:** SOMEWHAT NERDY. HIGHLY OPTIMISTIC AND SUPREMELY INTELLIGENT.

**MORTAL LIFE ON EARTH:** BORN A CHILD PRODIGY IN INTELLECT ALONE. NOT MANY CAN MATCH HIS WIT. INTENSELY GIVING. WAS BELITTLED OFTEN DUE TO OTHERS' REALIZATION OF HOW FAR BEYOND HE WAS THAN MOST.



## TRINITY

NORDIC  
5'10"

**SPECIAL ABILITIES:** MANIPULATION OF ELEMENTS BORN OF THE EARTH. AURA OF SAFEGUARD.

**PERSONALITY:** WARM, CARING, AND TREMENDOUSLY GIVING. AT ONE WITH NATURE.

**MORTAL LIFE ON EARTH:** DAUGHTER OF OIL/ENERGY BUSINESS MAGNATE. DISCOVERED HER FATHER'S UNSCRUPULOUS AND ILLEGAL AMBITIONS TOWARDS THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT. STAUNCH ADVOCATE FOR THE SANCTITY AND PROTECTION OF LAND, AIR, AND SEA.







## MOTHER SUPERIOR (MS)

CO-LEADER

AMERICAN

6'4"

SPECIAL ABILITIES: UNRIVALED STRENGTH, FLIGHT.  
AURA OF SAFEGUARD.

PERSONALITY: COOL, CALM, MOTHERLY. PATIENCE OF  
A SAINT. SHEPPARD'S CONFIDANT IN SHARING COMMAND.

MORTAL LIFE ON EARTH: SINGLE MOTHER OF FIVE. FORCED TO  
OBTAIN AND HOLD 3 JOBS. VOLUNTEERED AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.  
ASSISTED GRIEF-RIDDEN FAMILIES AND CHILDREN TRAUMATIZED  
BY SEXUAL ABUSE AND DRUG USE. THE PRE-EMINENT CAREGIVER.

## SOVEREIGN SHEPPARD

CO-LEADER

AMERICAN

6'2"

WEAPON: STAFF OF RESOLUTION (POWERS UNKNOWN).

SPECIAL ABILITIES: FLIGHT. AURA OF SAFEGUARD.

PERSONALITY: INTENSELY SERIOUS. DEEPLY SADDENED BY VIOLENCE,  
CORRUPTION, AND TEMPTATION.  
FILLED WITH LOVE FOR THE OPPRESSED.

MORTAL LIFE ON EARTH: ELDEST CHILD OF SEVEN. FORCED TO  
NURTURE AND RAISE TWO BROTHERS/FOUR SISTERS. LEADER INTO  
HIS TEENS AND IN LIFE. CONSTANT PARENTING/CARING FOR FAMILY  
MEANT A CHALLENGING, EXHAUSTING, AND DREARY LIFE. ALWAYS  
THE PROTECTOR.



## DESPOTT

RUSSIAN

7'4"

THE ALMIGHTY'S OUTCAST GENERAL

UNWILLING ALLY AND OVERSEER TO THE DISCIPLES.

SPECIAL ABILITIES: DEMI-GOD, FLIGHT.

WEAPONS: CLAWS OF TATTERING, GAZE OF DEVASTATION,  
WINGS OF IMPALEMENT.





## MAXIM D'ANSAT (MASTER D)

ETHNICITY UNKNOWN  
6'5"

THE DARK LORD'S #1  
SPECIAL ABILITIES: UNKNOWN.  
BACKGROUND: UNKNOWN.

## R. SCRYLEK

ROMANIAN  
5'10"

SADISTIC CZAR & SERVANT TO MASTER D'ANSAT  
SPECIAL ABILITIES: SHAPESHIFTER, SEER, MASTER NECROMANCER.  
BACKGROUND: UNKNOWN.





❧ WELCOME TO VOLUME I. ❧  
IT IS OUR HOPE YOUR TIME HERE IS WELL SPENT

How do you engage a widespread audience for a series thematically based on the supernatural? What about a graphic novel centered on superheroes? Pretty standard stuff, right? But what if family, faith, love, justice, good and evil are at the forefront of the story line? Could many worldwide become truly inspired? These questions point to a herculean task, one which I've wholeheartedly embraced.

Since 2011, I've expended tremendous time and energy unearthing a unique, highly atmospheric, clever, heavily detailed, and fictional tale. My goal from the get-go was to form a new world; one where the weary and forgotten are heard and defended. How might this idea fit into an engaging adventure where the Almighty battles the Dark Lord through eight reborn immortal champions?

What if these heroes were born and fashioned by the Almighty? And what if they were once human, living with the masses and still having palpable struggles of their own?

Within this introductory issue, we'll take you on a brief and mystical journey through a highly atmospheric and detailed realm where The Disciples reign supreme.

This series will not only take place on earth but also, on other worlds, dimensions, and planes of existence.

We have created a world of wondrous creatures and ancient demons, inventive characters, and medieval and gothic architecture. Join us on our unique approach of transcendental good vs. pure and demonic evil.

It is our hope you find this story viable, entertaining, and important.  
On behalf of our entire team, we thank you.

Michael K. Siegle  
Founder and President  
Disciples CB L.L.C.





DISCIPLES' CASTLE HQ - MT. SINAI, EGYPT.



