

IT'S A NEW YEAR,
BUT AN OLD STORY.



A FRACTURED FAMILY. TWO
SONS FIGHT TWO FATHERS.



THE WORLD IS COMING UNDONE--
AND THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING.
THE CLOUDS BEFORE THE DELUGE.



AND FOR
EVERY
OLD LOVE
REKINDLED...



...THERE'S
NEW HATE.



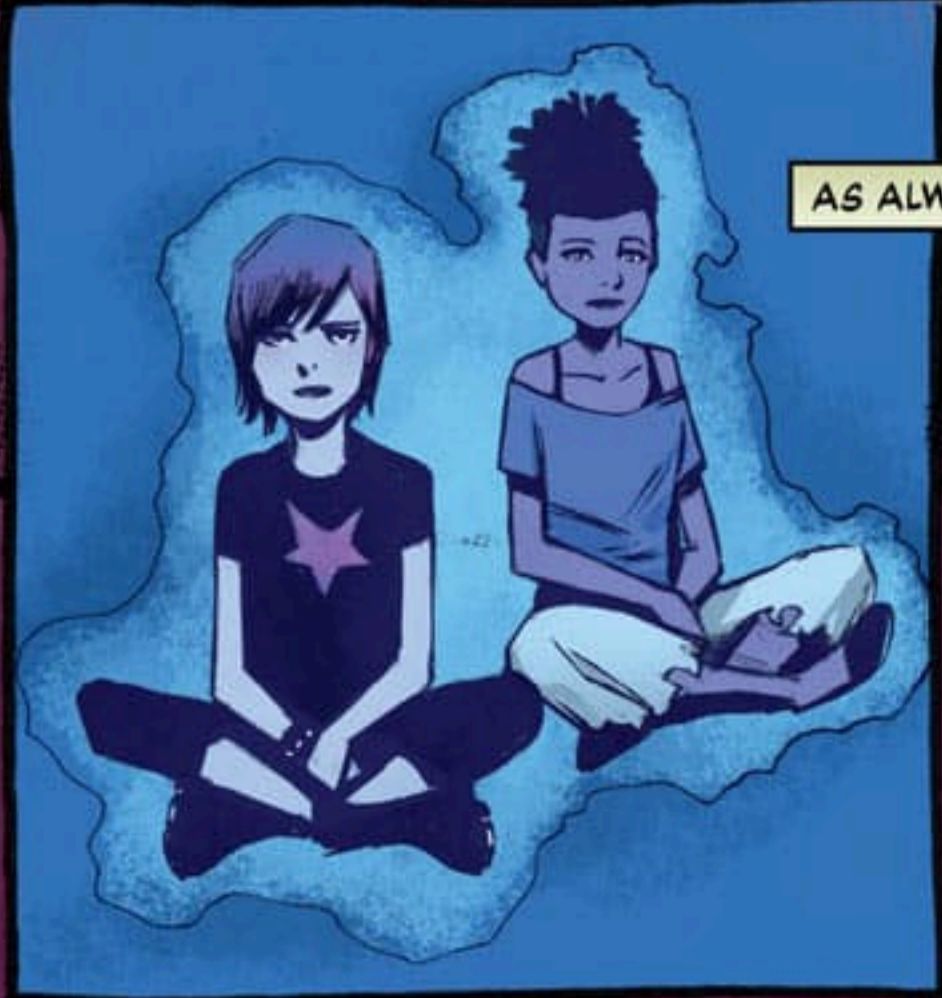
ONE GOD PLEDGES NEUTRALITY.



ANOTHER, BLOOD AND FIRE.



AS ALWAYS, THE *INNOCENT* SUFFER.



IN THE CENTER OF IT ALL IS *LUCIFER MORNINGSTAR*. HIS POWERS ARE RESTORED, BUT WHAT GOOD ARE THEY IF HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THEM?





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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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POWER. WE NEED A LOT MORE THAN WE HAVE NOW.

HOW DO WE GET IT?

WE TAKE IT. IF NEED BE.

