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EPISODE 1

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AT THE VERGE

A dynamic comic book illustration. In the foreground, a character with white hair and a dark blue uniform is shown in profile, looking intensely at a large, orange and red, multi-eyed creature. The creature has a glowing yellow eye and sharp teeth. The background is a mix of green and orange, suggesting a fiery or hellish environment. The title 'AT THE VERGE' is written in large, stylized, metallic letters across the top.

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THE SERAPH

CHAPTER ONE

REVELATION

WHEN AN ARCH-ANGEL IS FOUND WANTING IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES, HE IS STRIPPED OF ALL HIS HEAVENLY GLORY AND CAST DOWN TO THE EARTH WHERE HE HAS TO SURVIVE FOR SEVENTY SEVEN DAYS AMIDST THE ANCIENT FOES HE HELPED CAST DOWN TO THE EARTH. THIS IS THE STORY OF HIS UNENDING TRIALS AND BATTLES AS HE TRIES TO REGAIN HIS PLACE AMONG THE ANGELIC HOSTS OF THE THIRD HEAVEN

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seven seven days,
thou shalt clear
thyself

...
seven seven days,
thou shalt be fallen
to the earth

...
alone thou must be

alone thou must
withstand

ALONE?

Remember...

THE SERAPH

CHAPTER ONE





APAPA, LAGOS
12:31 AM



SEVEN SEVEN
DAYS



THE GREAT
CRY

YOUR ANGER IS
JUSTIFIED, MY KING. I
PLEAD LENIENCY FOR I
HAVE NO OTHER
DESIGNATION BUT TO
SERVE YOU

WHO IS IT THAT
BRINGS REPROACH
TO THIS KINGDOM?