SNAP





NO BEING DARES TRESPASS  
ON NOSTRAZIGAL'S WATCH.

*THE WINGED WATCHER*



FAR AWAY WITHIN AN OMINOUS AND SECLUDED MANSION.

SOCIETY OF THE ANCIENT ONES, IN HUMAN FORM. AKA - THE NINE DEMONS OF THE DARK LORD. THEY ATTEND TO MAXIM D'ANSAT AS HE WARNS OF IMPENDING DOOM.





FOOLS!

ARROGANCE WILL  
HASTEN THEIR FATE.

GOOD EVENING,  
MY LORD.

I COMMAND THEE: OPEN!  
RECEIVE THY MASTER.



THE SUMMONING CHAMBER

AND SO, I INVOKE THEE.  
REVEAL THYSELF TO THIS  
MOST UNWORTHY EMISSARY.

AAAAAHHH!

SLURP

EEEE!

I CAN  
SEE HIM.

ARISE!

HAVE YOU SPOKEN  
TO THE ANCIENTS?

YES, MASTER  
LUCIFER, BUT...

QUIET! THESE NEW DISCIPLES  
MUST NOT FLOURISH... THE LORD  
OF LIGHT HAS HEIGHTENED THE  
STAKES... HAI! NO MATTER!

FIND THESE FOUL  
MINIONS! UNVEIL THEIR  
PROWESS TO ME.

YES, MY LORD.





MOTHER SUPERIOR AND HER PATHETIC LOYALISTS WILL PAY DEARLY.

BUT HOW CAN THEY BE VANQUISHED?!



WHAT IS IT?!



THE HUMANS FOLLOW AS INSECTS TO LIGHT.

DO NOT BATHE IN YOUR CONFIDENCE, WITCH. CHILD'S PLAY!



WE MUST NOT FAIL THE UNDERLORD KING.

FIND THESE PAWNS OF LIGHT!



OF COURSE. AS YOU COMMAND.



EDICT



ERUZAKAH...  
...PLIDINIA...  
...MASAKAI...  
...BERADATUSE...

THE EVIL PRIESTESS CONJURES AN IMAGE OF SOVEREIGN SHEPPARD. A HIDEOUS DESIRE PENETRATES HER SOUL.



THE WITCH'S ORB NOW  
PRODUCES AN IMAGE OF  
A GOTHIC AND RATHER  
ORNATE CASTLE, HIDDEN  
WITHIN THE ELEVATION  
OF A FAMILIAR RANGE.

DISCIPLES, DISCIPLES.  
WHERE ARE YOUUUU??

SSSSSTHHHH

EEEEHHHH!



IT HAS BEGUN.  
THE UNHOLY ONE  
HAS RELEASED  
THE ANCIENTS.

ERADICATE THIS  
ABOMINATION.

THIS IS  
THY TASK.

SERVE ME WELL,  
MY DISCIPLES.

...MEANWHILE

YOUR WISH  
IS OUR WILL.  
O GREAT ONE.

