

PARAMAN vs. TERRIFLEX

THIS TIME
I'VE GOT YOU,
PARAMAN!

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WHEN WILL
YOU EVER
LEARN,
TERRIFLEX?

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AND THAT WAS YEARS AGO. THE HERO KNOWN AS PARAMAN HAS FOUGHT MANY BATTLES SINCE THEN--MONSTERS, SORCERERS, SUPER-POWERED CRIMINALS--AND HE HAS ALWAYS COME OUT ON TOP.

YOU NEVER PLAN WELL ENOUGH TO DEFEAT ME!


ARGH!
FOILED--
AGAIN!

BUT TODAY, HE IS WEARY.





HE LETS HIS BETTER-THAN-NORMAL SENSES REACH OUT BEYOND THE CONFINES OF THE ABANDONED BUILDING'S ROOF.



IN ONE DIRECTION, HE HEARS A MOTHER MERCILESSLY BERATE HER CHILD. NO BEATING--JUST HARSH WORDS THAT MAKE A 4 YEAR-OLD WEEP.

TWO BUILDINGS OVER, A PREGNANT GIRL IS DESERTED BY THE BABY'S FATHER, A BOY WHO TOLD HER HE'D LOVE HER FOREVER. ACCORDING TO SOCIETY, THEY'RE BOTH OF LEGAL AGE...BARELY. THERE'S NOTHING HE CAN DO.

DOWN ON THE STREET, TWO MEN SHOUT THE VILEST RACIAL INSULTS AT EACH OTHER OVER A FENDER BENDER, BUT HE SEES BY THEIR BODY LANGUAGE THAT IT WON'T ESCALATE INTO VIOLENCE.

STILL, HE WONDERS SHOULD I TALK TO THEM? ANY OF THEM?

NO! I'M NOT THE THOUGHT POLICE!





NO MATTER
WHAT I DO--

--IT'S NEVER
ENOUGH!

NOTHING
CAN CHANGE
THE INNER
MAN!



DO YOU
REALLY
BELIEVE
THAT?

WHO--?



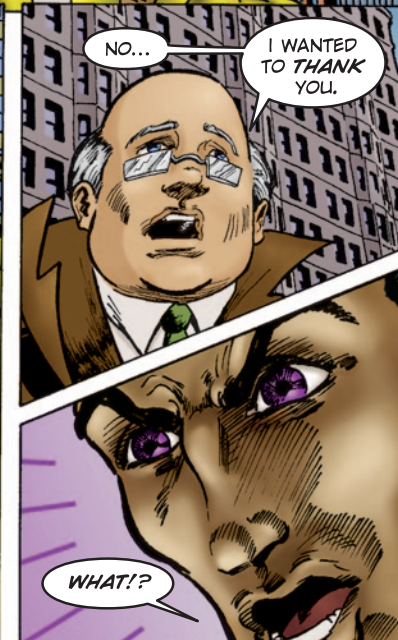
TERRIFLEX!?

AREN'T YOU
SUPPOSED
TO BE IN
PRISON?

I GOT OUT
EARLY--
FOR GOOD
BEHAVIOR.

SO, WHAT'S
THIS--ANOTHER
ATTACK?!

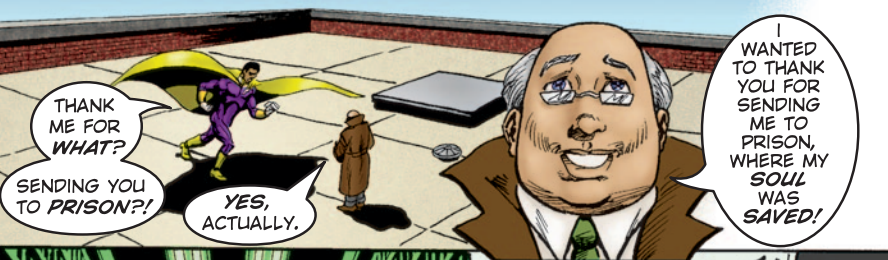
YOU'VE
HAD
YEARS TO
PLAN...



