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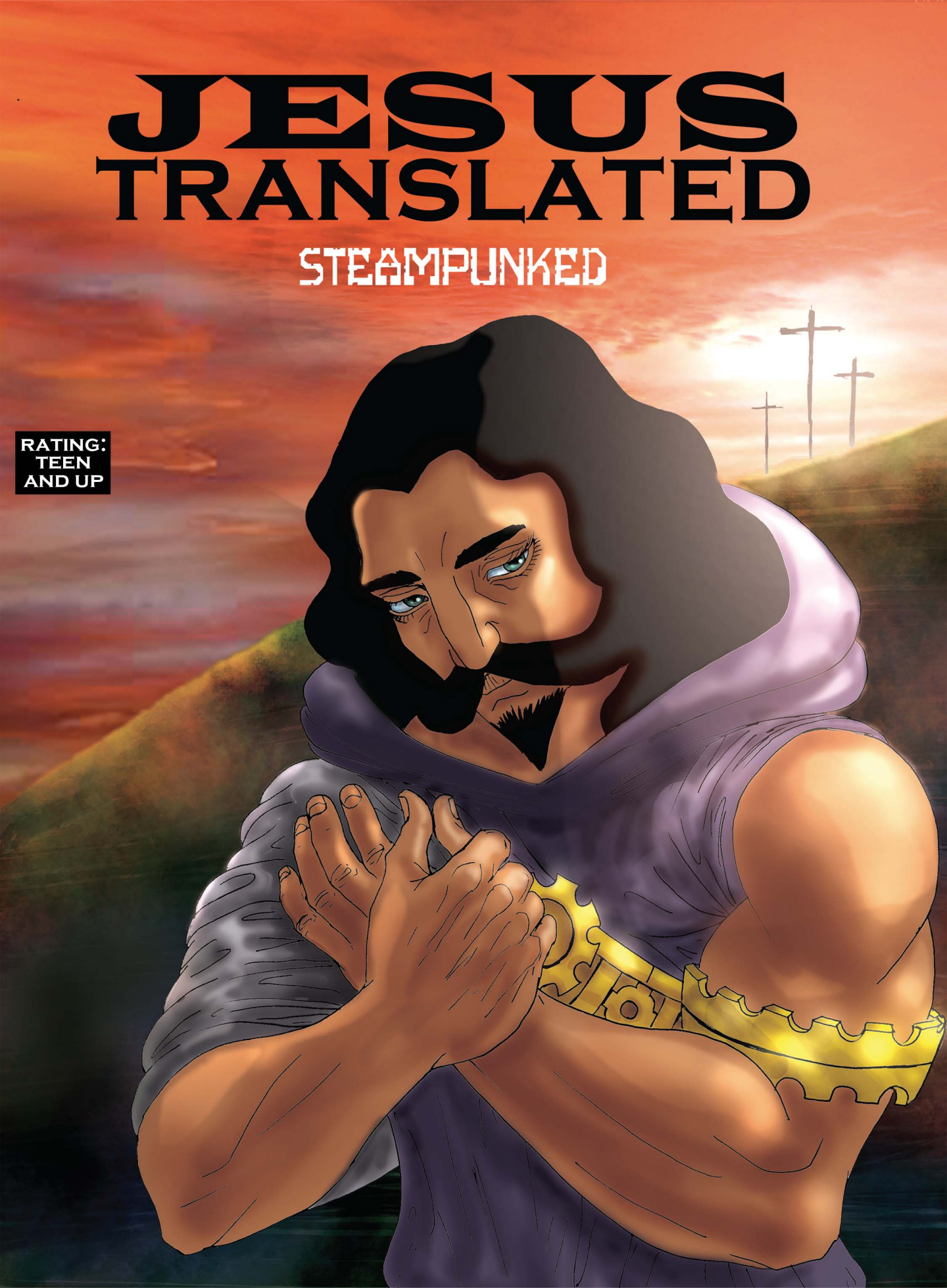

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ZEPHANIAH 3:17

THE LORD YOUR GOD IS IN YOUR MIDST, A MIGHTY ONE WHO WILL SAVE; HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH GLADNESS; HE WILL QUIET YOU BY HIS LOVE; HE WILL EXULT OVER YOU WITH LOUD SINGING.

JESUS!
PRAISE GOD!
JESUS!
BLESSED BE THE ONE FROM THE LORD!
PRAISE GOD FOR THE SON OF DAVID!
HOSANNA!
THIS IS HOW THEY KILL ME...

JESUS!
CRUCIFY HIM!
CRUCIFY HIM!
CRUCIFY HIM!
CRUCIFY HIM!
...WITH WORDS- WITH SHOUTING.
WHAT CRIME HAS HE DONE?
YOU CRUCIFY YOUR KING?
WE HAVE NO KING BUT CAESAR!

GUARD, TAKE HIM AWAY.
YES PILATE.
MY NAME IS JESUS-
THE GOD OF ALL CREATION...
THIS IS HOW I DIE.
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JESUS TRANSLATED:
THE CROSS

SOON.
I DO THIS...
I DO THIS FOR...
I DON'T WANT TO GO...
Lord Captain Jesus-at your behest your legions will come and deliver you.
NO, ANGEL JYSTUS.
I-I DO THIS FOR ABIHAIL.
I DO THIS FOR DAMARIS.
I DO THIS FOR GERA SO HIS PAIN WILL CEASE.
I DO THIS FOR NADZIEJA.
I DO THIS FOR MAAIKE TO FREE HER FROM HATE.
I DO THIS FOR KADIR.
I DO THIS FOR SAHIM.
YOU READY? ALL GASSED UP?
I'M MORE THAN READY.
LET'S DO THIS!

I DO THIS FOR NADIA.
I DO THIS FOR ABIOYE.
I DO THIS FOR SELENE.
I DO THIS FOR THIAGO TO RELEASE HIS REGRET FOR MURDERING HIS KIN.
I DO THIS FOR JULIE SO SHE WILL KNOW SHE WAS WONDERFULLY MADE.
RURRURR
RRURRC!
KLACK!
RRRURRUU
KLACK!
CLICK!
RRRRRRRRRR

RRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR
I DO THIS FOR JADE.
I DO THIS FOR ROBERT.
I DO THIS FOR SOLVEIG.
I DO THIS FOR KIM TO BE FREE FROM HER GUILT AND SHAME FOR HAVING AN ABORTION.
I DO THIS FOR BAHIR.
KA-CHOKT!
RRRRRRRRRRR
RRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR
KA-CHOKT!
RRRRRRRRRR
RRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR
THE JEW IS SHAKING.
THEY ALWAYS DO. HOLD HIS LEGS-ONE MORE TO GO.