THE SKY DIRECTIVE



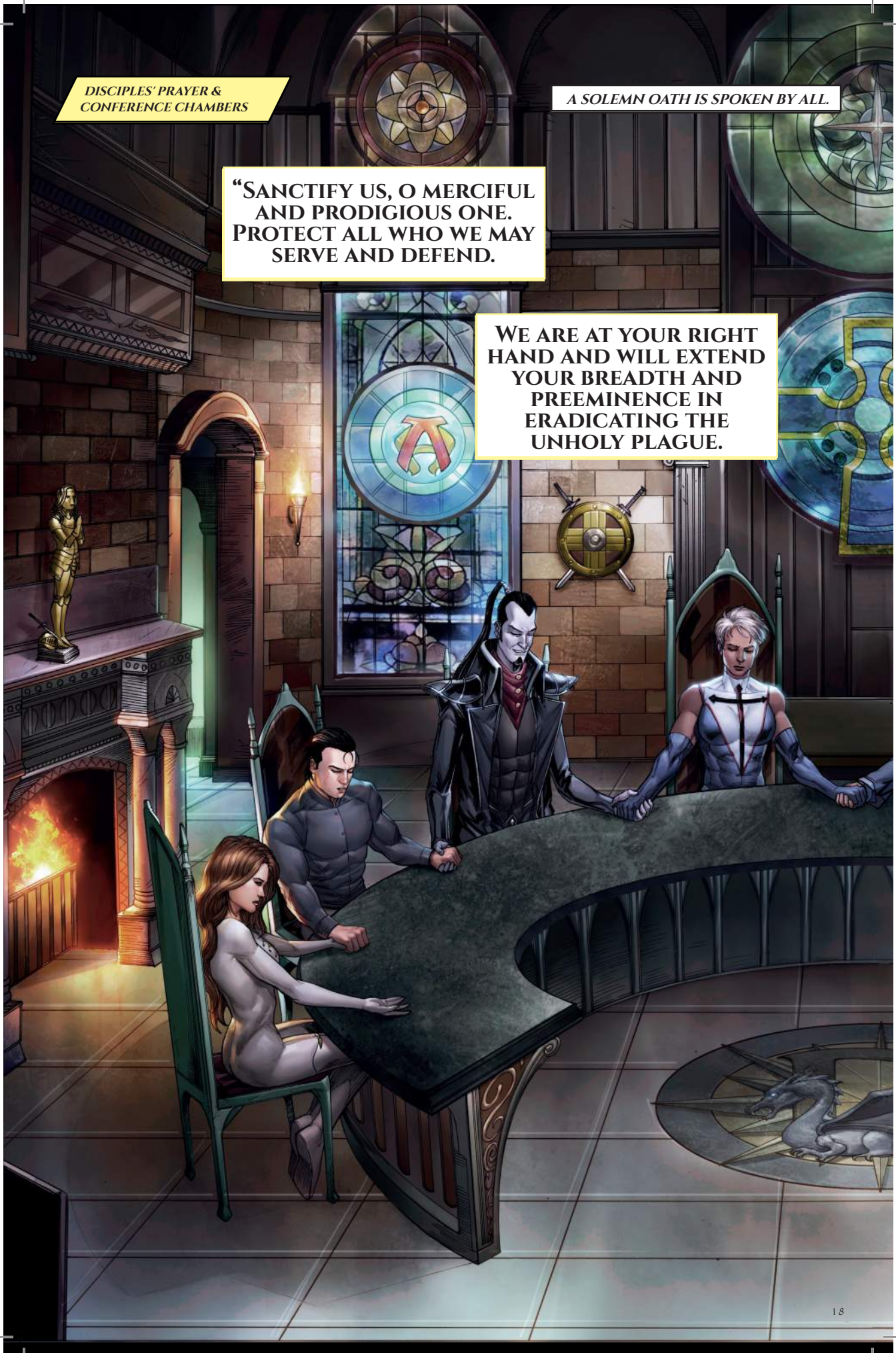


DISCIPLES' PRAYER &  
CONFERENCE CHAMBERS


A SOLEMN OATH IS SPOKEN BY ALL.

**"SANCTIFY US, O MERCIFUL  
AND PRODIGIOUS ONE.  
PROTECT ALL WHO WE MAY  
SERVE AND DEFEND.**

**WE ARE AT YOUR RIGHT  
HAND AND WILL EXTEND  
YOUR BREADTH AND  
PREMINENCE IN  
ERADICATING THE  
UNHOLY PLAGUE.**







**OUR LOVE FOR ONE  
ANOTHER IS BOUNDLESS,  
AS IT IS FOR YOU. YOU  
HAVE CHOSEN US, AND  
WE ARE EVERMORE  
GRATEFUL.**

**WITH HUMBLER  
GRACE, WE PRAISE  
THEE.”**



LATER, HOLLY LAMENTS.

FATHER, ARE YOU THERE? MOTHER?!

ARE YOU GONE FOREVER? NO. THIS CAN'T BE

I MISS YOU SO MUCH.

REFLECTION FROM THE PAST

WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE? WHAT DO THEY WANT WITH ME?

WHY AM I HERE!?

OH GOD, WHAT HAVE I DONE?



CASTLE LIBRARY

A FEW HOURS LATER FOLLOWING THE DAILY PRAYER VIGIL, THE REVEREND AND HAL ARE IMMERSSED IN THOUGHT.

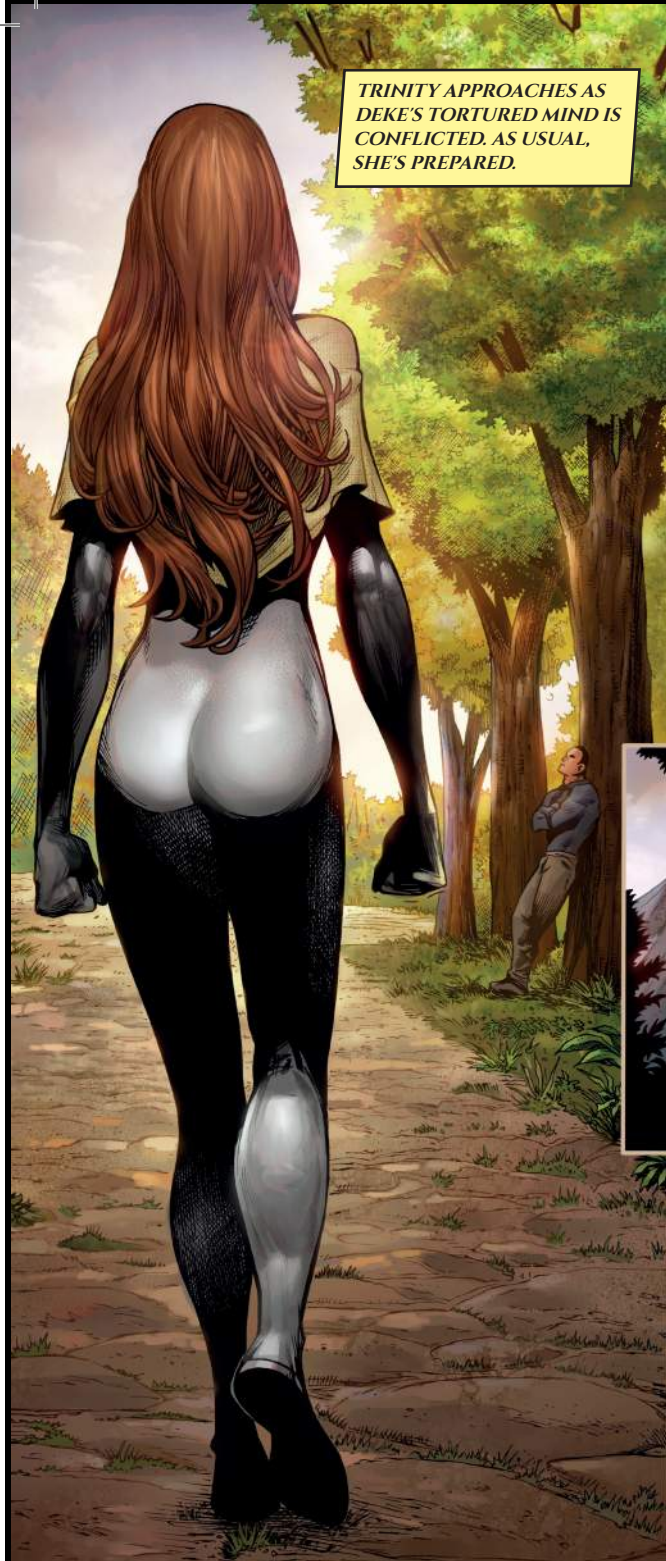
I HAVEN'T BEEN CHOSEN IN A WHILE.