NO...

I WANTED
TO THANK
YOU.

WHAT!?

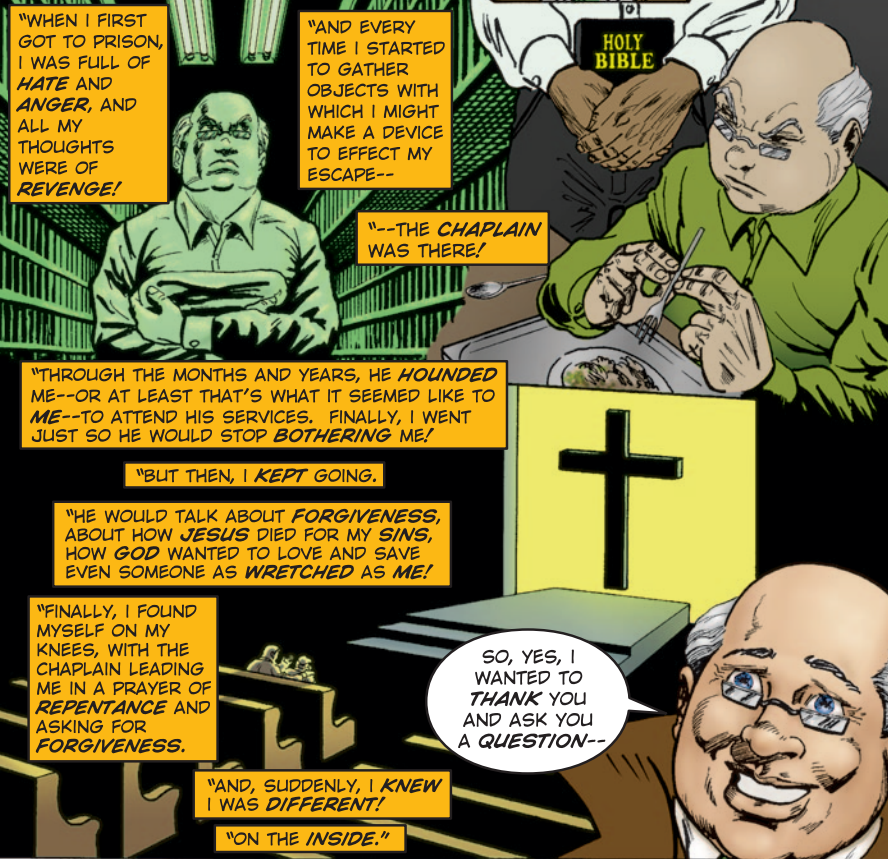


THANK ME FOR WHAT?

SENDING YOU TO PRISON?!

YES, ACTUALLY.

I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR SENDING ME TO PRISON, WHERE MY SOUL WAS SAVED!



"WHEN I FIRST GOT TO PRISON, I WAS FULL OF HATE AND ANGER, AND ALL MY THOUGHTS WERE OF REVENGE!

"AND EVERY TIME I STARTED TO GATHER OBJECTS WITH WHICH I MIGHT MAKE A DEVICE TO EFFECT MY ESCAPE--

"--THE CHAPLAIN WAS THERE!

"THROUGH THE MONTHS AND YEARS, HE HOUNDED ME--OR AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT IT SEEMED LIKE TO ME--TO ATTEND HIS SERVICES. FINALLY, I WENT JUST SO HE WOULD STOP BOTHERING ME!

"BUT THEN, I KEPT GOING.

"HE WOULD TALK ABOUT FORGIVENESS, ABOUT HOW JESUS DIED FOR MY SINS, HOW GOD WANTED TO LOVE AND SAVE EVEN SOMEONE AS WRETCHED AS ME!