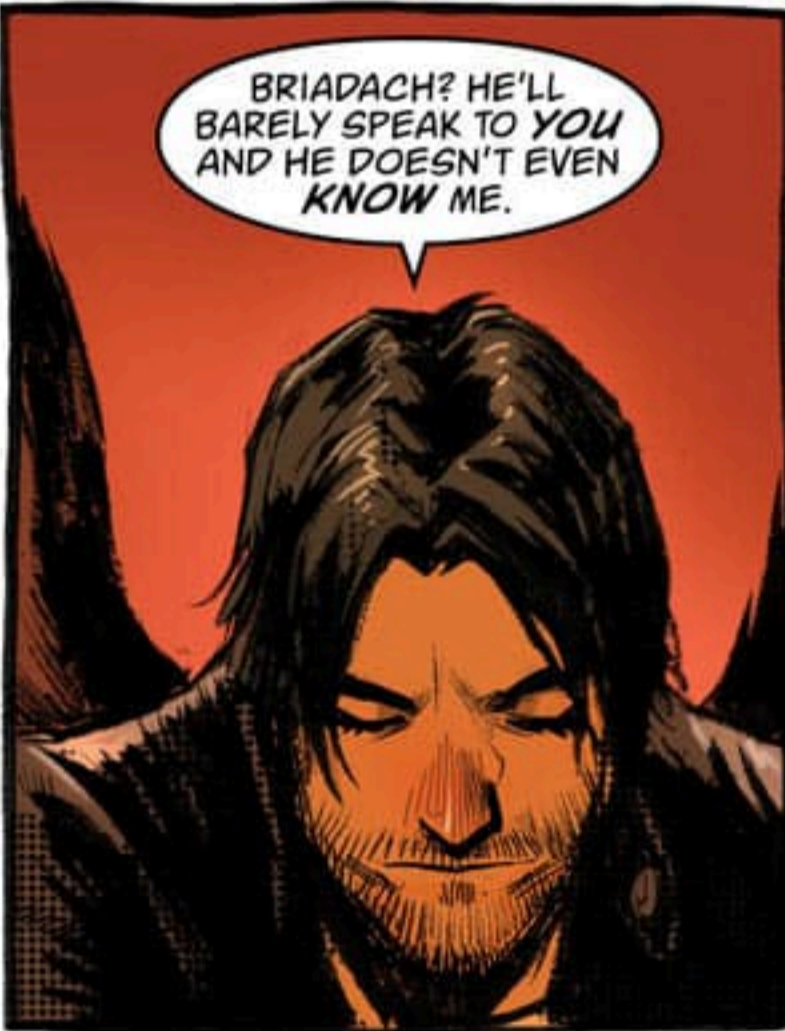


AT LEAST THAT'S SOMETHING. WHERE DO WE START?

YOU'RE NOT ON THE POWER TEAM. YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT ASSIGNMENT.

WHAT?

I WANT YOU TO GO TO BRIADACH THE BLIND, LORD OF THE LILIM. FIND OUT WHAT HE KNOWS.



BRIADACH? HE'LL BARELY SPEAK TO YOU AND HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW ME.



ALSO, I SORT OF HAVE MY OWN ASSIGNMENT.



WHAT KIND OF ASSIGNMENT?

I PROMISED SOMEONE I'D FIND RAPHAEL.

FORGET IT. WE CAN'T POSSIBLY SPARE YOU RIGHT NOW.



BUT I GAVE MY WORD.

YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE IT BACK. THIS IS TOO IMPORTANT.



I WON'T DO IT! I'M NOT YOUR PUPPET TO ORDER AROUND!

LET HIM GO. HE PROMISED.

FINE. FINE. I DIDN'T KNOW IT MEANT THAT MUCH TO YOU.



IT DOES.

TAKE WHATEVER TIME YOU NEED.

AND BE CAREFUL.

THANKS FOR UNDERSTANDING.



THAT WAS WELL PLAYED, LETTING GABRIEL GET RID OF HIMSELF LIKE THAT.

I THOUGHT SO.

NOW TELL ME WHY.

IT WOULD HAVE UPSET HIM. THE FIRST BIT OF POWER I WANT IS GABRIEL'S MISSING FEART.

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET THAT?



I'M NOT. AN OLD FRIEND WILL. SHE OWES ME A FAVOR.



HER?