

EX LUX, LOS ANGELES.

YOU ARE THE ARCHITECT OF THE FALL OF HEAVEN, LUCIFER. THE ARCHITECT OF MY MISERY.

Father Lucifer
Part Two:

The Not-So-Fortunate Fall

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IF YOU'RE MISERABLE, RAPHAEL, I'D SAY YOU NEED TO SHIFT THE BLAME FIGHER.

REMEMBER WHEN YOU WERE *ONE OF US*, WHEN YOU LIVED WITH US IN THE SILVER CITY AS OUR BROTHER?

WHEN THE WORLD WAS *NEW AND GOOD*...

YOU'RE BEING MAUDLIN.

I'M DRUNK.

HOW CAN I BE DRUNK?

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO ME?

"To lie is so vile, that even if it were in speaking well of godly things it would take off something from God's grace..." — Leonardo da Vinci



THIS IS A BAR. GETTING EVERYONE DRUNK IS WHAT WE DO.



AND THIS IS HOW YOU CHOOSE TO SPEND ALL YOUR GIFTS!

WELCOME BACK FROM NOTHING, BROTHER. IS THAT WHAT YOU WANTED, TO BE THE PRINCE OF NOTHING?

LORD OF NOTHING?

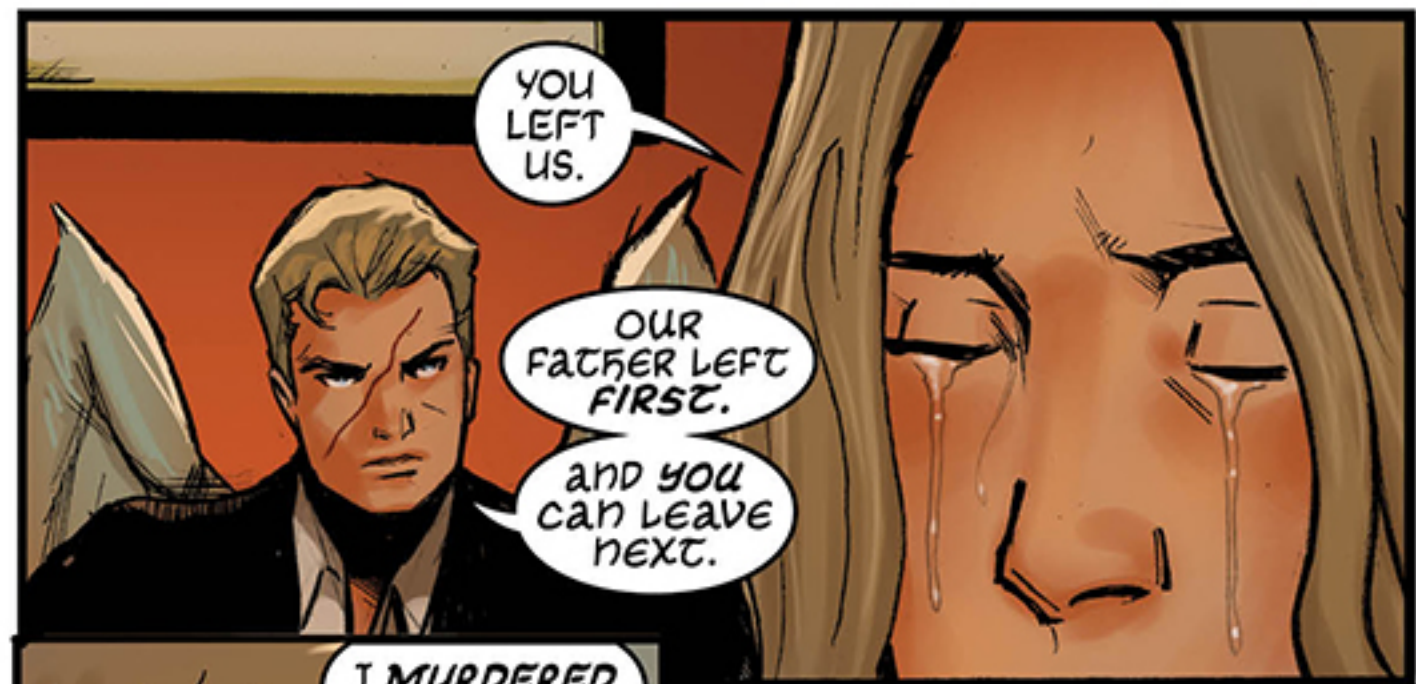
YOU GAVE UP YOUR KINGDOM, YOU GAVE AWAY PIECES OF YOURSELF, AND YOU NEARLY DESTROYED THE WORLD, AND FOR WHAT--A GLORIFIED SUICIDE?



SO WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT THERE THAT WAS SO IMPORTANT?

I am NOT SURE I HAVE THE WORDS TO TELL YOU.

no one HAS INVENTED THEM YET.



YOU LEFT US.

OUR FATHER LEFT FIRST.

and you can leave next.



I MURDERED METATRON.



maybe you should stay after all.

