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In the beginning when
God began to create
Heaven and Earth...

...the Earth was first unformed and void;
and darkness was upon the face of the
deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon
the face of the waters.

God said, let there be light
and there was light. And
God saw that it was good.

And God divided the light from the darkness;
calling the light day and the dark night. And
this was the first day.

God said, let there be an expanse in
the midst of the waters that it may
divide the waters from the waters...

...and it was so. God called
the expanse sky. And this
was the second day.

God said let the waters be
gathered in one place, so
that dry land may appear.
And it was so.

And God called the dry land
Earth; the gathered waters seas.
And God saw that it was good.

God created behemoths
called the Chalkyari to
be the guardians of the
new born world.

And these were dragons, and they
lived through God's glory and kept
watch over the Earth.

And God said let the Earth bring
forth vegetation; seed-bearing
plants, and fruit-trees of every
kind on Earth. And it was so.

The Earth gave rise to green
life of every kind. And God
saw that it was good. And
this was the third day.

On the fourth day Gōd said let the seas bring forth swarms of living creatures; and birds that fly above the Earth across the expanse of the sky.

Gōd created the giant sea monsters, and the other creatures, and the winged birds of every kind. And Gōd saw that this was good, and blessed them all and bade them be fertile and increase upon the Earth.

On the fifth day Gōd said let the Earth bring forth every kind of living creature: cattle, wild beasts of every kind, and creeping things.

And it was so. And Gōd saw that it was good.

And Gōd said let us raise up beings who will have dominion over the lower forms. And it was so... but this was not good.

So Gōd created again. And Gōd made the human in his image, in the image of Gōd were they created; male and female.

Another creature there was, who seethed with envy. She was Lisseth. She had been created to mate with the first human, but was not of the same flesh.

For these, called Grigori, had no souls and would not worship Gōd. And Gōd was displeased, and these fell from his favor.

Gōd blessed them and bade them be fertile and increase; to fill the Earth and master it. And Gōd gave them reign over all lower creatures that creep upon the Earth.

Because of this rejection, Lisseth lost her heart and became bitter and jealous.

And as with Lisseth, Gōd seemingly forgot the Grigori, and they fell under the sway of the Evil One. And he began to scheme with them how to reclaim creation.

Before Earth was, God created Angels to help minister to God's creation.

Mighty were these in strength and grace, and near to God were they in power. And the Angels served God in joy and glory.

All the Angels served God, save one called Lucifer, whose name meant 'light of God.' And God loved him, but Lucifer was jealous of God...

...and jealous of God's creation--of all the worlds God had made, full of creatures who loved and worshipped God.

Lucifer desired all this for himself, and had sought to wrest it from God's grasp.


Lucifer sowed seeds of discontent among his fellow angels, and with his God-given light won many to his side...

...and so began a war that shook Heaven itself.

And God saw what Lucifer had wrought and was sore displeased.


God stopped the war and banished Lucifer and his minions from Heaven forever.

Despite his desire and black conceit, Lucifer had not the power to contest against God, and was cast out of God's light and into eternal darkness.



Though he failed in Heaven, Lucifer came to Earth with his seeds of envy. And these seeds bore fruit among the soul-less Grigori.