THEY NAILED ME TO THEIR TREE AND I WAIT...
AND I REMEMBER-

JESUS, WHERE WERE YOU? WE WERE WORRIED SICK!
MOTHER, I-
MOTHER, YOU WERE SO GOOD TO ME...
MOTHER?
WHERE IS MY MOTHER?
DISCIPLE JOHN, SHE IS YOUR MOTHER NOW...TAKE CARE OF HER.
MY DISCIPLES? WHERE ARE MY OTHER DISCIPLES?

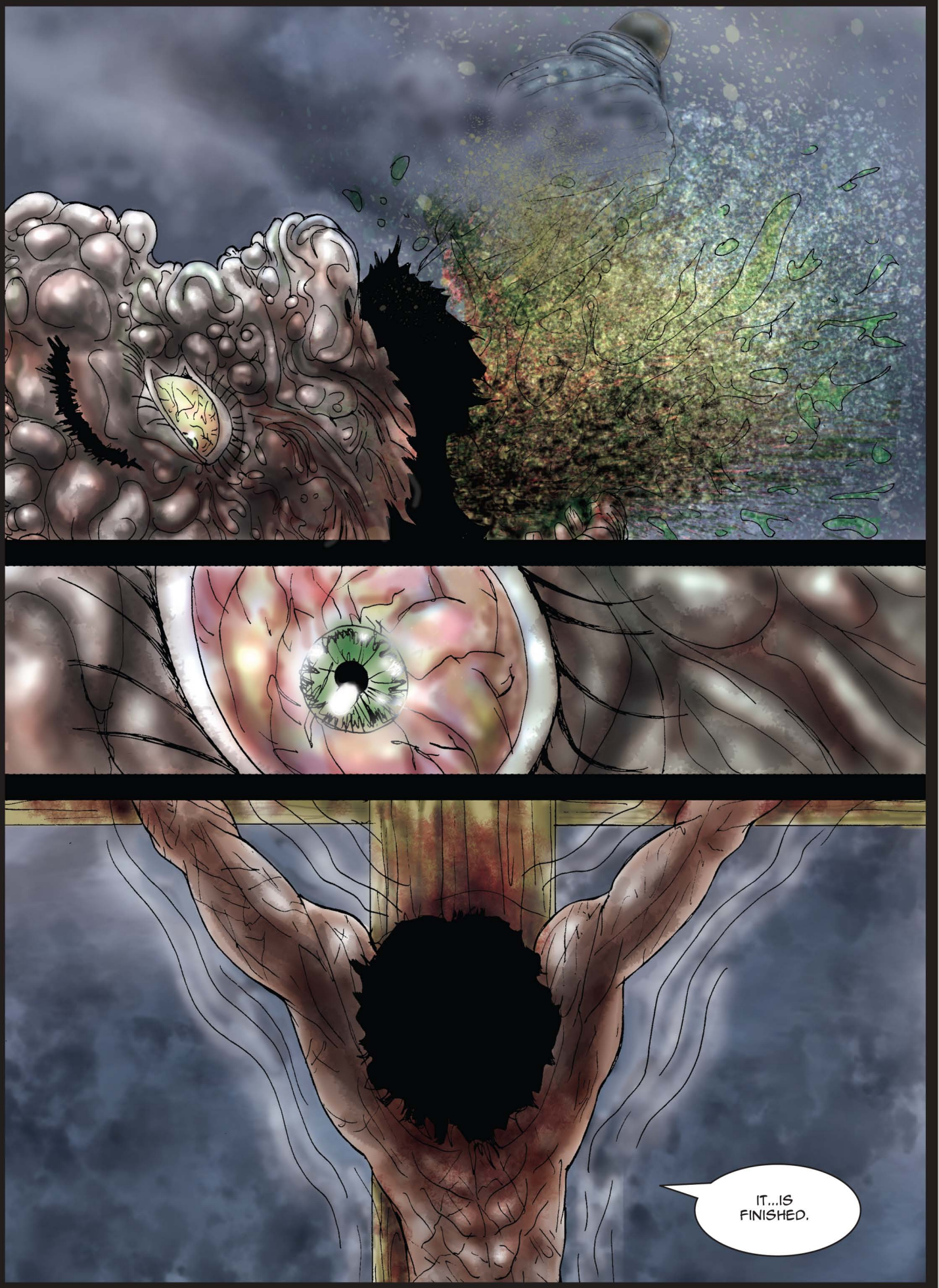
WHERE HAVE MY DISCIPLES RUN TO?
FOLLOW ME AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.
PETER?
ANDREW?
MATTHEW?
PHILLIP?
JUDAS?
THEY HAVE LEFT ME...

BUT FATHER-YOU HAVE NEVER DESERTED ME. YOU ARE FAITHFUL.
FATHER?
WHY DO YOU TURN AWAY?

FATHER? IS IT TIME TO RECEIVE SIN?
FATHER?

