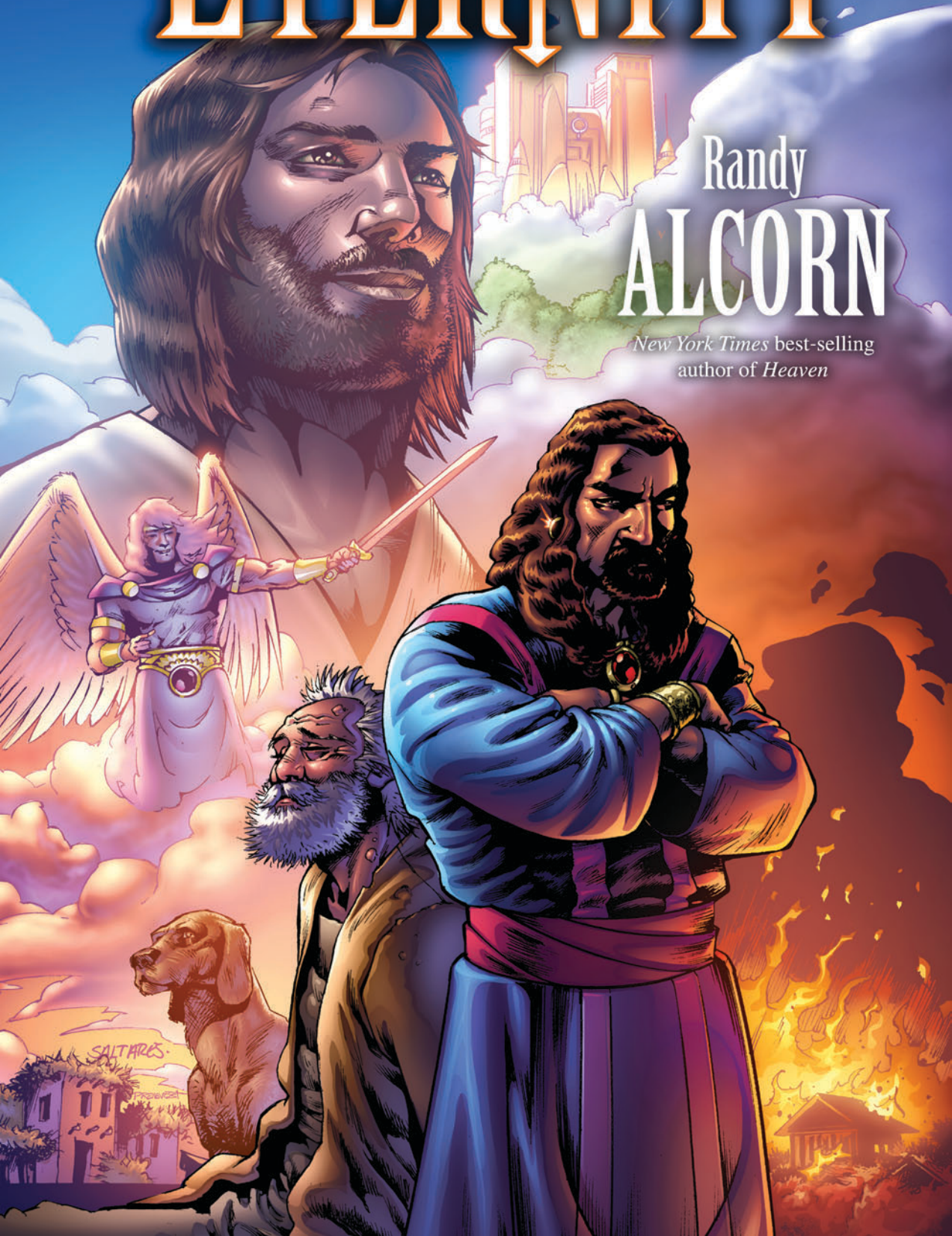




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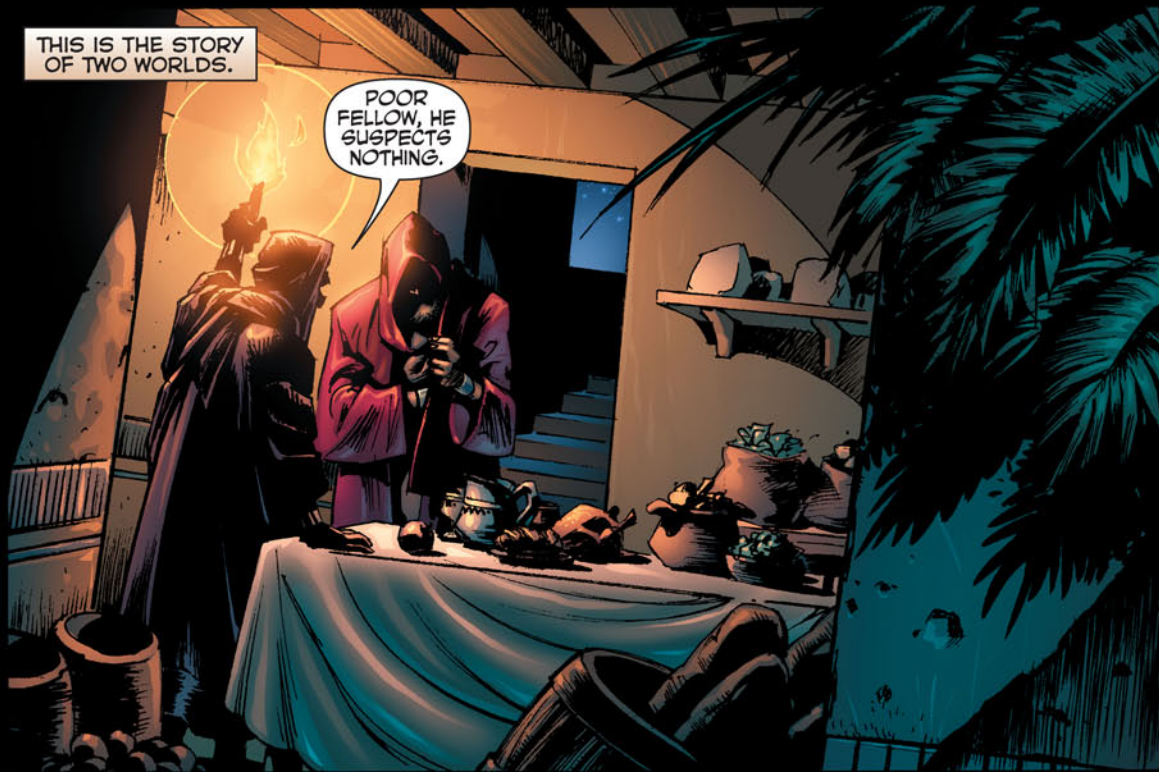
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THIS IS THE STORY
OF TWO WORLDS.

POOR
FELLOW, HE
SUSPECTS
NOTHING.



IT IS THE STORY
OF THREE MEN...

AH YES, IT
BREAKS MY
HEART.

WE SERVE
THE WORLD
BY RIDDING IT
OF HIM!

...AND I WAS A
SERVANT TO EACH
OF THOSE THREE
MEN AT DIFFERENT
TIMES AND IN
DIFFERENT WAYS.



IT IS THE STORY
OF THREE DEATHS...

MUST
WE USE SO
LITTLE?

...AND EACH OF THOSE
THREE DEATHS HAD A PRO-
FOUND IMPACT ON MY LIFE.



PATIENCE, LEAST WE BE
DISCOVERED! HIS END
WILL COME SOON
ENOUGH.

NOT SOON
ENOUGH
FOR ME!

BUT THIS IS
NOT MY STORY.



THIS STORY BEGINS
IN JERUSALEM...

...ALTHOUGH IT STILL HAS NOT
ENDED, AND REACHES FAR BEYOND
THE BORDERS OF THAT CITY.

I AM THE
STORYTELLER,
TOBIAS THE SON
OF MATTHIAS.

THOSE I PIECED
TOGETHER FROM
THE TEACHINGS OF
ONE OF THE THREE
MEN. YOU MAY
KNOW OF HIM.

SOME SAY HE
CAME TO EARTH FROM
ANOTHER WORLD.

I SPEAK OF JESUS OF
NAZARETH, WHOM THEY
CALL THE GOD-MAN.

OF THE TWO OTHER
MEN, ONE WAS A BEGGAR
NAMED LAZARUS.

YOU MAY
HAVE HEARD
OF LAZARUS
OF BETHANY,
WHOM JESUS
RAISED FROM
THE DEAD.