AND HAS TAKEN
THE PORTION OF
THE FALLEN ONES,
INCURRING THE WRATH
OF THE ALMIGHTY

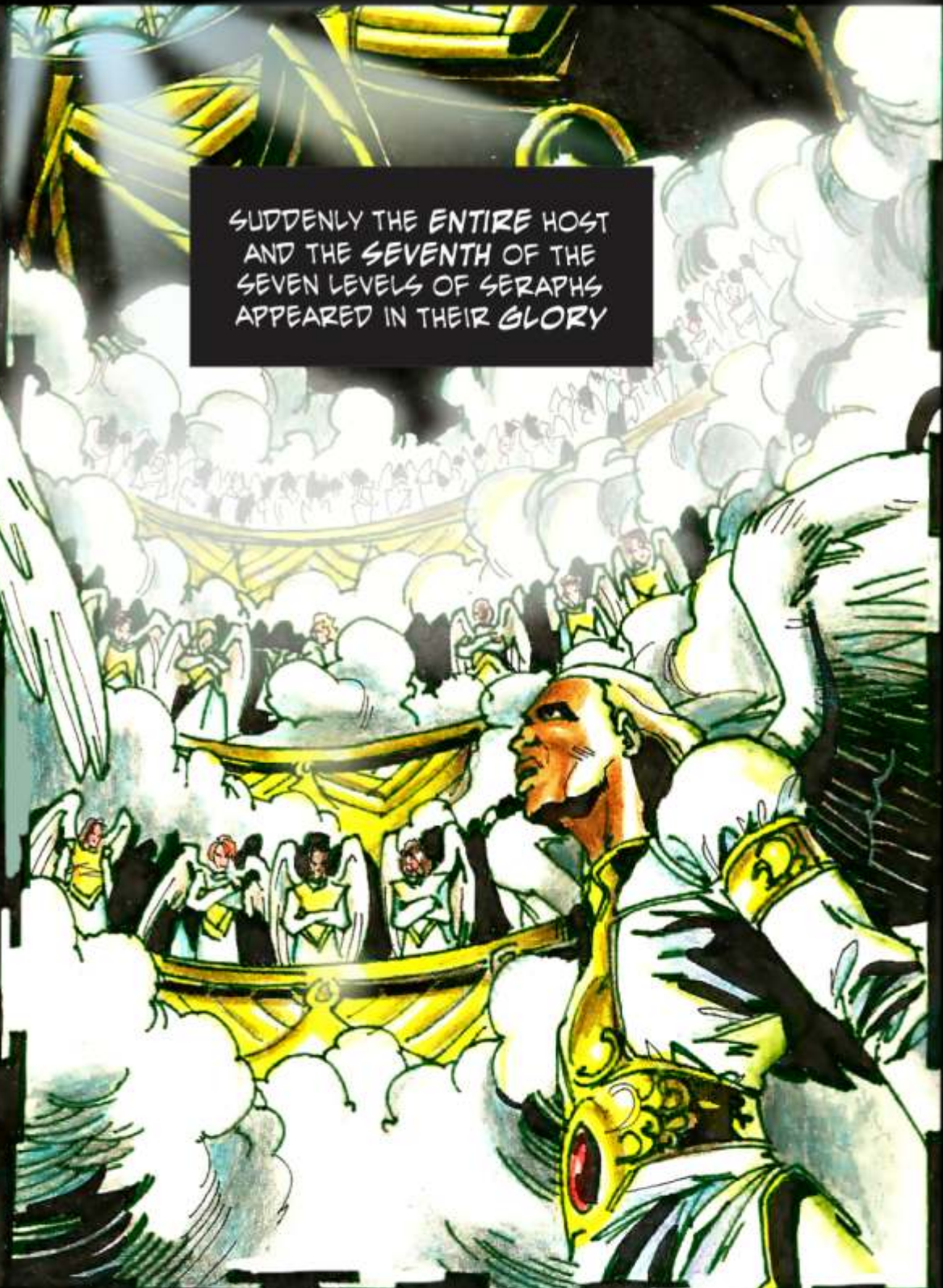
THEY SPOKE THOSE
DREADED WORDS
THAT DAY

I TREMBLED WITH
FEAR NOT TO BE CAST
OUT OF MY EXISTENCE



I STOOD THERE ALONE KNOWING THAT PUNISHMENT WAS ABOUT TO BE PASSED

SUDDENLY THE ENTIRE HOST AND THE SEVENTH OF THE SEVEN LEVELS OF SERAPHS APPEARED IN THEIR GLORY



THE CAPTAIN OF THE HOST STOOD BEFORE ME...

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE? YOU BELONGED ON MY SECTION AND LEVEL AND CHOSE NOT TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE SIXTH?

YOU QUESTION THE ORDERS OF THE MIGHTY ONE?

WHY DO YOU WISH TO BE LIKE THE FALLEN ONE?

WE MUST DO OUR DUTIES. PUNISHMENT HAS BEEN PASSED



HE ASKED, PAINED



THE MESSENGER TOO



LORD, I PRAISE THEE AND REJOICE IN THEE! HAVE MERCY UPON ME!



FRIENDS, HELP ME!



IT IS NOT OUR PLACE TO DO THAT

OH LORD, REBUKE ME NOT IN THY WRATH, BANISH ME NOT FROM THY PRESENCE!!!

SEVEN SEVEN DAYS, THOU SHALT WALK THE EARTH STRIPPED OF THY GLORY





...OK?

YOU MAY THINK YOU'VE BROKEN YOUR LIMITS BY GAINING PHYSICAL FORM, BUT IT'S THE CONTRARY, DEMON

SHE IS OURS, DON'T STAND IN MY WAY, MORTAL

BACK OFF, OR HAVE YOUR FIRST TASTE OF LEAD TO THE HEAD.

NO!

GHRRRRRR

BLAM BLAM BLAM

BLAM BLAM

SKREEE

BLAM!

BLAM!