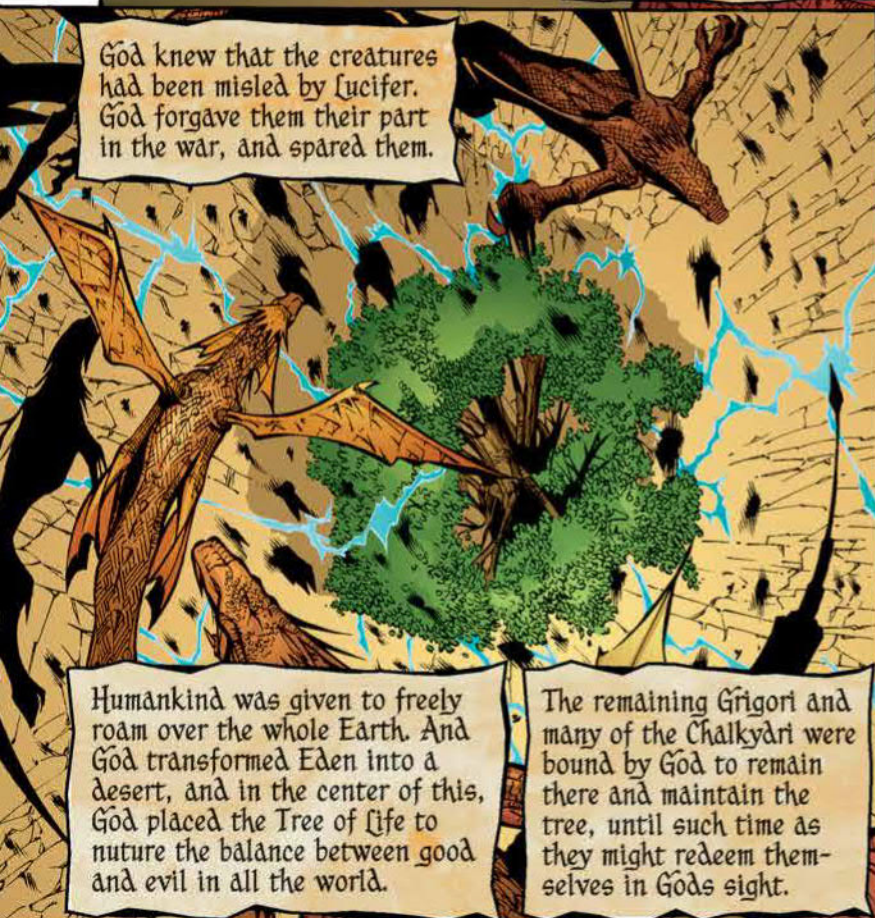
Humankind was spared the perils of this warfare--by the power of God's love, and the protection of God's warrior Arch-Angels.




Many soul-less ones and Chalkyari perished and their great numbers were vastly diminished. And God grieved for both sides of the conflict.

And Lucifer pitted these against the Chalkyari, who had remained close to God. And great battle rent the peace of all of creation.

In grief, God bade the hostility end, and it ended.



God knew that the creatures had been misled by Lucifer. God forgave them their part in the war, and spared them.

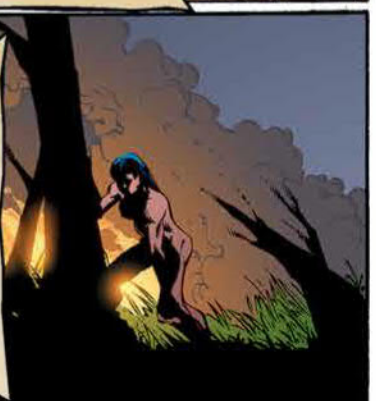


A Grigori who would one day call himself Ekimus survived and escaped into seclusion on Earth. Forever set apart from the humans, forever denied a full measure of God's creation, Ekimus was alone and resentful...

...as was the one called Lisseth. And bitter was her aspect forever.

Humankind was given to freely roam over the whole Earth. And God transformed Eden into a desert, and in the center of this, God placed the Tree of Life to nurture the balance between good and evil in all the world.

The remaining Grigori and many of the Chalkyari were bound by God to remain there and maintain the tree, until such time as they might redeem themselves in God's sight.



The day would come when these two imperfect beings would come together to breed perfect terror. And all creation would fear the monsters the two birthed in secret over the long eons to follow.

Humankind held dominion over the Earth, but these dark creatures held dominion over the nightmare worlds of the night.

And this was most certainly not good...

NEW YORK, TODAY.
2:00 AM.

UM...IS CENTRAL PARK THE GREATEST PLACE TO BE AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT?

...FEAR?

LOOKA'DIS, M'BATS--WE GOT DINNAH IN DE CAN!

RELAX, ALEX, M'MAN-- LIKE WHO'S GONNA BOTHER US?