NNNNGGGHHHH!!!
FA-FATH

FATHER!
WHY HAVE YOU
FORSAKEN ME!!!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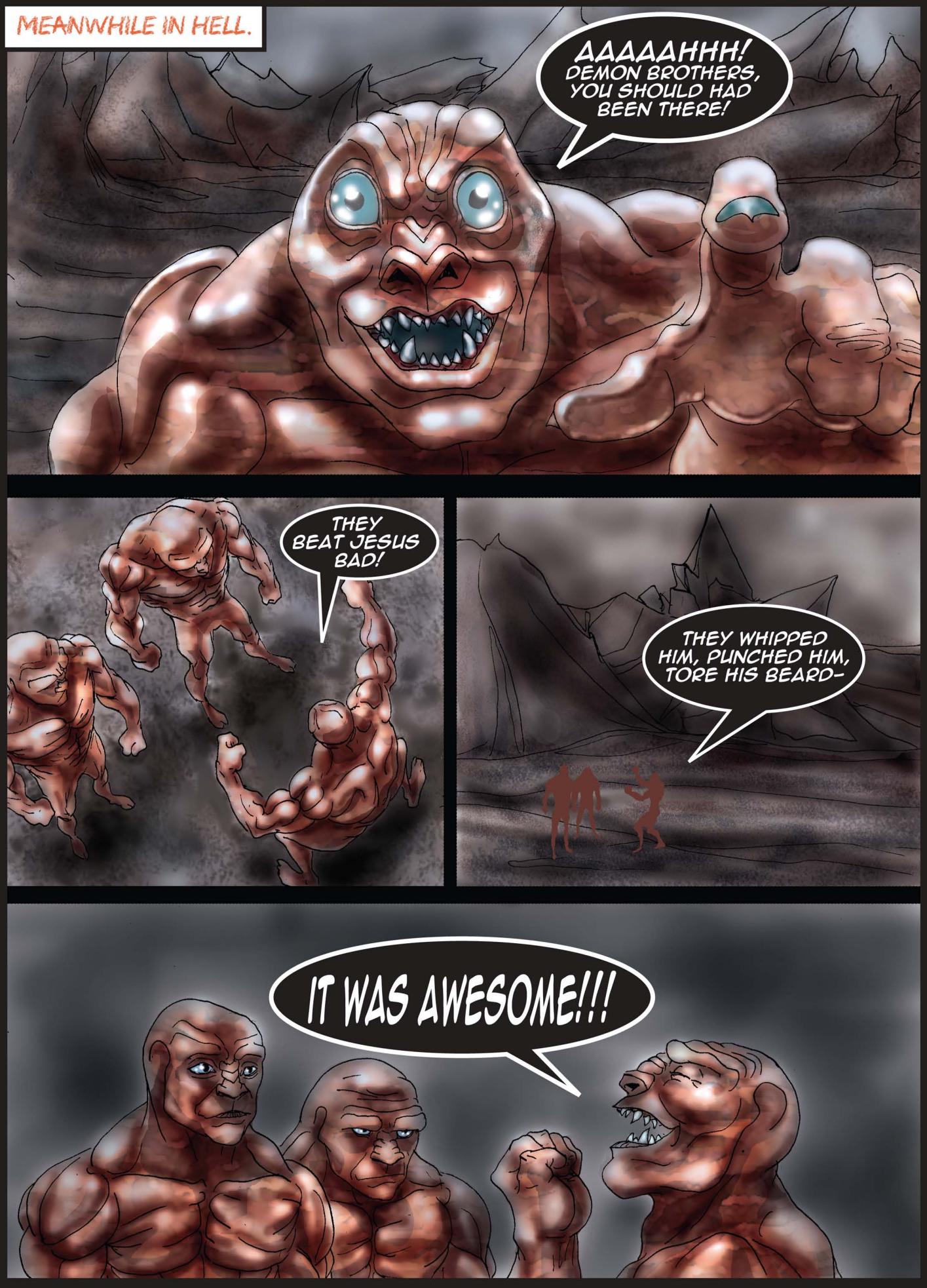
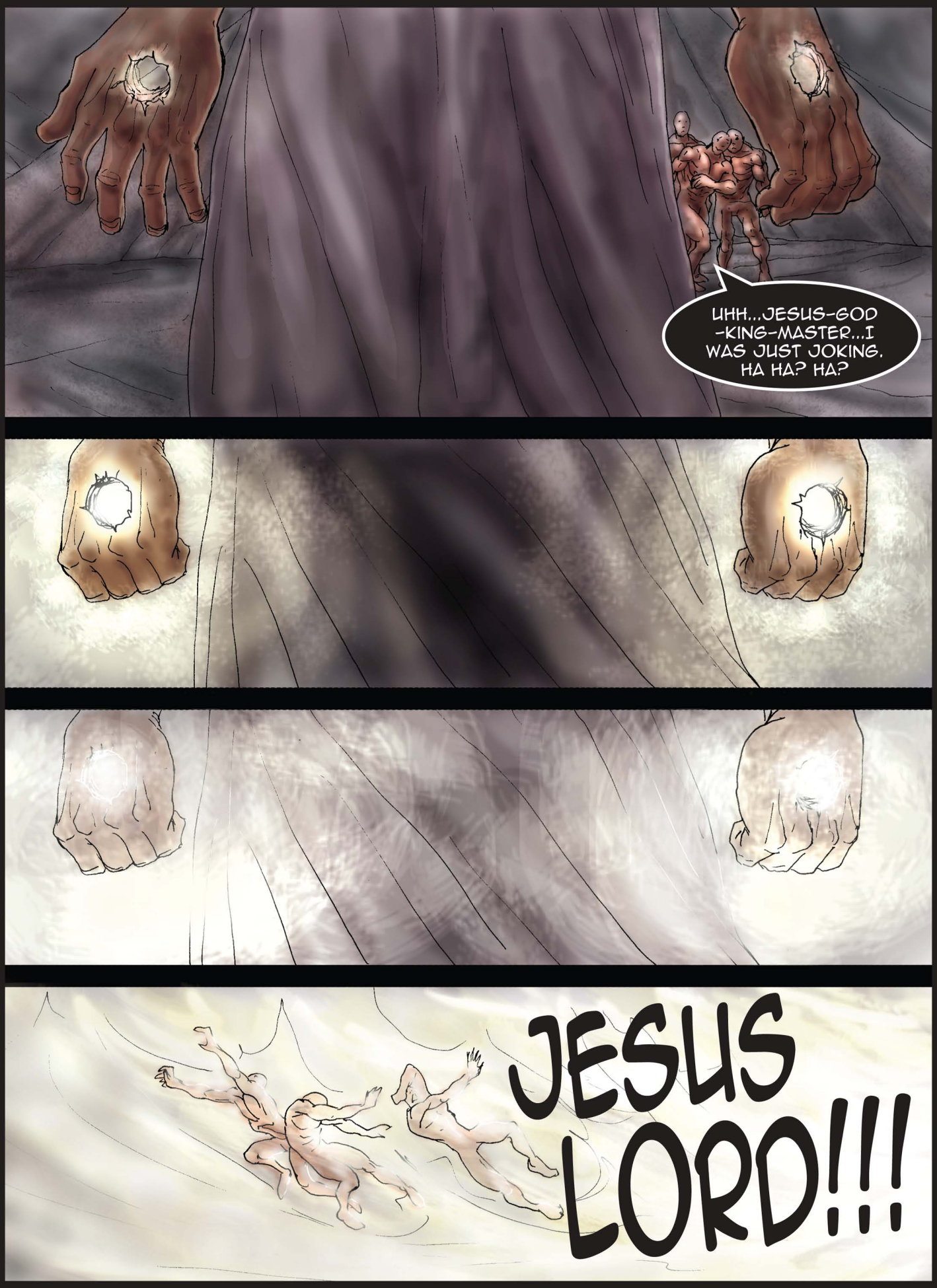
FINISHED.