NOW LADY, TELL ME HOW YOU GOT YOURSELF INVOLVED WITH THIS THING

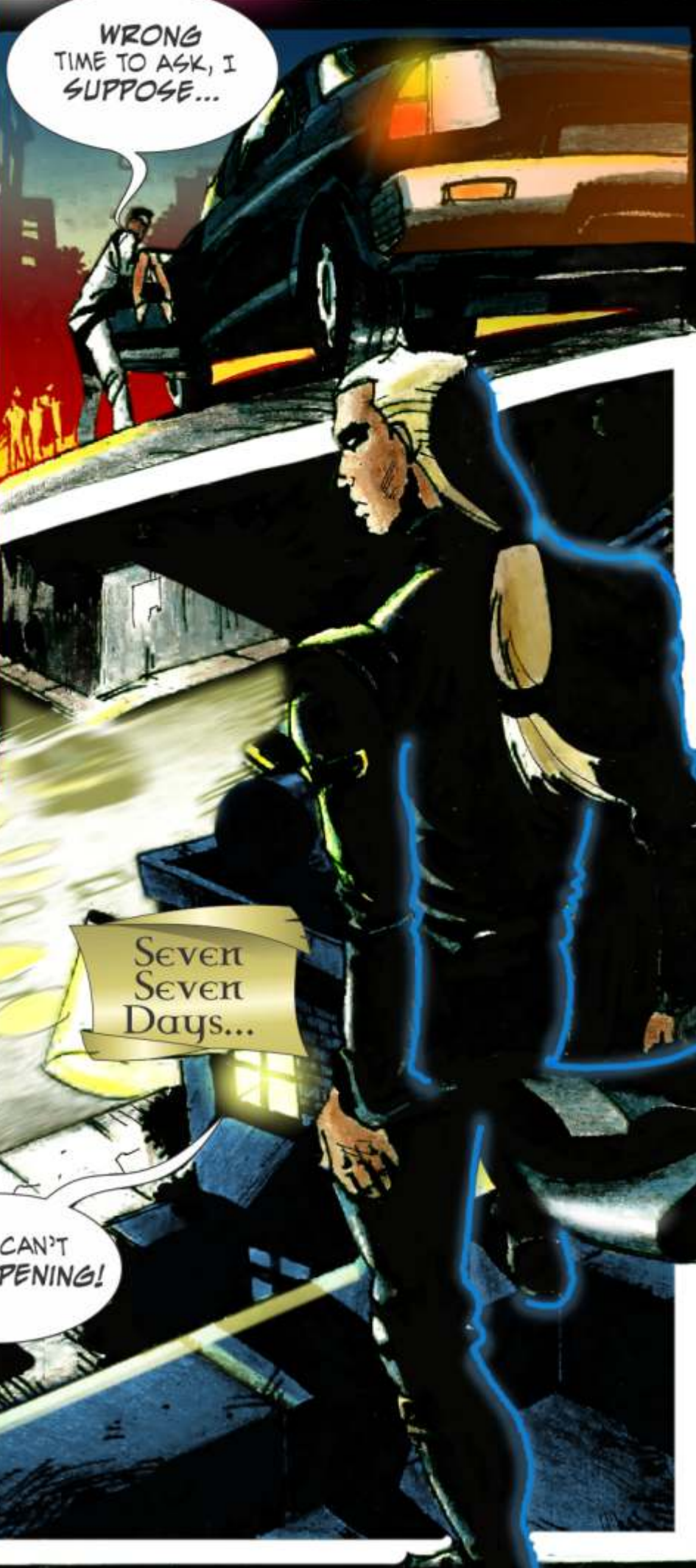
...AND STAY OUT!



YOUNG LADY,
WHO ARE YOU
AND WHAT'S
HAPPENING....?



HEY!!!



WRONG
TIME TO ASK, I
SUPPOSE...

Alone thou
must be...

Seven
Seven
Days...

THIS CAN'T
BE HAPPENING!

ALONE THOU MUST BE!
ALONE THOU MUST WITHSTAND!

YES
LORD!

THERE WAS CALM EVERYWHERE.
THE LEGION DISPERSED, LEAVING
JUST I, AND THE CAPTAIN AND
THE MESSENGER

YOU
HAVE TO
LEAVE NOW

LIGHT SHONE AROUND US
LIFTING ME OFF THE FLOOR. I
SCREAMED AS I WAS STRIPPED
OF MY REPUTATION

MY SKIN
DARKENED

MY SHINING
VESTURE BECAME
THIS BLACK GARB

TO THE
OTHER SIDE

MY FACE
THICKENED

AND MY EYES,
SILVERY
WHITE

WHAT HAVE
I DONE? I'LL BE
RESTRICTED IN THE
REALM OF TIME!

REMEMBER
WHAT AWAITS
YOU

TOO MANY
QUESTIONS. JUST
KEEP TO YOURSELF
AND DO AS
COMMANDED

WILL HE
OVERCOME?

IT WILL BE
HARD, BUT
YOU MUST
OVERCOME

OVERCOME
WHAT?

I WAS
GONE

ITS UP
TO HIM

Alone...



