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**PARAMAN**<sup>TM</sup>

**HALLOWEEN  
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HALLOWEEN NIGHT.  
OCTOBER 31ST.  
ALL HALLOWN'S EVE.  
SAMHAIN.  
THE WITCHES' NIGHT.

THE NIGHT WHERE BOYS  
AND GIRLS (AND MEN  
AND WOMEN) DRESS UP  
IN ALL MANNER OF  
COSTUME AND TRY TO  
HAVE FUN.

BUT EVIL LIKES TO  
HAVE FUN TOO.  
AND TONIGHT IS  
EVIL'S FAVORITE  
NIGHT!

AND FOR THOSE WHO  
BELIEVE IN BLACK MAGIC  
--LIKE *BARON MYSTIC*--  
THEY KNOW THAT  
HALLOWEEN NIGHT IS THE  
MOST *DANGEROUS*  
NIGHT OF ALL!

I'VE  
GOT TO  
REACH  
HIM!

I'VE GOT  
TO REACH  
STEVEN!

I MUST  
REACH  
PARAMAN!

BEFORE  
IT'S  
TOO  
LATE!

IT'S LATE AND ALL THE TRICK-OR-TREATERS ARE GONE FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

AND STEVEN BENJAMIN WEISS IS GLAD.

HE NEVER LIKED HALLOWEEN AND HE LIKES IT EVEN LESS NOWADAYS.

**BAM!**  
**BAM!**  
**BAM!**



STEVEN!  
ARE YOU THERE?!

WHO--? BARON MYSTIC?!

PLEASE-- YOU'VE GOT TO LET ME IN!

I'M SORRY--  
I CAN'T LET YOU IN!  
I KNOW WE'VE WORKED TOGETHER IN THE PAST--  
--BUT NOW I CAN HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU OR YOUR BLACK MAGIC!

PLEASE, STEVEN--  
THAT'S WHY I'M HERE--

MY MAGIC-- --IT'S TURNED AGAINST ME!



SO...

WHAT'S GOING ON, JEREMIAH?

IT'S A LITTLE LATE FOR TRICK OR TREATING ISN'T IT?



PLEASE STEVEN!

THERE'S NO TIME FOR LEVITY!

IT'S ALMOST MIDNIGHT!

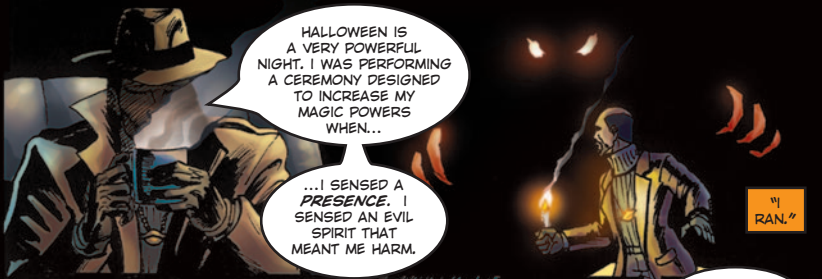
AS PARAMAN LOOKS AT HIS ONE-TIME GOOD FRIEND, HE THINKS... I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM SHAKEN LIKE THIS--

--NOT EVEN WHEN WE FACED THE FURY OF THE STORM-MONGER!



EVEN THEN, THOUGH, I DIDN'T LIKE MAGIC.

I WAS EVER A MAN OF SCIENCE. THE SUPERNATURAL ALWAYS MADE ME...UNEASY.



HALLOWEEN IS A VERY POWERFUL NIGHT. I WAS PERFORMING A CEREMONY DESIGNED TO INCREASE MY MAGIC POWERS WHEN...

...I SENSED A PRESENCE. I SENSED AN EVIL SPIRIT THAT MEANT ME HARM.

"I RAN."



STEVEN, I NEED TO TRAVEL TO THE ASTRAL PLANE TO FIND THE POWER TO DEFEAT THIS DEMON-- AND I NEED YOU TO GO WITH ME! THERE WILL BE--

WHAT?!

NO!

BUT WHY? I...WAIT!

I DO SENSE A CHANGE IN YOU! YOU ARE NOT THE PERSON YOU WERE!

I CAN HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU OR YOUR WAYS!



WHAT MAGIC IS THIS? WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU?



I...I'VE BECOME BORN AGAIN.

"IT HAPPENED A FEW MONTHS AGO...A FORMER ENEMY-- WINSLOW STUDDLE-- SOUGHT ME OUT AND...CONVINCED ME."