MEDJINE HAS BEEN **HIDING** IN HER BROTHER'S ROOM FOR TWO **WEEKS**.

HE BRINGS HER PEANUT BUTTER **SANDWICHES** AND TOMATO **SOUP** AND LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN **CANDY**.

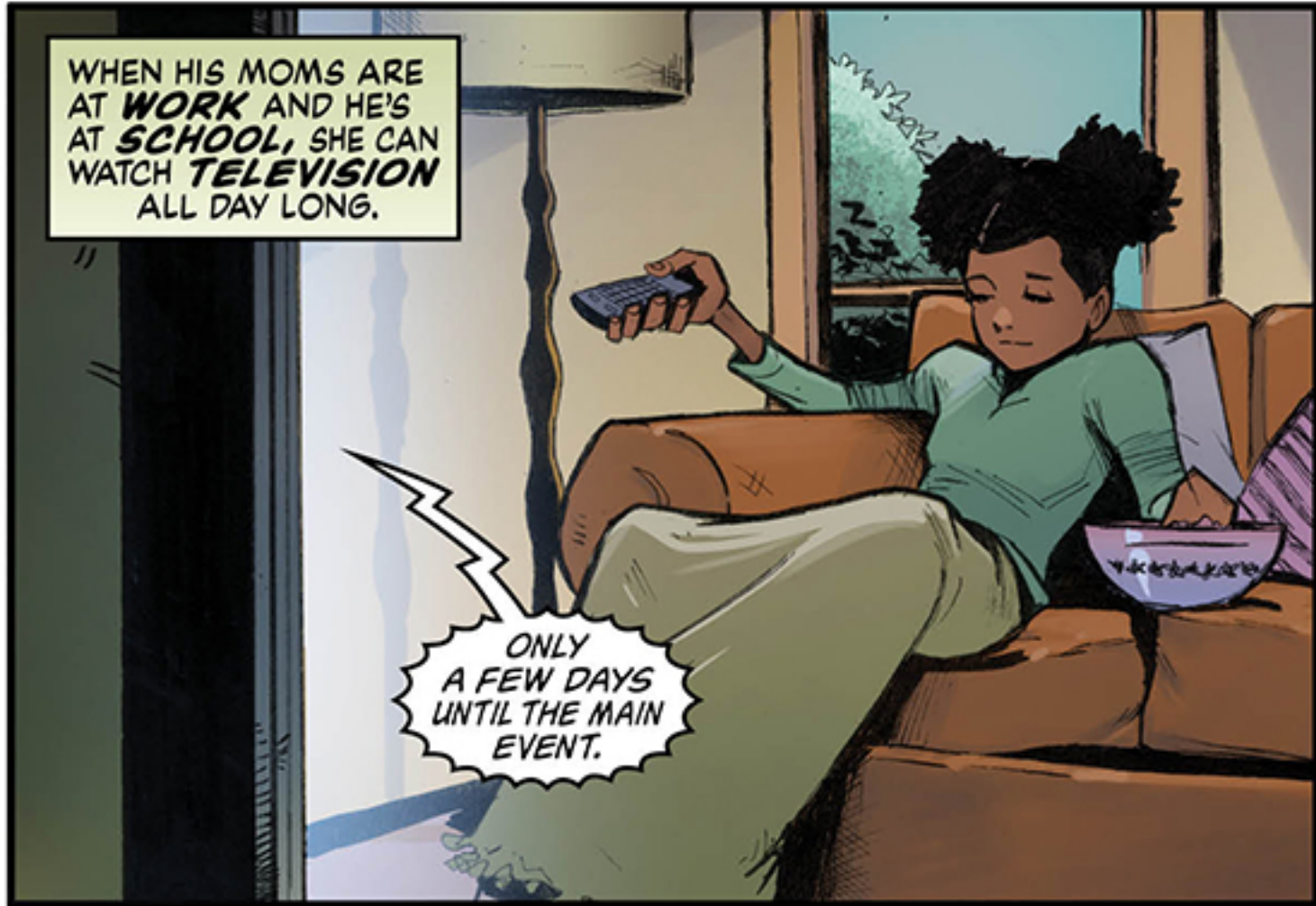


EVERY MORNING SHE GETS UP **EARLY** AND HIDES IN HIS **CLOSET**.



SHE KNOWS SHE'S GOING TO GET **CAUGHT** EVENTUALLY, BUT SHE HASN'T **YET**.

WHEN HIS MOMS ARE AT **WORK** AND HE'S AT **SCHOOL**, SHE CAN WATCH **TELEVISION** ALL DAY LONG.



ONLY A FEW DAYS UNTIL THE MAIN **EVENT**.