HUGHIE'S RIGHT--THIS TIME A NIGHT, WE OWN THE CITY! TELL 'EM, DEWIE!

YOU RIGHT, LOUIS--AND ALEX KNOWS IT--HE JUST BUMMED FROM HIS FIGHT WITH LADY JULIE...

...BUT SHE'LL BE COOL-- SHE KNOWS ALL ABOUT YOUR BLACK MOODS, DARTH ALEX.

S'NOT FUNNY-- THING'S FEEL REAL BAD. AND IT'S NOT JUST JULIE.

I BEEN CHEEZIN' OFF EVERYBODY LATELY--EVEN MY PARENTS. S'LIKE I'M AT THE EDGE OF A CLIFF, WAITING TO FALL...

LIGHTEN UP, ALEX--YOU GOT NO REASON TO BE THIS WEIRD. WORLD'S OURS, MAN, WE GOT NOTHING TO...UM...

VRRRRMMM-VRRMM

VRRRRMMM-VRRMM



SCATTER!!

MICE--
HA! SEE DEM
RUN!

HUNH--?!

GOOD THING I
STUCK WITH TRACK,
EVEN AFTER MY MOODS
STARTED--I GOT AWAY
CLEAN. BETTER FIND A
COP OR SOMETHING...

HANT
HANT

M' CREW CAUGHT T'REE OF DA
MICE...BUT WHERE DE CUTE
ONE GET TO?

AH...DERE
HE IS...

...AND HE
BE MINE!

YOU FAST L'IL
ONE--BUT NOT NEAR
FAST ENOUGH TO GET
AWAY F'UM ROSE DE
PUPPET, HONCHO O'
DE JELLY BATS!



AN' ROSE,
SHE NEVAH MISS A
MEAL---SPECIALLY A
GOOD LOOKIN' ONE
LIKE YOU...

N-NO...
NO...

...PLEASE...?

NICE 'N'
POLITE---I LIKE
DAT.

I ALSO LIKE
WHAT FEAR DO
TO DA FLAVAH O' DE
BLOOD...I LIKE DAT DE
BEST! NOW BE STILL
HONEY, ROSE GOTTA
FEED NOW...

AHHHHHHH!