WONDERFUL...HERE HE GOES AGAIN!



A LESSON IN DELIBERATION



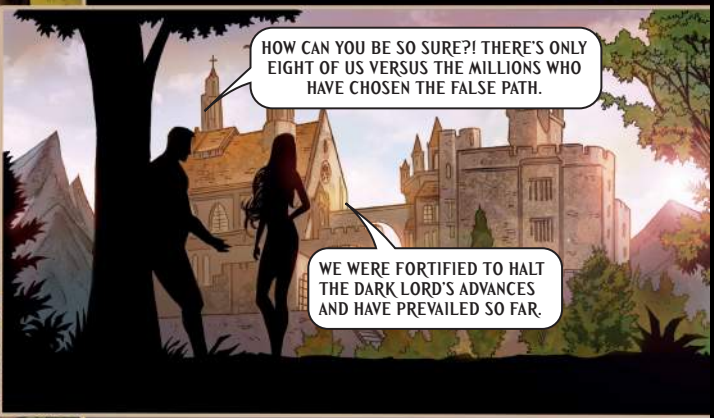


TRINITY APPROACHES AS DEKE'S TORTURED MIND IS CONFLICTED. AS USUAL, SHE'S PREPARED.



ARE WE TRULY MAKING A DIFFERENCE?

OF COURSE WE ARE.



HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE?! THERE'S ONLY EIGHT OF US VERSUS THE MILLIONS WHO HAVE CHOSEN THE FALSE PATH.

WE WERE FORTIFIED TO HALT THE DARK LORD'S ADVANCES AND HAVE PREVAILED SO FAR.




FORTIFIED? I'M STILL A RAGING ALCOHOLIC.



WHY DO I STILL BEAR THIS BURDEN?

THE ALMIGHTY'S METHODS ARE MYSTERIOUS.



YOU MUST HAVE FAITH, DEKE.

...AND HOW HAS THAT HELPED ME?

IN TIME. OPEN YOUR HEART.



SHEPPARD AND HOLLY  
STEP OUT FOR A STROLL.  
IT YIELDS... AN AWAKENING.

WHAT DOES THE  
GREAT ONE WISH  
FROM ME?! I'M SO...

MUCH, MY  
CHILD... YOU HAVE BEEN  
CHOSEN AND GRANTED  
EXTRAORDINARY POWERS.

BUT WHY... ME?!

THEY NEED ME.

MY DEAR HOLLY, YOU  
ARE MUCH STRONGER  
THAN YOU REALIZE.

WE NEED  
YOU.

NOW THEN, LET US  
DISCUSS THOSE UNIQUE  
DEFENSES OF YOURS.



CASTLE HQ TRAINING  
GROUNDS. DEKE AND AB  
JOSTLE AWAY.

AHH HA, HA, HA!!  
WHAT ARE YOU  
GONNA DO NOW?

MOVE.



GOTCHA!

**BOOM**



YOU DO REALIZE DEKE-N  
CAN ALSO TRANSFORM INTO  
A NEARLY OMNIPOTENT,  
TWENTY-FOOT DRAGON?

I REQUIRE YOUR  
ATTENTION.

AWW, MA...

HEE HEE  
HEE.

NICE TRY, BOY.  
MAYBE NEXT TIME.

YOU BOTH HAVE  
BEEN SELECTED.



DO YOU  
ACCEPT?

WHY NOT?

UH,  
I GUESS...



HAL AND AB PONDER...

DEKE BEAT ME AGAIN. HE'S ALWAYS RUBBING MY FACE IN IT. TOO, HAL. WHY DOES HE GET ALL THOSE POWERS!