MEANWHILE IN HELL.
AAAAAHHH! DEMON BROTHERS, YOU SHOULD HAD BEEN THERE!
THEY BEAT JESUS BAD!
THEY WHIPPED HIM, PUNCHED HIM, TORE HIS BEARD-
IT WAS AWESOME!!!

I WISH I COULD HAD GOT MY LICKS IN!
I WOULD HAD POUNDED JESUS' FACE!
I WOULD HAD-WHA? WHAT IS IT?
UMMMMM- LET ME GUESS, JESUS IS STANDING RIGHT BEHIND ME?


UHH...JESUS-GOD -KING-MASTER...I WAS JUST JOKING. HA HA? HA?
JESUS LORD!!!

I HAVE COME-
FOR SOME KEYS.
TO BE CONTINUED.

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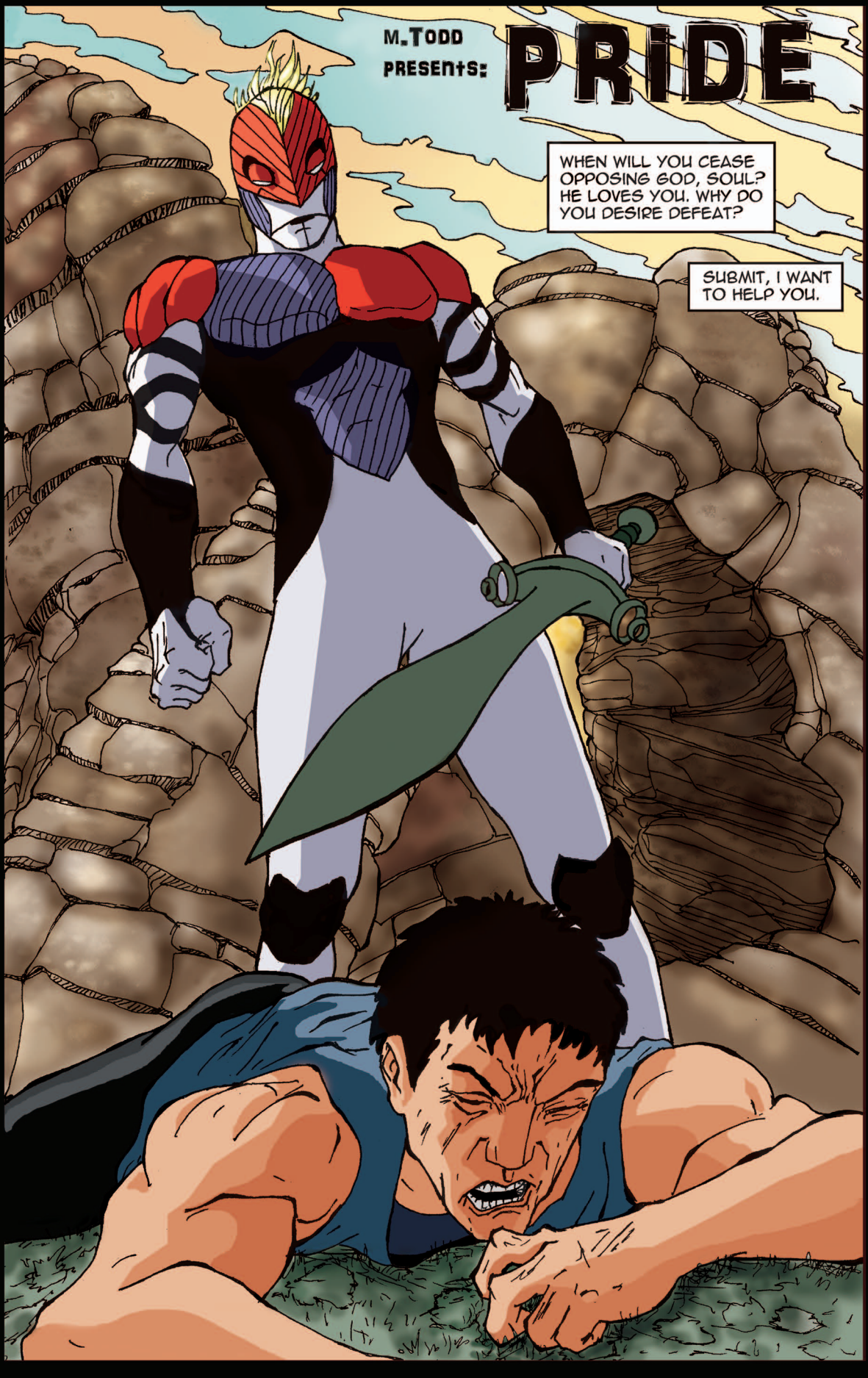
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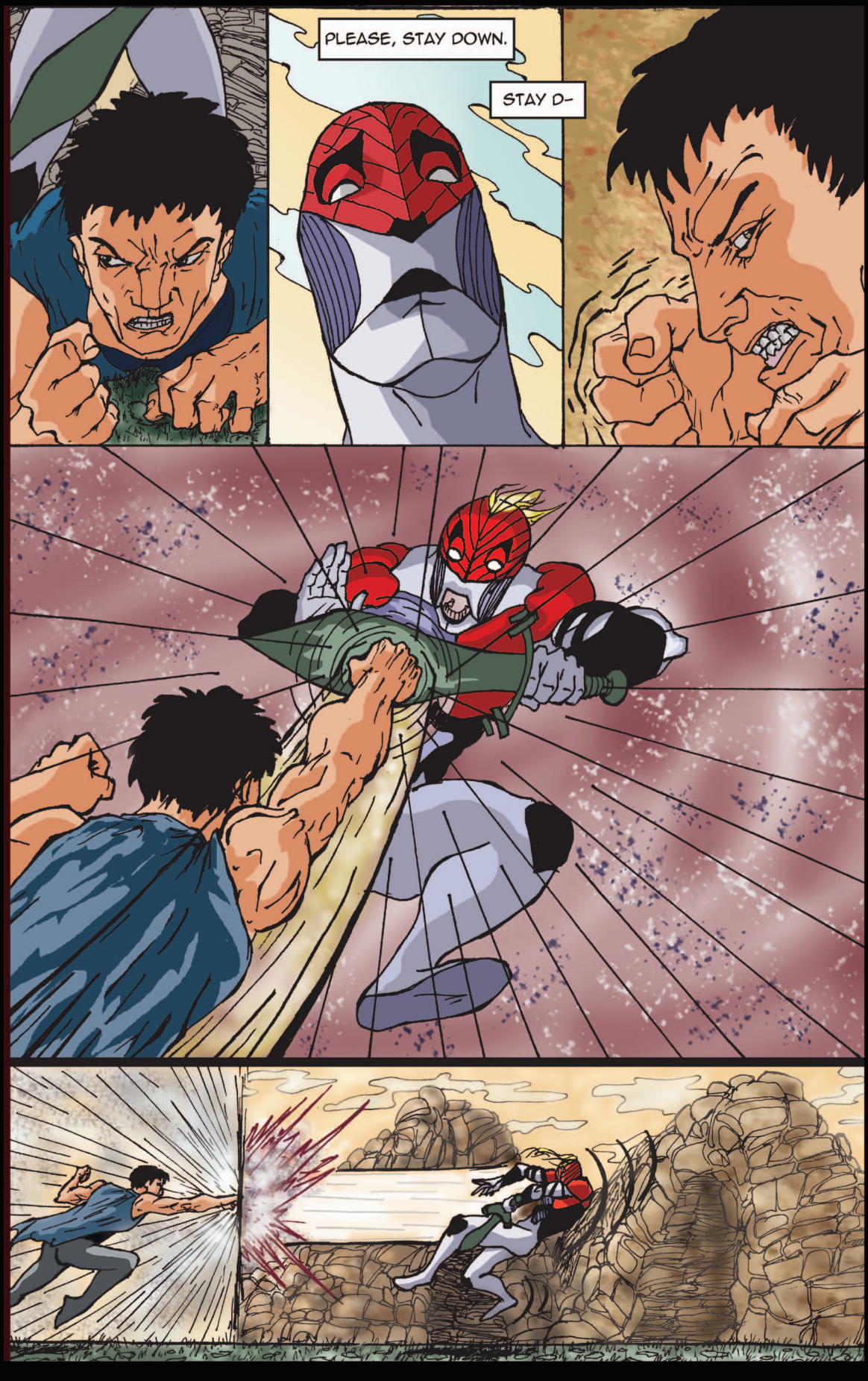
