

# THE KINGDOM OF ALWAYS: A LONG, LONG TIME AGO...

ARISTUS ONCE SAID THAT HIS  
FATHER ATTUM MADE VALOFAX IN  
THE HEART OF A DYING REALM.

AND, WELL, THAT'S TRUE...

WHAT HE LEFT OUT WAS THAT  
THE REALM WAS DYING BECAUSE  
ATTUM RIPPED ITS HEART OUT.

THEY SAY THE GOD OF KINGS  
TORE A SUN FROM ITS SKY  
TO BUILD A FORGE.

DOOMED A BILLION SOULS,  
ALL SO HE COULD CREATE  
SOMETHING TO PASS DOWN  
TO HIS CHILDREN.




VALOFAX WAS TO  
BE HIS LEGACY.

ONE CONCEIVED  
IN DEATH.

AND BORN  
IN FLAME.









WITH VALOFAX AT HIS SIDE, ATTUM BROUGHT  
HUNDREDS OF REALMS UNDER HIS REIGN WITHOUT  
NEVER SO MUCH AS BREAKIN' A SWEAT.


NOW, YOU FOLKS DON'T GO JUDGING VALOFAX  
FOR ALLA THIS. YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER, AS  
POWERFUL AS IT IS, IT COULDN'T REJECT ITS  
OWN MAKER LIKE IT DONE BALEGRIM.



STANDING UP TO THE ONE WHO  
MADE YOU...WELL, TURNS OUT IT'S  
AS HARD FOR SWORDS AND GODS  
AS IT IS FOR THE REST OF US.



IN THE END, I SUPPOSE IT  
WOULDN'T REALLY MATTER MUCH IF  
IT HAD, ANYHOW. 'CAUSE AFTER ALL  
THAT TIME KILLIN' AND CONQUERIN'...



...A FORCE EVEN  
GREATER THAN THE  
MIGHTY ATTUM  
BEGAN TO CRUMBLE  
THE KINGDOM OF  
ALWAYS.



TIME.

INEVITABILITY.  
ALL THINGS DIE.

THE SUN THAT GAVE LIFE  
TO ATTUM'S KINGDOM GREW  
CANCEROUS AND IMPOVER.

IN THE FINAL HOURS OF ITS DESTRUCTION,  
ATTUM USED EVERY BIT OF HIS IMMENSE POWER  
TO HOLD A PORTION OF HIS WORLD FROM FALLIN'  
INTO THE BLACK VOID OF THE COLLAPSED STAR.

THESE DAYS, IT  
EXISTS AS A HUSK OF  
ITS FORMER SELF.

AN ASHEN GHOST  
OF A KINGDOM.

A BLINK AWAY FROM  
BEING FORGOTTEN  
FOR ALL TIME.

A LINEAGE ON THE BRINK  
OF ANNIHILATION, HELP IN A  
PLACE OF CONSTANT PAIN.

BY A DYING  
OLD MAN...