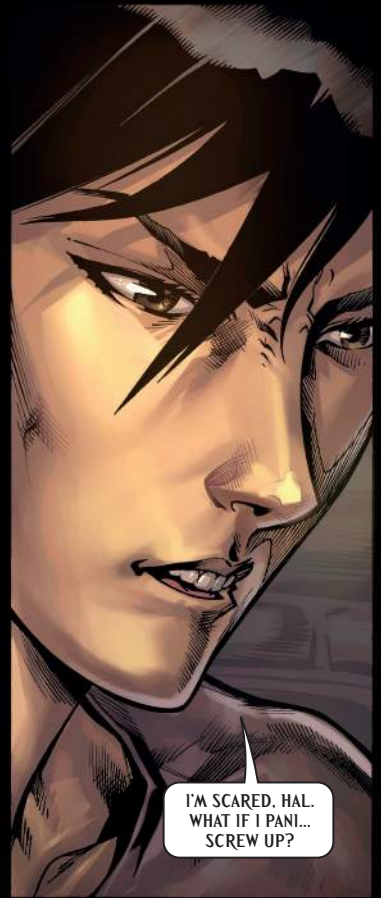


BUT THIS IS MY FIRST MISSION. HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT TO DO?

YER A SHAPEY-SHIFTER, YE BE FINE, BOY.



I'M SCARED, HAL. WHAT IF I PANI... SCREW UP?



DO NOT CONCERN YOURSELF, LADDIE. OL' MAMA'LL BE THERE WITH YE.

YEAH, I KNOW... STILL...



BIG BROTHER



THE INTERNATIONAL RESORT  
& CONFERENCE CENTER IN MUMBAI.

BUSINESS MAGNATE AND PHILANTHROPIST JONATHAN  
STEELE ADDRESSES HIS DEVOTED FOLLOWERS.

FOLLOW ME.  
FRIENDS!

WE MUST ALL BAND TOGETHER  
NOW AND INCORPORATE A NEW  
AND ABSOLUTE BROTHERHOOD!

LET'S DO THIS!

ALL  
TOGETHER.

WHAT A SICK DISPLAY  
OF MACHIAVELLIAN  
AFFECTION.

ALL RIGHT!

YEAH!

C'MON!

DEKE-N IS MESMERIZED  
BY THIS MAN.

DEKE'S INTENSE GLARE  
HONES IN ON THE  
MYSTERIOUS LECTURER.

HE IS SMOOTH.  
THOUGH...

...AND QUITE  
DEADLY.



IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER, IN STEELE'S LAVISH PENTHOUSE

SOMETHING IS NOT RIGHT  
HERE. THERE IS A PRESENCE.

THESE THREE IMBECILES  
WILL DO FOR NOW.

WHAT DO YOU WISH  
OF US, O GREAT ONE?

YEAH MASTER,  
WHAT YOU WANT?

HMMM.





SEARCH EVERY  
INCH OF THIS ROOM!


UH. YEAH. WHAT  
HE SAID. BOSS.

BUT... THERE IS  
NO ONE HERE.



IDIOTS!

GRRRR



SOMETHING  
VERY POWERFUL  
IS NEAR. BUT...  
...CANNOT...  
...PINPOINT.



...AS YOU  
COMMAND...ERRRR.

LEAVE ME.  
AWAY WITH YOU!



SUDDENLY,  
A FORM IS  
DISCOVERED.

IT IS DEKE-N,  
ENTERING THE  
SCENE FROM  
THE SHADOWS.

I THOUGHT THEY'D  
NEVER LEAVE.

YOU KNOW WHO I AM.  
AS TO WHAT...YOU  
WILL SOON WITNESS.

WHO!  
WHAT...!

HA! YOU DARE  
APPROACH ME!  
SO BE IT.


HUMMMMMMMMM...

NOW WHAT?










WHERE DID YOU  
ESCAPE TO, DEMON?




AHHH-HAAA!!



THAT WAS TOO EASY.

I MUST WADE  
THROUGH THIS  
QUAGMIRE.



THAT ODOR.  
SOMETHING BURNING...  
BUT...IT'S SO COLD?

**BEATDOWN**



CASTLE HQ, BALCONY - SHEPPARD, MS, AND DESPOTT DEBATE PRECAUTION.

WHY HAS THIS SIMPLE CHILD BEEN ANOINTED?

IT ESCAPES ME.

THE WINGED ONE SPEAKS WITH VIGILANCE.

...NOT SO SIMPLE. HE WILL BE FINE.

YOU ARE CERTAIN ALTERED BOY IS WILLING AND COMPETENT?

OF COURSE.

THIS IS A LESSER TASK, HOWEVER, HE MUST LEARN TO OVERCOME THE FAMILIARITY OF HIS PAST.

SHEPPARD TOWERS IN HIS CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT FOR THE YOUNG ONE.



AB IS CLOAKED BY A BOOK,  
UH, ONE OF MANY.



I SENSE THIS ONE'S  
TREPIDATION.  
HE NEEDN'T BE  
CONCERNED. IF ONLY HE  
REALIZED THE BREADTH  
AND MAGNITUDE OF  
HIS POWERS...

AWE, MAN.  
ALREADY?



WE NEED  
TO DEPART.

I KNOW. I  
KNOW.....RIGHT  
BEHIND YOU.  
MA...





THE FOLLOWING MORNING,  
MS AND AB FIND THEMSELVES IN  
RURAL AMERICA, CIRCA 1975.

WHY ARE WE...  
HERE??

...TO MEET A MAN  
AND A BOY.

YOUR CALLING  
LIES JUST AHEAD.

IT'S GROWING DARK...  
AND GETTING LATE!