"IF YOU HAD SEEN THE CHANGE IN HIM--!"


"HE DIED SIX WEEKS LATER--A HEART ATTACK. AS FAR AS I KNOW I WAS HIS ONLY CONVERT."

"WITH HIS HELP, AND THEN ON MY OWN, I'VE THROWN MYSELF INTO THE WORD AND ONE THING I KNOW--LIGHT CAN HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH DARKNESS!"



I'M SORRY, MY FRIEND--

IT'S TOO LATE



THE IMAGE OF THE CREATURE IS **INCREDIBLE**--UNLIKE ANYTHING I'VE EVER SEEN, THE SMELL OF **SULFUR** FILLS THE AIR...BUT THERE IS **NO SOUND**.



I...DIDN'T HEAR HIM COMING--!

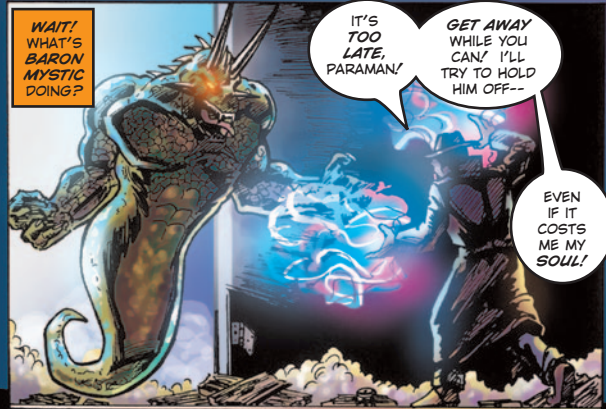




HIS TOUCH--  
LIKE FLIES  
LANDING ON MY  
SKIN!

I'VE NEVER  
FELT SUCH A  
BLOW! HALF  
MY BODY IS  
NUMB!

THIS MIGHT  
BE IT...!



WAIT!  
WHAT'S  
BARON  
MYSTIC  
DOING?

IT'S  
TOO  
LATE,  
PARAMAN!

GET AWAY  
WHILE YOU  
CAN! I'LL  
TRY TO HOLD  
HIM OFF--

EVEN  
IF IT  
COSTS  
ME MY  
SOUL!



NO!

THIS IS THE  
FRIEND I  
ABANDONED?



THERE  
WILL BE  
NO MAGIC  
USED  
IN MY HOME!

HE'S WILLING  
TO GIVE HIS  
LIFE TO SAVE  
MINE!

AND I  
COULDN'T  
BE BOTHERED  
TO SHARE  
CHRIST WITH  
HIM!

THE BIBLE  
FALLS OPEN TO  
EPHESIANS  
6:12

**KLIK**

--I SEE IT OUT  
OF THE CORNER  
OF MY EYE AND  
AM REMINDED--



AND NO DEMONS!

WHAT?!

HE DIDN'T EVEN FEEL IT!

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities..."



"...against powers..."

"against the rulers of the darkness of this world..."

NO!

MY FIST WENT RIGHT THROUGH!



"...against spiritual wickedness in high places."

WHUMP!

LINEE!

AND I THINK ABOUT WHAT I WAS READING EARLIER...

I KNOW WHAT TO DO NOW.



STEVEN! I'M SO SORRY TO BRING THIS ON YOU!

NO, IT'S ALL RIGHT



...THE PASSAGE WHERE JESUS SENT OUT THE 70, GIVING THEM POWER TO CAST OUT DEMONS IN HIS NAME.



THE DEMON SEEMS SUPREMELY CONFIDENT.



AND I SENSE MYSTIC'S CONCERN



BUT I'M NOT WORRIED.

NOT ANY-MORE.

GO AWAY

IN JESUS' NAME



VANISHED-- LIKE AN ILLUSION.

OR A TRICK.

I DOUBT THAT WAS EVEN WHAT A REAL DEMON LOOKS LIKE!

HE...HE'S GONE!

JUST LIKE THAT?!

YES

BUT HE CAN ALWAYS COME BACK--



UNLESS...

WILL YOU TEACH ME?

I THOUGHT I KNEW SO MUCH...



HEY... WE'LL LEARN TOGETHER.

AND I THINK WINSLOW WOULD BE PLEASED.

See: Exod. 22:18, Lev. 19:26,31,20:6,27, Deut. 17:3, 18:10-12, 2Ki 21:2-6, Isa. 47:13-15, Rev. 21:6,8 --all these Scripture verses speak against practicing magic/sorcery

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