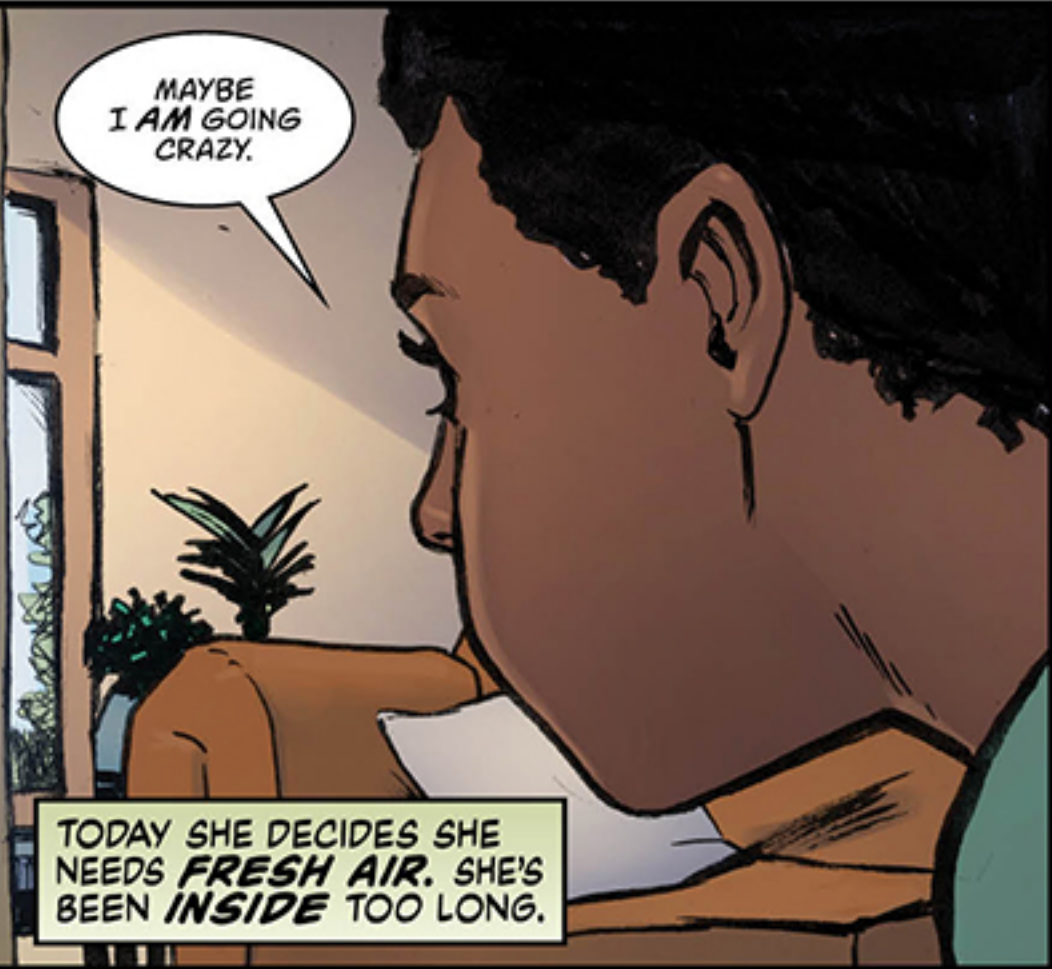
WHO IS GOING TO BE THE NEW **RULER OF HELL**?

I DON'T KNOW, TED, BUT THE **BATTLE** IS LIKELY TO BE **EXCITING**.



DCNN WHO WILL BE THE NEW **RULER OF HELL**?

MAYBE I AM GOING **CRAZY**.



TODAY SHE DECIDES SHE NEEDS **FRESH AIR**. SHE'S BEEN **INSIDE** TOO LONG.



THE LAST FAMILY SHE LIVED WITH USED TO TALK ABOUT **DEMONS** ALL THE TIME.



NOW SHE'S **SEEING** THEM, TOO.

MEDJINE WONDERS IF THE **WORLD** CHANGED, OR IF **SHE** DID.



BLOOOOOOOD.

GIVE ME A **TASTE OF BLOOD** AND I WILL TELL YOU YOUR **FUTURE**.

WHAT ARE YOU **LOOKING AT?**

THE **IMP?**

YOU **SEE IT, TOO?**



OF COURSE.

I'M **NOEMA PRESTO**.

NICE TO MEET YOU.

GABRIEL HAS BEEN IN **HELL** BEFORE.

I'VE BEEN WAITING A LONG TIME TO **SINK** MY **TEETH** INTO YOUR **HOLY FLESH**.

AFTER HE WAS MADE MORTAL, HE SPENT WHAT **FELT** LIKE **CENTURIES** IN ITS **TERRIBLE EMBRACE**.

HE NEVER WAS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE ITS **BEAUTY**.

HELL COULD BE A REAL **TOURIST** DESTINATION.

IF IT WEREN'T FOR ALL THE **SUFFERING**.

BUT MAYBE WITHOUT **SUFFERING** THERE CAN BE NO TRUE **CATHARSIS**.

AUUUUUGH!

CARE FOR A GO?

EXCUSE ME...

SHE REALLY APPRECIATES THE **FLENSING**, SO I TRY TO SAVE THAT FOR **LAST**.