SOMEONE SINISTER ROLLS IN.

RRRR



THIS ALL SEEMS TOO FAMILIAR TO AB.

NO...! NOT THIS. I CAN'T!

COLLISION COURSE!!

CRACKLE

MISTER VAAANDERWOOOOD?!

DASH

YOUR LIFE IS MINE. BOY.

WELL HELLO THERE... JOHNNY! HOW ARE YOU ON THIS FRESH AND LOVELY DAY?



SHOCKED ON A DIME





HELP! HELP ME! SOMEONE...  
PLEASE HELP!!!

STOP...  
SQUIRMING!!!



SHUT UP!

AAAAHHHH...!!



WHAT...THE... F...!?

**BARRICADE**



YOU DAMN FREAKS!  
I'LL RUN YOU DOWN?!

MY YOUNG APPRENTICE  
BEGS TO DIFFER.





**NAOOOO!**

**RAHHHHH!!!**

A BIT OVER THE TOP, BUT THAT SHOULD SUFFICE



**АААААА**

**ШШШШШШ**





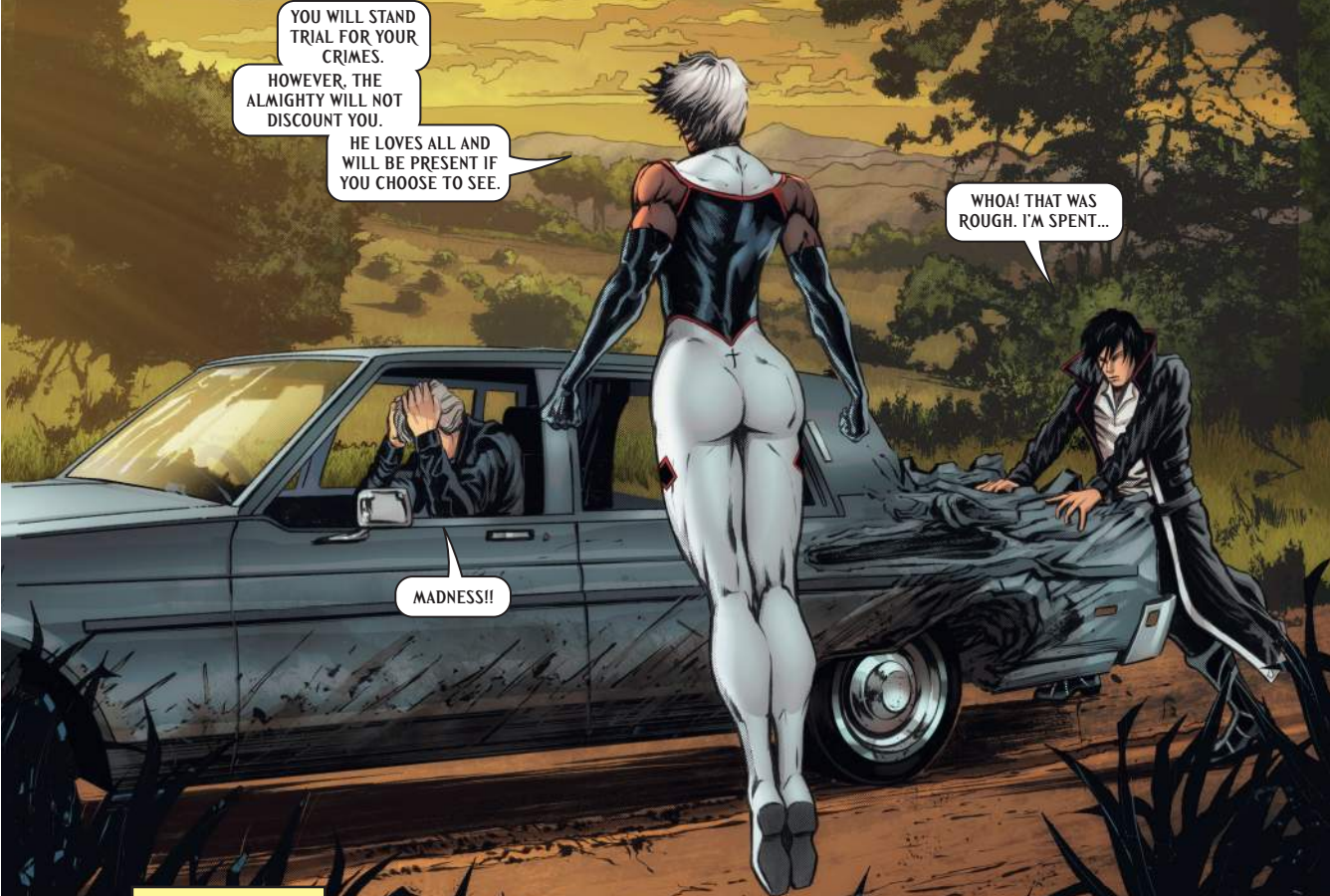
MANY LIVES HAVE BEEN LOST TO THIS ONE MAN.

NO MORE.



THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING...

YOUR TIME IS NEAR, THE AUTHORITIES ARE UPON YOU.



YOU WILL STAND TRIAL FOR YOUR CRIMES.

HOWEVER, THE ALMIGHTY WILL NOT DISCOUNT YOU.