MY EYES SAW ALL, EXCEPT THE PORTIONS
THAT HAPPENED IN OTHER WORLDS.

BUT LAZARUS
WAS A COMMON
NAME. THIS
LAZARUS WAS
DESTITUTE. HIS
HOME WAS
THE STREET.

THE THIRD MAN WAS
PHINEAS, MY MASTER.
ALSO KNOWN AS DIVES,
LATIN FOR "RICH MAN",
A NICKNAME GIVEN TO
HIM BY THE POOR
WHO LIVED NEARBY.

A RICH MAN
WHO HABITUALLY
DRESSED IN FINE
LINEN, LIVING
IN SPLENDOR
EVERY DAY.

IF YOU HAVE EARS
TO HEAR, LISTEN
NOW TO MY STORY.



THAT PURPLE SUITS YOU WELL, ELDER BROTHER.

IT IS FIT FOR ROYALTY!

IT HAD BETTER BE!
IT IS COLORED BY THE FINEST PHOENICIAN SHELLFISH, EACH YIELDING BUT A FEW DROPS OF DYE!



DYE THAT COSTS A THOUSAND DAYS' WAGES PER POUND!

AND I, AS FAMILY TREASURER, ISSUED PAYMENT FOR ALL SEVEN OF YOUR PURPLE ROBES!



ONE FOR EACH DAY OF THE WEEK, BROTHER AMOS.

NOT TO MENTION THE SOFT UNDERGARMENTS FROM THE LOOM OF ABIGAIL.

FINEST WEAVER IN JERUSALEM.



YES. AND THE MOST EXPENSIVE!

AND WHY NOT? WOULD OUR FATHER OMAR NOT HAVE WANTED HIS SONS—FIRST AND FOREMOST HIS ELDEST—TO ENJOY HIS WEALTH?

PHINEAS?



THE ROMANS STILL CALL YOU DIVES! REMEMBER THAT FOOLISH OLD SERVANT WHO WANTED TO SOUND SO SMART...

...PRONOUNCED THAT LATIN NAME SO CAREFULLY "DYE-VEEZ"! SAID IT CORRECTLY, BUT STILL SOUNDED LIKE AN IDIOT PHILISTINE!



NOT A RICH MAN, BUT THE RICH MAN.

THEY MARVEL AT YOUR WEALTH!

SO THEY SHOULD.

AS FIRSTBORN, MINE IS THE DOUBLE INHERITANCE, AND MINE THE POWER TO RULE!



AND BY ALL MEANS NEVER LET US FORGET IT, BIG BROTHER!

GOD HAS SHOWN ME GREAT FAVOR. ALL THAT I TOUCH TURNS TO GOLD.

I AM THE ENVY OF JERUSALEM.

AND THE BANE OF YOUR BUSINESS COMPETITORS!



I SEE YOU HAVE SUMMONED MORE YOUNG WOMEN INTO SERVICE.

AFTER I'VE HAD MY PICK, YOU MAY ENJOY WHAT REMAINS.



AS ALWAYS, BROTHER, AS ALWAYS.





LET US CLEAN OUR HANDS WITH THE WHITE BREAD, AND THEN MAY THE EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT BEGIN!



NOW, A SONG!



TOBIAS?



DO NOT LET THEM SEE YOU, TOBIAS. OUR MASTERS WOULD BEAT US IF THEY KNEW ABOUT THAT BREAD.

THEN WE MUST NOT LET THEM KNOW.

OUTSIDE, AT
THE GATE...

...THE POOR MAN LAZARUS LAY
COVERED WITH SORES, LONGING
TO BE FED WITH THE CRUMBS
WHICH FELL FROM THE TABLE.





THEY ARE
BLOODTHIRSTY
BRUTES!

THEY LIVE
IN A CURSED
WORLD, UNDER
ADAM'S FALL.

REMEMBER
WHAT THEIR KIND
ONCE WERE,
AND ONE DAY
SHALL BE.



ARE YOU SUGGESTING
A HEAVEN FOR
CORPSE-CHEWING
DOGS?

ON THE NEW EARTH
PROMISED IN ISAIAH,
WHERE MESSIAH SHALL
REIGN, WOLF WILL LIE
DOWN WITH LAMB.
WHO
KNOWS?

IN THAT
WORLD
I MAY RUN
THROUGH
MEADOWS
WITH THESE
DOGS!

