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The story so far..



Toyo Harada is the world's most powerful psiot—humans gifted with mental abilities that unlock tremendous powers. Harada sought out and trained other psiotics, to bring about world peace, cure diseases, and end poverty...by any means necessary. But because Harada was willing to manipulate and kill in pursuit of his singular vision, a group of psiot renegades exposed him and brought down his global empire.

Now Harada has waged open war to save the world. He took a portion of Somalia from militant radicals, and started building his utopian Foundation Zone—the first step toward a post-scarcity society, with plentiful food, employment, education, and health care. But the Foundation Zone has a long way to go. And Rising Spirit, a covert military contractor led by C.E.O. Morris Kozol, will be there to fight Harada—and make money doing it.

To fight this battle, Harada collected a team of monsters—the disenfranchised mercenary Gravedog, the compassionate robot Mech Major (a.k.a. Sunlight on Snow), the genetically engineered alien assassin Lord Vine-99, and Angela Peace Baingana, once a crusading Rising Spirit scientist, whose body was possessed by an amoral higher-dimensional intelligence. She engineered a plan to draw Harada aboard the Leviathan, Rising Spirit's massive submarine, and offered her services to his cause...in exchange for a free hand in her ruthless research into human biology.

During the chaotic escape from Leviathan, an uncontrolled burst of Harada's power blew a massive breach in the hull. Pulled out into the ocean, Harada encountered the inexplicable. Divinity, the Soviet cosmonaut who returned from decades in deep space imbued with god-like power, appeared before Harada. With his mastery over time and space, Divinity knew what was about to happen—Harada would soon seek him out for his team. And when Divinity granted each of Harada's followers their deepest happiness, Harada would still reject this compromise and stand against Divinity. Unwilling to be pursued, attacked, or conscripted, Divinity pulled Harada out of time, jumbling past, present, and future into a puzzle beyond Harada's powers. But Harada studied Divinity... and devised a plan to beat him...

**INDIAN OCEAN.
SECONDS AFTER THE
EXPLOSION ON LEVIATHAN.**

THE DIVINITY ENTITY
HAS BEEN ASSAULTING ME
VIA TIME-MANIPULATION.

WHENEVER I GET CLOSE TO
HIM, HE SWATS ME AWAY TO
SOME OTHER MOMENT.

STOP.
BEFORE YOU
CAST ME OFF
AGAIN, GIVE ME
A CHANCE TO
TALK.

THERE'S
NOTHING TO
TALK ABOUT,
HARADA. YOU KEEP
COMING AFTER
ME. LEAVE ME
ALONE.

HE'S LEFT ME SO CHRONOLOGICALLY
DISPLACED THAT I'VE ENGAGED HIM
BEFORE I MET HIM. MET HIM BEFORE
I WAS AWARE OF HIM.

BUT I'VE LEARNED
TWO THINGS WHILE
STUCK IN HIS
CHRONO-MAZE.

YOU THINK
I'M A PUZZLE TO
SOLVE. A LAND
TO CONQUER.

FIRST, HIS MASTERY
OVER TIME IS NOT
ILLUSIONARY. IT'S
MATERIAL. ABSOLUTE.

THAT MEANS HE'S
HERE. BEFORE ME. NOT
A PROJECTION. NOT
A TRANSMISSION.

YOU
CANNOT
SOLVE
ME...

AND IF HE'S HERE.
HIS BRAIN IS HERE.

THE PHYSICAL
UNIVERSE MAY BE
DIVINITY'S DOMAIN...

CANNOT
CAPTURE OR
CONVERT
MEEB...

AGHHH!

...BUT THE MIND IS MINE.

I FLASH-TILL HIS MEMORIES. CAUSE NEURAL OVERLOAD.

I DON'T RISK BRAIN-SCANNING HIM, WHO KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE.

SECOND THING I'VE LEARNED, HE HAS A WEAKNESS.

I ENCOUNTERED HOLOGRAMS OF THEM BEFORE. IN THE FUTURE.

I DROP THE LOOPED IMAGES INTO THE CENTER OF HIS MIND.

WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH. STAY WITH US...

DADDY?

LIKE FISHING WEIGHTS INTO WATER.



DIVINITY
IS MINE.

BROKEN ANGELS IV: SOMETHING GREATER THAN YOURSELF.

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WH-WHERE AM I?! WHAT'S HAPPENING?!



ABRAM, PLEASE. WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH. STAY WITH US...

DADDY?



OF COURSE... I'LL NEVER LEAVE YOU AGAIN... IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT... I THOUGHT...

ABRAM, PLEASE. WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH...



STAY WITH US...

DADDY?



ABRAM, PLEASE. WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH...

DADDY?



THIS ISN'T YOU. NOT YOUR VOICE. NOT YOUR WAY...

IT'S NOT REAL! I'LL SHOW YOU REALITY!



**LEVIATHAN,
RISING SPIRIT
SUBMARINE
BASE.**

HE DID
IT AGAIN.

SOMETHING WENT
WRONG AND HE KNOCKED
ME BACK. JUST A FEW
MINUTES. TO THE RAID.



AMMO'S
DONE!

WHEN THE ONBOARD PSIOT
DAMPENERS HAD SAPPED ALL MY
POWER. LEFT ME WEAK AND OLD.



I'M
DISAPPOINTED,
OMEGA PSIOT
HARADA. I WAS
HOPING FOR MORE
TIME IN THIS
DIMENSION.

WHEN EVERYTHING
WENT TO HELL.



SEE YOU
IN JAHANNAM,
HARADA!

BUT THIS TIME
I KNOW...

GHAAA!!!



... EXACTLY WHAT'S
ABOUT TO HAPPEN.