HE LOVES ALL AND WILL BE PRESENT IF YOU CHOOSE TO SEE.

WHO! THAT WAS ROUGH. I'M SPENT...

MADNESS!!

MAN IN THE BOX

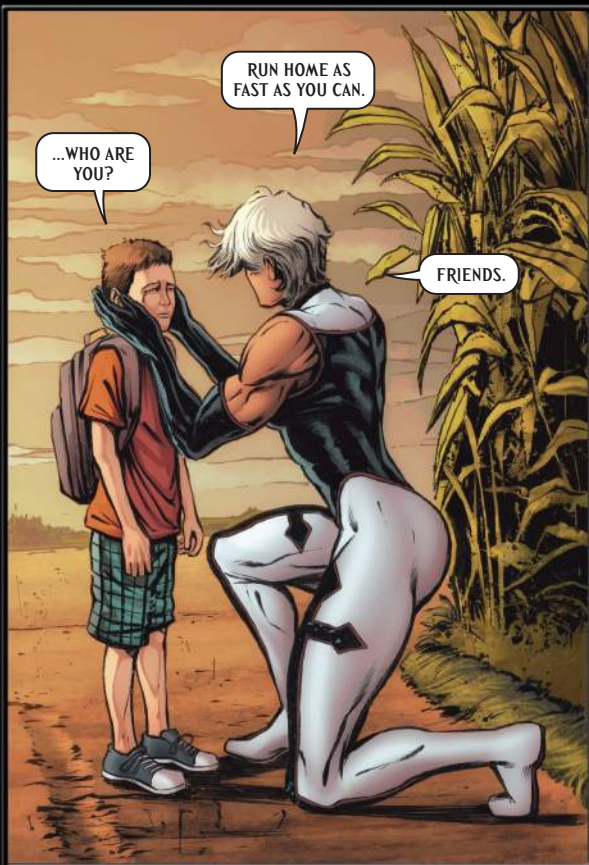




THERE, THERE.  
YOU ARE SAFE  
NOW, LITTLE ONE.

Mmmmm

Oghh



RUN HOME AS  
FAST AS YOU CAN.

...WHO ARE  
YOU?

FRIENDS.



GO SWIFTLY...  
AND FORGET.

LITTLE JOHNNY IS BOTH TERRIFIED  
AND SUPREMELY GRATEFUL. IN A FEW  
SHORT SECONDS, HE WILL REMEMBER  
NOTHING OF THE INCIDENT AND WILL  
ENJOY A LENGTHY AND PEACEFUL LIFE.



THE BOY IS A RECREANT.  
YET FORMIDABLE.  
BUT THE WOMAN...I FEEL  
THE ESSENCE INSIDE.

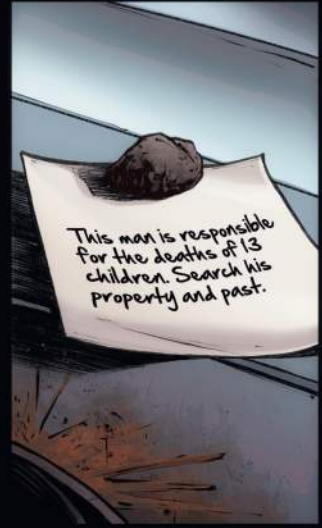
HER TRUE BEING IS  
WELL CONCEALED.

WE WILL NOT BE  
THREATENED BY THE  
LIKES OF YOU!!!

I MUST FOREGO D'ANSAT  
AND APPRISE MY SIRE  
OF THIS WRETCHED  
MATRON AT ONCE.

SCRYLEK, IN ANOTHER TWISTED VERSION OF  
HERSELF, IS IMPRESSED, YET CONCERNED.





YOU HANDLED YOURSELF WELL TODAY.

I DID?

YES. THE BOY WILL BE FINE.

LET'S GO HOME.



AAAAHH



ROOFTOP BAR - MUMBAI.

DEKE-N DROWNS IN CONFUSION, AS A STRIKINGLY GORGEOUS WOMAN, PERHAPS SCRYLEK, IS WITNESSED NEARBY.

...I ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING...BUT TO FURTHER INSENSE THE OTHER SIDE.

OH MY. SHE IS INTENSE!

HE'S ALWAYS AT THAT DAMN BAR! WHY DOESN'T HE EVER NOTICE ME?

THIS MAN SEEMS... FAMILIAR.

WHAT AM I DOING? I DON'T WANT THIS ANYMORE.

THIS ONE DETESTS HIMSELF. THAT IS GOOD. MORE FUEL TO OUR FIRE.



SCRYLEK MANEUVERS.

YOU DISPATCHED OF MY CHILDREN RATHER EASILY... DEKE-N!

OH...H...

...BUT NEXT TIME, YOU WILL WITNESS MY FULL DOMINION...

YES! THAT WAS ME IN THAT PATHETIC FORM OF JONATHAN STEELE.

TA-TA.

ELEGANCE OF EVIL

THAT ODOR AGAIN... AND CHILL.

WHAT IS IT?!

OH NO! HERE WE GO AGAIN...





...THIS GUY.

... ALWAYS BRINGING HIS OWN LIQUOR.  
WHAT'S IN THAT STUFF?!

GURGGGGE



OH MY WORD!

LIKE CLOCKWORK.