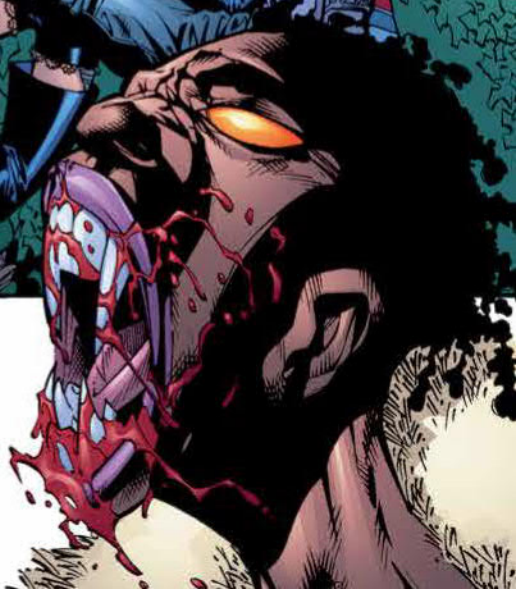
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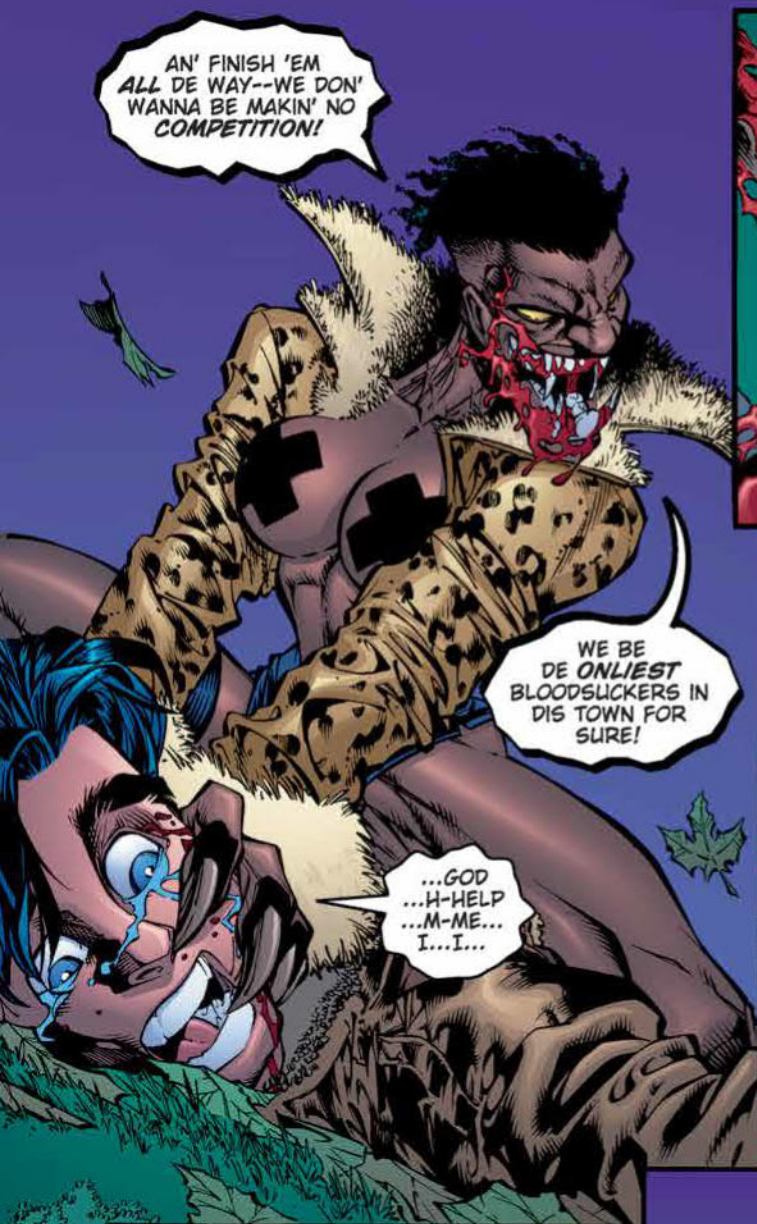
GNNNARRRRLL!

RRRRRAARRGH!

DON' BE
PLAYIN' WIT'CHER
FOOD--FINISH
'EM OFF--

--NOW!





AN' FINISH 'EM
ALL DE WAY--WE DON'
WANNA BE MAKIN' NO
COMPETITION!

WE BE
DE **ONLIEST**
BLOODSUCKERS IN
DIS TOWN FOR
SURE!

...GOD
...H-HELP
...M-ME...
I...I...



GOD CAN'T HEAR
YOU, MEAT! YOU'RE
DYN' ALONE.

SCHLUKKK



NOT, MEAT--
HEH-HEH
--RAW GROUND
BURGER!

GUMSSH



AAAAH

SCHLUMP



HUGHIE...LOUIE...
DEWIE...GOOD...
LORD...



SSSSSS



NIICE--DAT
MESS 'O' GUMBO
AIN'T NEVER GON'
COME BACK.

HERE, PUT
DIS FAST BOY
ON **PUREE**
TOO...AN'
HURRY!



WHAT
ARE DOING,
FRIEND?