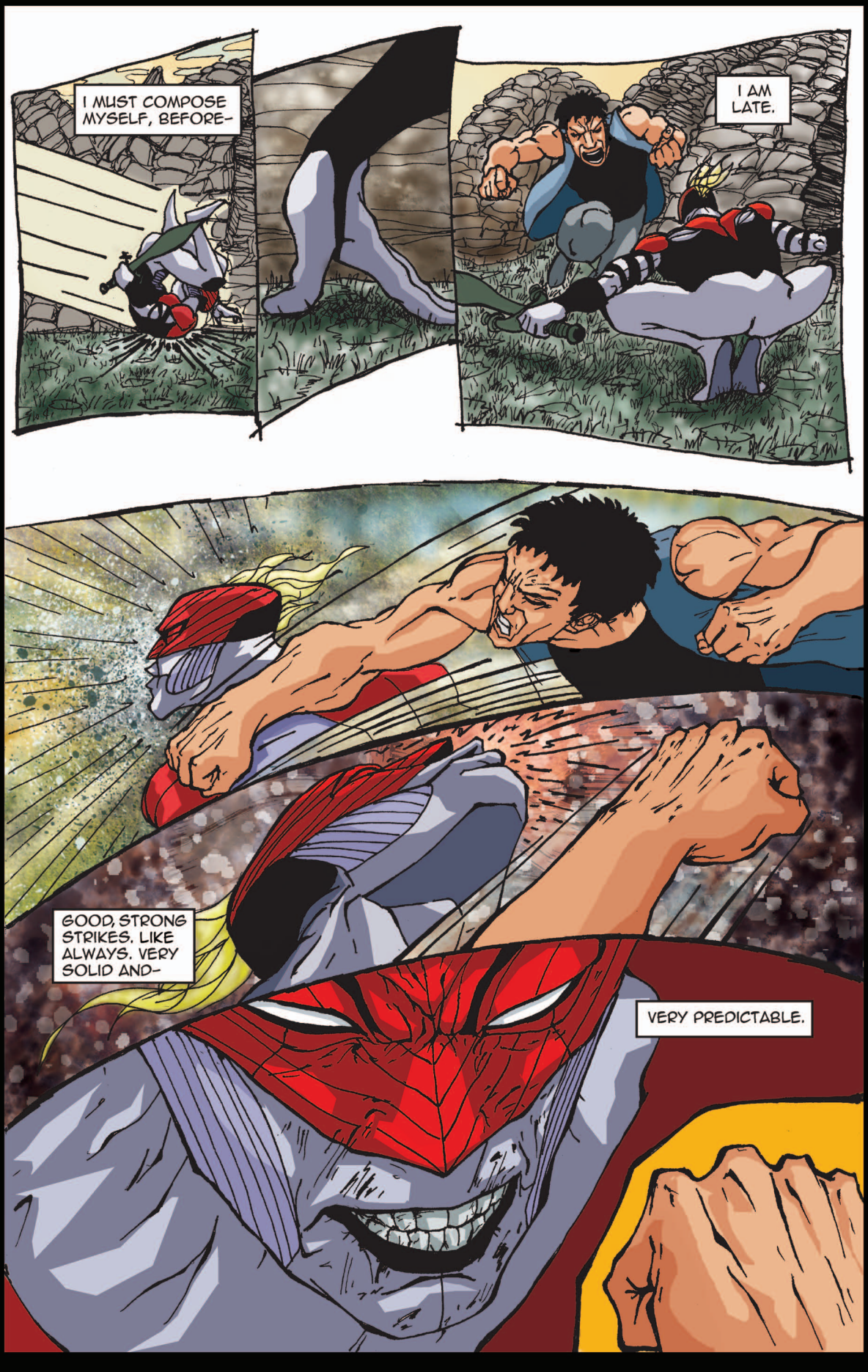
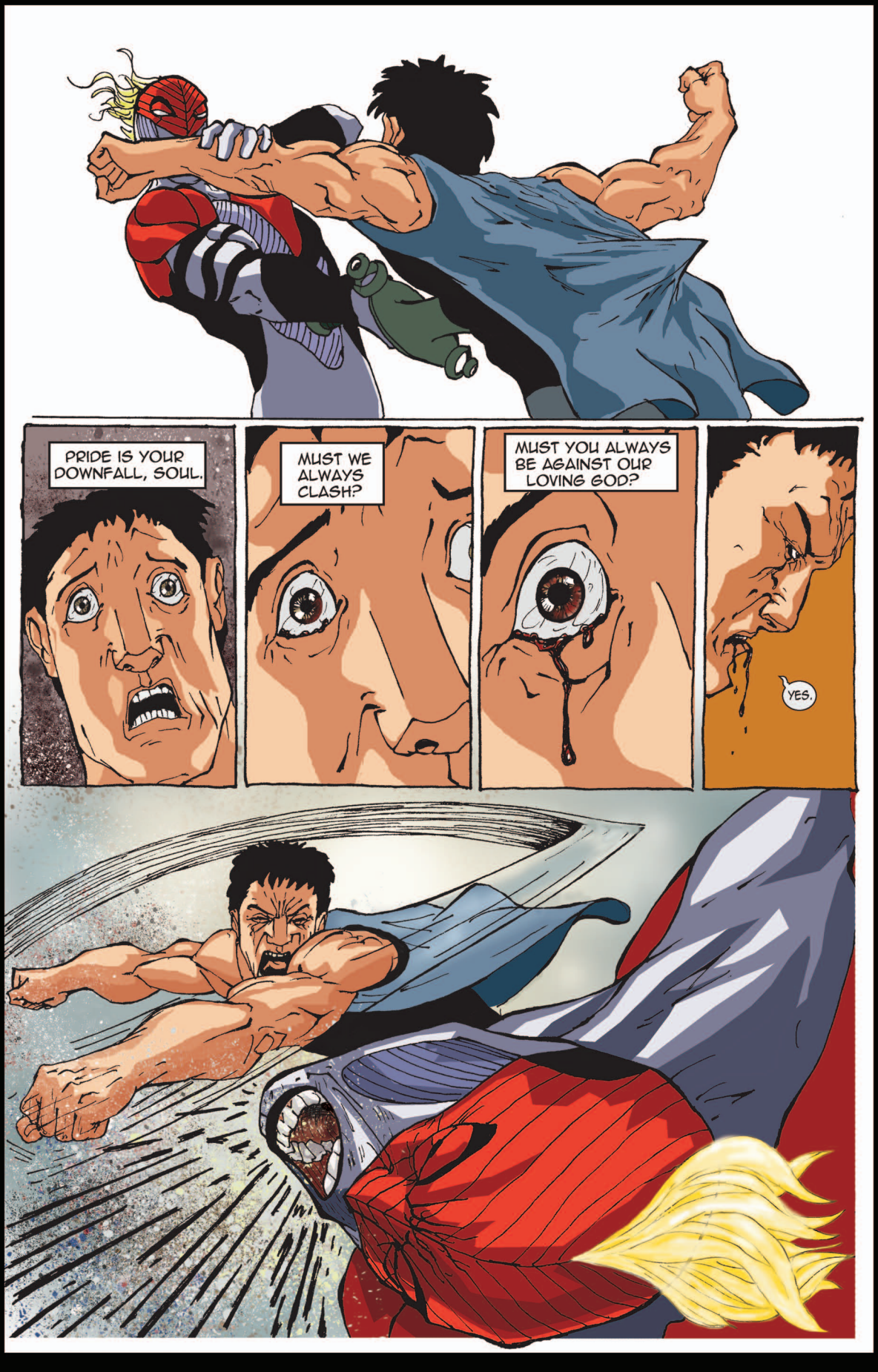
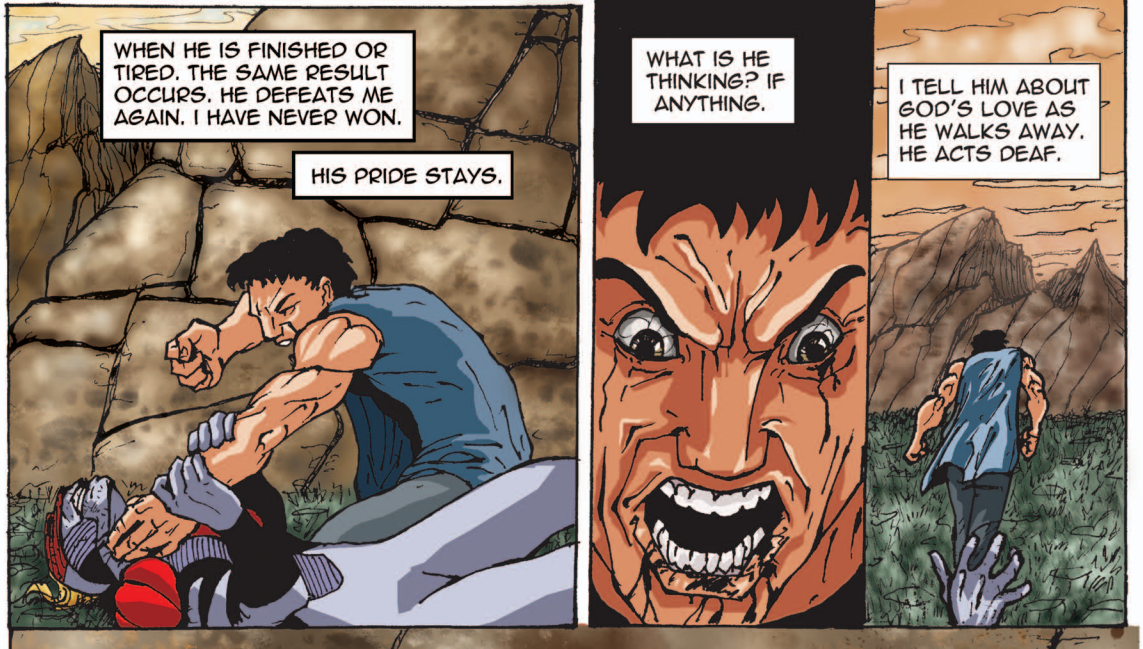
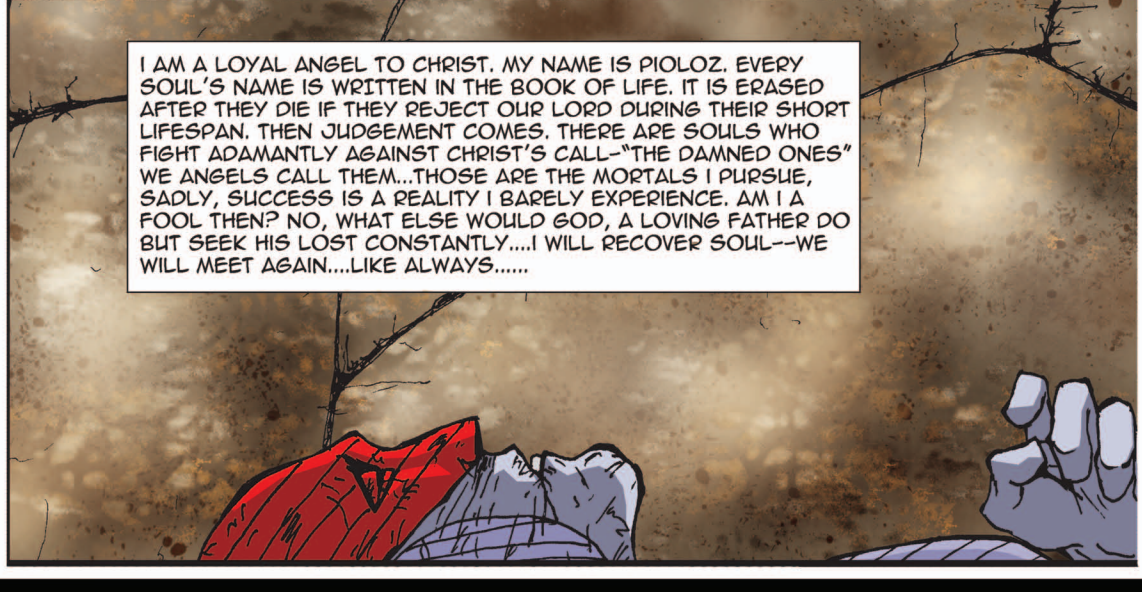
PRESENTS:
PRIDE
WHEN WILL YOU CEASE OPPOSING GOD, SOUL? HE LOVES YOU. WHY DO YOU DESIRE DEFEAT?
SUBMIT, I WANT TO HELP YOU.