FOR I SENSE A SINISTER PRESENCE

ALONE I AM NOT...

YOU!

THWUP

BLOOD?...



A FEARSOME AND APPALLING SIGHT

ALONE I MUST
WITHSTAND...

WHY?

I'M NOT UNFAMILIAR
WITH BATTLING HER
KIND FROM THE
SEVENTH LEVEL

...WITH THE LIKES OF HER
AROUND, THIS IS GOING
TO TAKE FOREVER

BUT FROM
HERE...?

WHY IS SHE
ATTACKING SO
VIOLENTLY

SEVEN SEVEN DAYS
TO OVERCOME
AND RETURN TO
THE 3RD HEAVEN

THOSE
EYES?

FULL OF
DARKNESS



HOW SWEET! SO... SO WEAK. I KNOW WHAT YOU USED TO BE, MIGHTY SERAPH

DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE ALSO FALLEN LIKE US AND GETTING STRAIGHTENED OUT

YOU DON'T TALK ANYMORE? WERE YOU STRIPPED OF YOUR VOICE AS WELL?

LISTEN, MATE...YOUR STAY HERE IS GOING TO BE WORSE THAN HELL...WE'LL MAKE SURE OF THAT... AND YOU RETURNING HOME?...NOT VERY LIKELY

YOU HELPED THROW US DOWN HERE, NOW YOU'RE HERE WITH US, SQUIRMING LIKE A WORM

HEH HEH HEH

YOUR MISSION HERE IS FUTILE. ITS BEEN NICE MAKING YOUR ACQUAINTANCE. YOU CAN CALL ME...



SCOURGE

SHE'S GONE

THE NIGHT APPEARS DARKER

I FEEL EVEN MORE VULNERABLE

NEXT MORNING



I HOPE YOU NOW BELIEVE, DON. THOSE THINGS ARE REAL

OF COURSE I DO. THEY'VE BEEN SPOTTED IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD, IN VARIOUS FORMS





AND BECAUSE THEY LEAVE NO TRAILS, THE WORLD IS STILL IN DENIAL OF THEIR EXISTENCE.

YES, BUT NONETHELESS WE HAVE TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY WANT AND HOW THEY CAN BE STOPPED



YOU AND I KNOW OUR GUNS DON'T DO PERMANENT DAMAGE ON THEM



WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER...

THAT GIRL YOU SAVED. SHE COULD BE A VALUABLE LEAD



.....



... OKAY, WE'LL BE RIGHT THERE



IT'S THE HOSPITAL AND ITS ABOUT THE GIRL

THE DOCTOR SAYS SHE'S ACTING VERY STRANGE



LET'S MOVE! WE'VE GOT NO TIME TO WASTE

SHORTLY
AFTERWARDS



SHE'S
BLEEDING ALL
OVER AND SEEMS
TO BE IN PAIN



THIS
IS INSANE!
SHE'S COMPLETELY
POSSESSED BY
SOMETHING





BANG!

BLAM!

THUD!

THUD!

CRASH!

UNBELIEVABLE!
THEY'RE GONE
THERE'S NO SIGN OF
THEM ANYWHERE

OH BOY.
THERE'S GOES
OUR ONLY CLUE

DEEP WITHIN THE OTHER REALM, IN A PLACE SEETHING WITH DARKNESS

...WHO DID YOU SEE?

BE SPECIFIC FOR ONCE, SCOURGE

WE AND OUR MASTER WERE CAST DOWN BY THE WARRIORS

STALE NEWS! QUIT BLABBERING BEFORE I LOSE MY TEMPER

I DID SEE HIM, MY PRINCE

WHO WAS IT YOU SAW?

HAHAHAHA

I SAW HIM! SECOND IN COMMAND ON THE SEVENTH SECTION OF THE SEVENTH LEVEL

HIGH ONE, HE MAY BE HERE TO DISRUPT OUR REIGN OVER THIS TERRITORY

HE'S NO DANGER TO US FOR I AM HIS OTHER SIDE. HE WILL FEEL THE FIRE OF MY BURNING ANGER AS IT CONSUMES HIM

BUT HE'S WEAK, ALMOST LIKE MEN

HE FINALLY TASTES THE FALL

IS HE HERE TO MAKE RESTITUTION OR TROUBLE?

next: Chapter two- REPARATION