YOU ARE
CRAZY, OLD
MAN!

OR PERHAPS
THE WORLD IS CRAZY,
AND BECAUSE I
BELIEVE GOD'S WORD,
I AM SANE.

GOD IS NOT
DONE WITH ME OR
THEM. OR EVEN
YOU, TOBIAS!

BUT LET
US NOT ARGUE.
SHALOM.



YOU
WRITE WELL FOR
A BEGGAR. EVEN
WITH A SHARD OF
CHARCOAL!



I WAS NOT RAISED A BEGGAR.
I LEARNED TO WRITE ON THE CLAY
TABLETS MY FATHER USED
IN HIS BUSINESS.

I CARVED STYLUSES FOR
A LIVING, WHEN MY OTHER
HAND WORKED.

CARVED THEM
FROM THE FINEST
MATERIALS.

OFTEN, WEALTHY
PATRONS WOULD
PURCHASE MY STYLUSES
AND THEN HIRE
MY HAND.

I WOULD
WRITE THEIR
MESSAGES, USING
THE FINEST INKS
AND PAPYRUS.

NOW, I
USE WHAT I
CAN. WHATEVER
TITUS FINDS
FOR ME.

AM I
NOT RIGHT,
TITUS?



YOUR GREEK STREET ORPHAN IS SILENT.

SOME OF THE BEST LEARNERS SAY LITTLE.

I HAVE TAUGHT HIM NOT TO STEAL, BUT HE IS A GENIUS AT FINDING WHAT OTHERS HAVE DISCARDED.



YOU WRITE THE WORDS OF TORAH?

THE WORDS OF ISAIAH MY FATHER HAD ME MEMORIZE AS A CHILD.

"HE WAS DESPISED AND REJECTED BY MEN; A MAN OF SORROWS, AND ACQUAINTED WITH GRIEF."

אֲנִי כוֹתֵב לְדָוִד מֶלֶךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל
שֶׁלָּא יִשְׁכַּח אֶת
הַשְּׂטָנִים הַגְּדוֹלִים
אֲשֶׁר יָמָא
מִלִּפְנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ



"SURELY HE HAS BORNE OUR GRIEFS AND CARRIED OUR SORROWS.

HE WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS.

HE WAS CRUSHED FOR OUR INIQUITIES."



YOU READ WELL FOR A SERVANT!

MY FATHER WAS LORD OMAR'S SCRIBE.

HE MADE ME STUDY, BRIBING ME WITH DATES AND RAISING SCRAPED FROM THE PLATES OF OMAR'S FEASTS!



"ALL WE LIKE SHEEP HAVE GONE ASTRAY; WE HAVE TURNED— EVERY ONE—TO HIS OWN WAY; AND THE LORD HAS LAID ON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL."

I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

THEN LET US DISCUSS IT, LIKE TWO RABBIS!



NO! I CANNOT STAY.

HAVE YOU BEEN SENT BY GOD TO BRING US FOOD AGAIN?



NO. NO ONE HAS SENT ME.

I COME ON MY OWN, BRINGING BREAD, USED TO WASH THE HANDS OF MY MASTER AND HIS BROTHERS.

THIS IS THE CLEANEST OF THE LOT.



I SEE. PLEASE, TOBIAS. I ASK YOU AGAIN TO CALL ME LAZARUS.

IT IS JUST A NAME.

YOUR NAME. WHEN YOU ARE GONE, NO ONE WILL REMEMBER OR SPEAK IT AGAIN.



AND WHOSE NAME SHALL THEY REMEMBER?

I SUPPOSE THAT OF MY MASTER PHINEAS, SON OF OMAR.

THE ONE THEY CALL DIVEG? "RICH MAN" IS NOT MUCH OF A NAME.

AND LAZARUS IS?



OH, YES. IN HEBREW IT IS ELEAZAR. IT MEANS "GOD IS MY HELP."

GOD HAS NOT BEEN MUCH HELP TO YOU!

YOU LACK THE STRENGTH EVEN TO FEND OFF THESE FOUL DOGS.



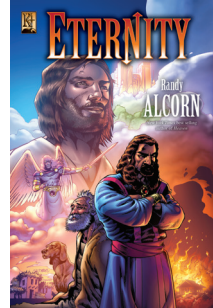
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