PLEASE, STAY DOWN.
STAY D-


I MUST COMPOSE MYSELF, BEFORE-
I AM LATE.
GOOD, STRONG STRIKES. LIKE ALWAYS. VERY SOLID AND-
VERY PREDICTABLE.


PRIDE IS YOUR DOWNFALL, SOUL.
MUST WE ALWAYS CLASH?
MUST YOU ALWAYS BE AGAINST OUR LOVING GOD?
YES.


WHEN HE IS FINISHED OR TIRED. THE SAME RESULT OCCURS. HE DEFEATS ME AGAIN. I HAVE NEVER WON.
HIS PRIDE STAYS.
WHAT IS HE THINKING? IF ANYTHING.
I TELL HIM ABOUT GOD'S LOVE AS HE WALKS AWAY. HE ACTS DEAF.


I AM A LOYAL ANGEL TO CHRIST. MY NAME IS PIOLOZ. EVERY SOUL'S NAME IS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE. IT IS ERASED AFTER THEY DIE IF THEY REJECT OUR LORD DURING THEIR SHORT LIFESPAN. THEN JUDGEMENT COMES. THERE ARE SOULS WHO FIGHT ADAMANTLY AGAINST CHRIST'S CALL-"THE DAMNED ONES" WE ANGELS CALL THEM...THOSE ARE THE MORTALS I PURSUE, SADLY, SUCCESS IS A REALITY I BARELY EXPERIENCE. AM I A FOOL THEN? NO, WHAT ELSE WOULD GOD, A LOVING FATHER DO BUT SEEK HIS LOST CONSTANTLY....I WILL RECOVER SOUL--WE WILL MEET AGAIN....LIKE ALWAYS.....

Afterword and Invitation

I never cared for Bible comics much. I was always a superhero kind of guy or the Christian take on spiritual warfare, with angels and demons, comic books. But, comic books based on Bible stories…they had their place, I felt. They sell well and God has used them tremendously around the world. Right now I can name many bible based comics that are touching thousands of lives. I respect them, but never a big fan. I figured if I want to read the Bible, then I can read the Bible.

So, why did I produce a Bible based comic book then? I feel it's for the same reason why others produce Bible based comic books: we have something to say and share. And hey, the life of Jesus is called the greatest story ever told. You can't beat it, or in my case, avoid illustrating.

You see, I have checked out Bible based comic books, and have seen more good ones than bad ones. But, by doing that, my creative brain began to churn. "I could do a Bible comic…if I did do a Bible comic…, do I really want to do a Bible comic…not really." The nays had it until I heard this teaching from Andrew Wommack. He said how in Isaiah 52:14, that it mentioned how Jesus was marred beyond what any man had been before, and this was the result of sin entering his body, not the beatings from the Romans. That's very powerful! I never thought of that and definitely never saw it in a Jesus movie and such. From then on, I always feel that the pain from being separated from God may have been worse than the lashes and beatings. I never thought visually how all man's sin from the past, present and future would look on a human's body. Now, I had something to say and share.

However, I still didn't immediately begin to brain storm my Bible comic book because I had no idea how to illustrate it. I thought about just drawing it, like everyone else. I could get some illustrated books of the Bible or look online to see how people dressed backed then. And I did do that, but it became less appealing. For me, if something has been done and done and done, I don't feel adequate to add anything new or even better. But, I could do something different. So, when I saw this illustrated Steampunk book at the library, I thought, what if….

Now, I actually jumped a bit, because before hearing the Andrew Wommack teaching and wanting to design this Bible world in Steampunk, I did have an idea about showing what Jesus may have been thinking while on earth. I decided to translate certain events in Jesus' life, to help others to relate and maybe understand Jesus more. Often, you read the Bible or hear the same quotes and beliefs about Jesus or what he said and it's more like or just head knowledge. You accept the truths without knowing what the truths really mean, and in reality you do not believe the truths in your heart. At least that is how it was with me. It felt like God was a thousand miles away… and yea, Jesus is love, he lives in me and he is God, who came down as a man and so on. I was a Christian who "knew" those truths, but didn't believe those truths completely.

I contemplated," How can Jesus relate with my problems, when he was God and perfect?""I know I'm definitely not perfect, and I have issues, deep issues.""But love?""No.", I thought, "God is up in heaven, emotionless, telling us what not to do all the time, and hopefully he cares and sees me through space, and time, past all the planets, stars, constellations, galaxies and clouds…""Touch me Lord!""Stretch your cold hand, (with infinite power of course) and help me know I'm more important than a fly." Sadly, that is wrong theology but, how often do believers and unbelievers see and believe God is a stoic supreme being? But wait… we have Jesus, he was a man, he knows how we feel. Does he really? He never sinned, so how can he relate with me? I also thought if Jesus was God on earth, and if God is an uncaring, cold deity well then, why would Jesus be any different?