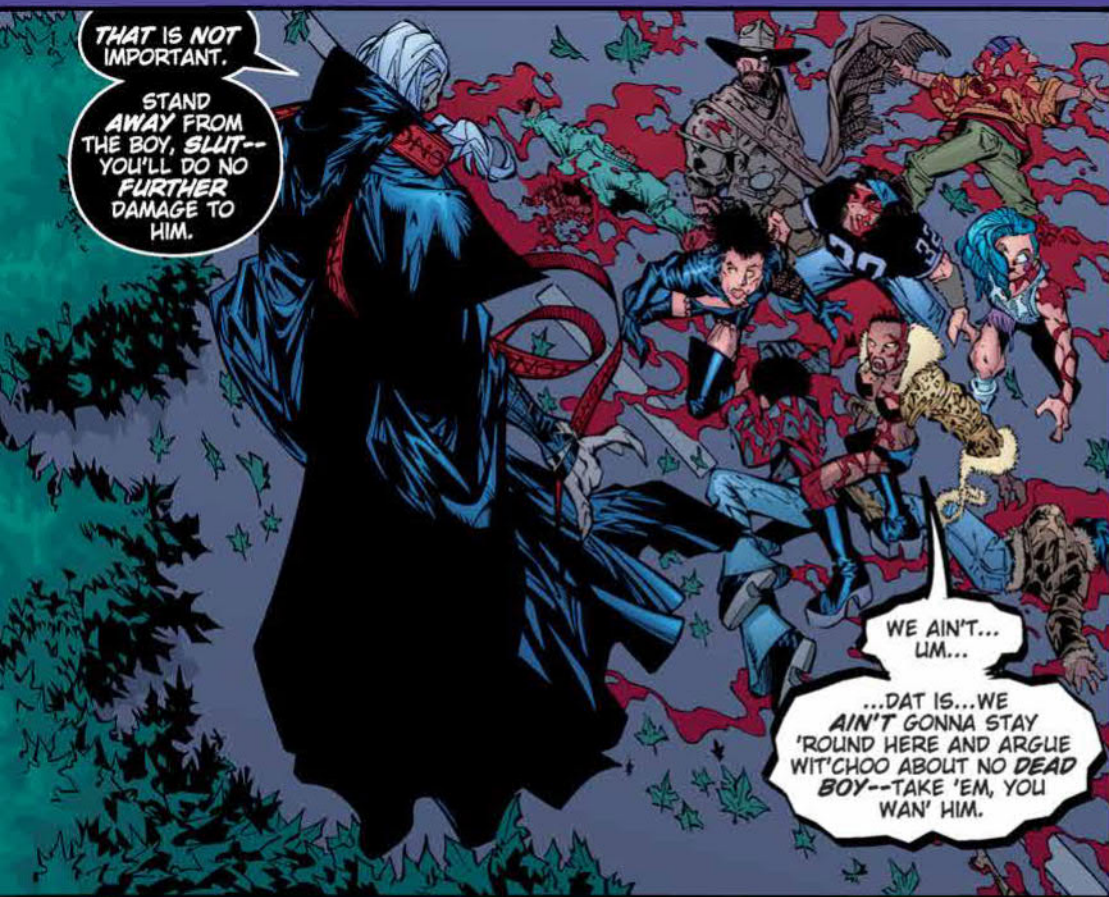
WE JES'
HAVIN' A GOOD
OL' TI--HEY,
WHO YOU...?!



WAK-K-K

**EIGHTBALL--?!
WHO...?!**

AAAAAAAAAAH--!



THAT IS NOT IMPORTANT.

STAND AWAY FROM THE BOY, SLUT-- YOU'LL DO NO FURTHER DAMAGE TO HIM.

WE AIN'T... UM...

...DAT IS... WE AIN'T GONNA STAY 'ROUND HERE AND ARGUE WIT'CHOO ABOUT NO DEAD BOY--TAKE 'EM, YOU WAN' HIM.



EXCELLENT LOGIC...

WE BOOKIN'!

VRRRRMMMM



COME, LAD, YOU ARE SAFE NOW...

...THOUGH, IT MAY BE THAT I AM TOO LATE.

WHASSS... HAP'NIN...?



HMM...THAT SCENT--SOMEONE NEW ARRIVES.

AH...BAD NEWS FOR YOU, EIGHTBALL...



HUH...? WHO'RE YOU, WITCH?



KLATCH

SOMEONE YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW, BLOOD-SUCKER...



UK-K-K-HUGGGH!



...SOMEONE WHO'S GOING TO CRUSH YOU--AND YOUR KIND!

SOMEONE WHO'S ONLY JUST GETTING WARMED UP!