AYE.



AT LEAST HE AIN'T THE DRAGON TONIGHT. EH.

INDEED...BUT WHY HERE IN MUMBAI?!



WITHIN MASTER D'S SIZABLE LAIR, SCRYLEK PLAYS HER PART, AND SHE PLAYS IT VERY WELL.

DID YOU ADHERE TO MY EDICT, DEMON? WHAT HAVE YOU COLLECTED?

THE BOY AND THE ONE KNOWN AS DEKE-N ARE POTENT ADVERSARIES... MY MASTER.

THE ADOLESCENT IS A METAMORPH: NAÏVE, BUT SUBSTANTIAL. THE OTHER IS WELL PRACTICED, ALBEIT HAUGHTY.

IT IS TIME FOR THE ANCIENTS. SUMMON THE EMPEROR AT ONCE.

IT SHALL BE DONE, MY LORD.

SUCH A NAUGHTY LITTLE ONE...SO DEADLY AND DELECTABLE.

KEEP YOUR COMRADES NEAR, BUT YOUR SADISTIC AND MURDEROUS DEMON WITCHES CLOSER.

YOU FOOLISH AND NAIVE LITTLE MAN.

I AM THE TRUE MASTER HERE.

SANCTUM OF THE SUCCUBUS



LOCATION: OBLIVION

KRAK

I ENVISION... ASSAILANTS  
TO MY LORD'S TENET.

SLANDERERS!

THEY WILL NOT  
BE SHADED FROM MY  
PLUNDER. BEWARE THEE.

EMPEROR KORRO-SHI  
IS AT HAND!

THE EMPEROR IS ONE OF THE  
NINE ANCIENT DEMONS UNDER  
THE DARK LORD'S COMMAND,  
BUT WHO IS THE VEILED ONE?  
VOLUME 2 WILL SHED SOME  
LIGHT. STAY TUNED...

WE MUST BE  
PREPARED, MY LORD.  
THESE DISCIPLES  
ARE EXCEPTIONAL  
BEINGS. THEY  
MUST NOT BE  
TAKEN LIGHTLY.

WE WILL CRUSH  
THEM SIRE. YESSS!



# SNAPSHOT – VOL. 2

OH, BROTHERS, WHERE ART THOU?



PLEASE DO NOT RESIGN ME TO...

...WALKING.

WE REQUIRE A MORE... PANORAMIC VIEW.

INDEED.

SOMEWHERE ON THE SURFACE OF A DARK AND DESOLATE WORLD, OUR HEROES MARCH ONWARD IN THEIR SEARCH FOR A WAY HOME.



COUGH  
COUGH

FREEDOM.  
AT LAST.



WE ARE IN IMMINENT DANGER.

ANYTHING OUT THERE?

To Be Continued



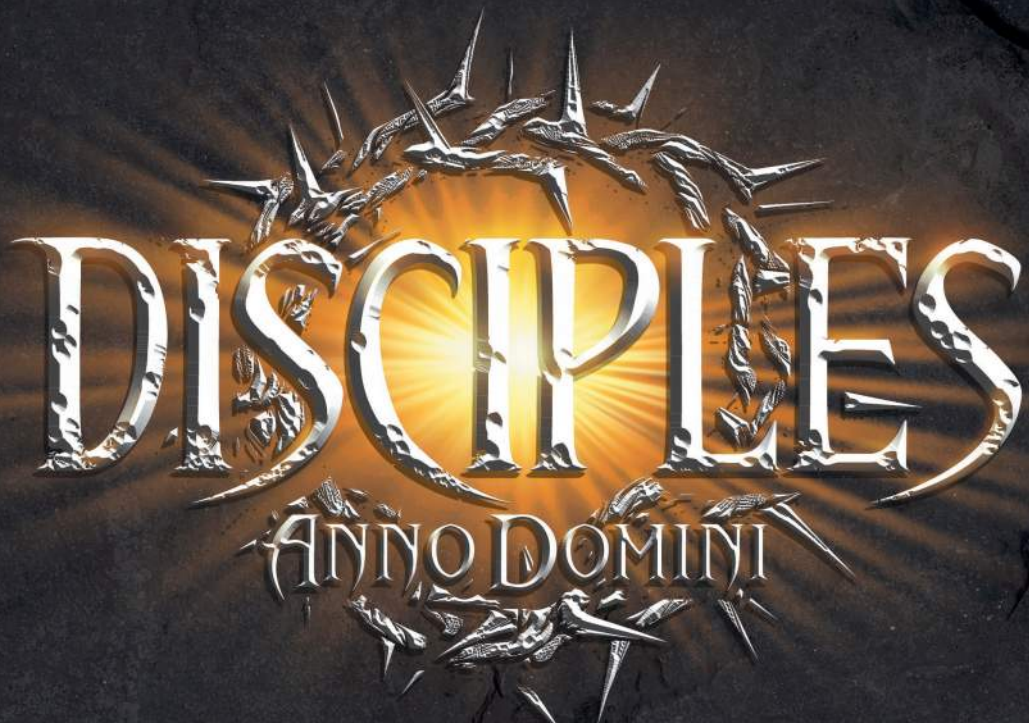
ALL I OBSERVE IS DESOLATION.

WAIT!

ONE MOMENT.

THERE IS... A LIGHT!





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