I began this comic book with Zephaniah 3:17, that is in The Old Testament. If you actually read it and think about it for lets say, 5 minutes, it'll blow your mind! You might think, "What, God has emotions besides anger?" "He rejoices and exalts, which could mean dancing?" "God sings, what the…?" "And wait, He does that over us?" "He sings and dances over us?" How do you feel when you sing or dance, when you hear music or see dancing? My point is, God made emotions. God is more "human" than we think. I know God didn't just send Jesus, so he could come to know how we pitiful humans feel. God always knew how we felt because, He felt what we felt and he knows all our emotions, before Jesus came. Some say, "Well, he was just angry in the Old Testament." No, he wasn't. There are scriptures of The Lord begging and pleading for man to love him, to come to him. The anger was due to a war on sin because; there wasn't any salvation or grace until Jesus. So, things were harsh for man. But, there were many more times when God warned, and warned, and waited and pleaded with man, than there was justice for evil or judgments from The Lord. He had to pass judgment sometimes. But, it is different now. The war is over, we have Jesus.

"But, how can I know Jesus even cares about me?" you say. Well, here is the invitation. First, you confess Jesus is Lord of all and that you want him in your heart, in your life. He will come and live in you and change you. But, you don't stop there. If you really want to truly know God loves you and Jesus is alive in you, then you have to put effort into seeking and knowing Him. You do that by talking and praying to God. Also, by reading and studying The Bible. I put much emphasis on studying The Bible. Anyone can read through a Bible but, it's another thing to meditate and "chew" on the truths. It is another thing to memorize and speak out the truths. You must find a good church, to be surrounded by fellow believers, who can support you. You may think," Well, churches are filled with hypocrites!" Yea, they can be, and if you become a believer you will be a hypocrite sometimes too. Churches are like hospitals- a place where sick people are getting well. Some churches are filled with more well people than other churches. You will get offended and hurt. That's fine; your pursuit has to be after Jesus after all. So, you will have plenty of opportunities to forgive like Christ. And so, you will also have many opportunities to experience Christ's love more by helping others. It will end up being a blessing for you.

Jesus could have left the cross at any time, but he chose to follow through to the bitter end. He did this because he knew one day you would need a savior, a friend, a comforter, a father, a provider, a counselor, and a person with feelings like you, who care. God bless you.

-Melchizedek Todd

Resources:

Andrew Wommack audio teachings: http://www.awmi.net/extra/audio
The War is Over: http://www.awmi.net/extra/audio/1053
The Power of the Cross: http://www.awmi.net/extra/audio/1073
How to Stay Positive in a Negative World: http://www.awmi.net/extra/audio/1065
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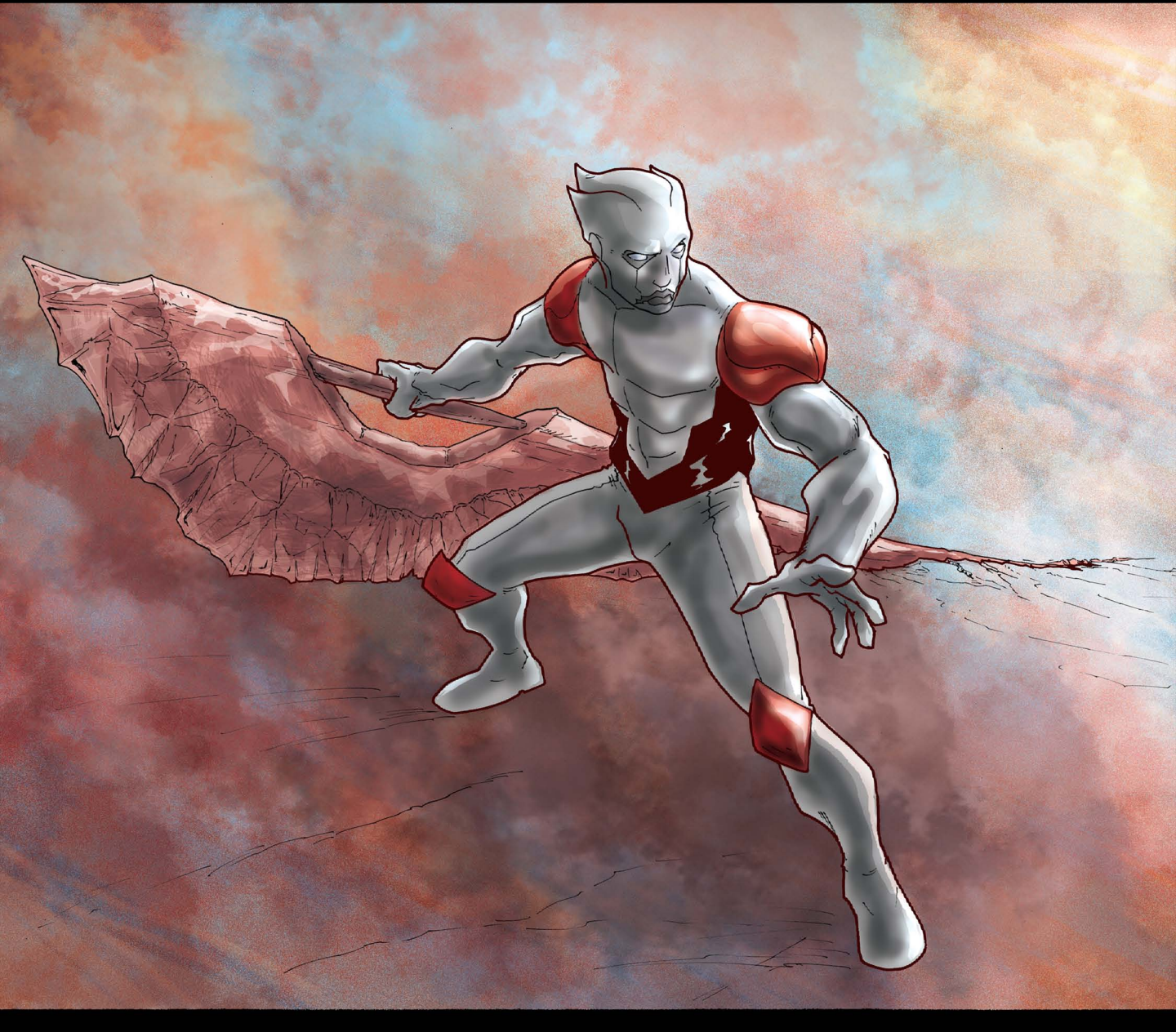

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