"FINALLY, I FOUND MYSELF ON MY KNEES, WITH THE CHAPLAIN LEADING ME IN A PRAYER OF REPENTANCE AND ASKING FOR FORGIVENESS.

"AND, SUDDENLY, I KNEW I WAS DIFFERENT!

"ON THE INSIDE."

SO, YES, I WANTED TO THANK YOU AND ASK YOU A QUESTION--

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF JESUS?



OF COURSE...
I'VE ALWAYS TRIED
TO BE *FAIR*--TO
RESPECT THE
TRADITIONS OF
ALL PEOPLES--

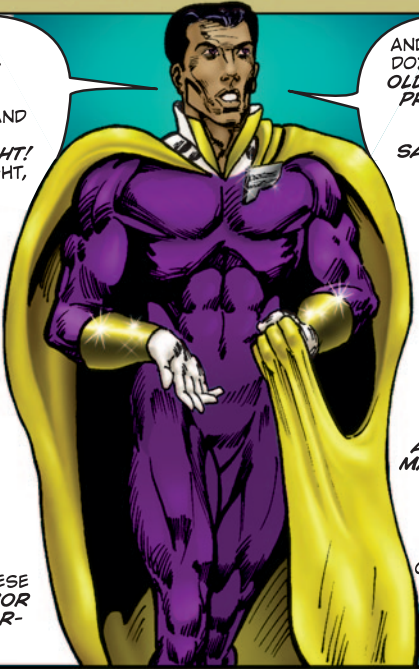
BUT...

YES?

IN ADDITION TO HISTORY,
MATHEMATICS, ART, ETC.,
I'VE STUDIED EVERY
PHILOSOPHY AND
RELIGION ON EARTH--AND
I'M FULLY AWARE THAT
THEY *ALL* CAN'T BE *RIGHT!*
IF ANY OF THEM ARE RIGHT,
THEN IT STANDS TO
REASON THAT *ONE* OF
THEM MUST BE *MORE*
RIGHT THAN ALL THE
OTHERS.

BUT, ALSO, THEY OFTEN
AGREE ON SOME VERY
BASIC THEMES--ONE
ALL-POWERFUL
CREATOR-GOD, ONE
MAN AND *WOMAN*
FROM WHOM ALL ON
EARTH ARE DESCENDED,
ONE *MAN* AND HIS
FAMILY SURVIVING A
WORLDWIDE FLOOD,
AND, OF COURSE, MOST
ARE WAITING FOR A
SAVIOR.

AND, THEN, MOST OF THESE
BELIEVE THAT THIS *SAVIOR*
WOULD BE THE *CREATOR-*
GOD'S OWN SON.



AND I'M FAMILIAR WITH THE
DOZENS--*HUNDREDS*--OF
OLD TESTAMENT BIBLICAL
PROPHECIES THAT POINT
ONLY TO *JESUS OF*
NAZARETH BEING THE
SAVIOR OF THE WORLD,
THE SON OF THE *ONE*
TRUE GOD, FORETOLD
FROM THE BEGINNING
OF THE WORLD!

AND THERE'S THE
EYEWITNESS
TESTIMONY
OF HUNDREDS OF
PEOPLE WHO SAW HIM
ALIVE AGAIN AFTER HIS
CRUCIFIXION, WHO
SAW HIM RISE
HEAVENWARD. NOT
TO MENTION THE GREAT
HISTORICAL,
ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND
MANUSCRIPT EVIDENCE
SUPPORTING NOT ONLY
JESUS BUT THE
ENTIRE BIBLE!

PEOPLE HAVE BEEN
CONVICTED OF *MURDER*
AND *CONDEMNED* TO
DEATH ON JUST A
FRACTION OF SUCH
EVIDENCE!

IF I *HAD*
TO *CHOOSE*--

BUT I
CAN'T!

I'M *SUPPOSED*
TO BE *FAIR!*



BE FAIR TO YOURSELF!

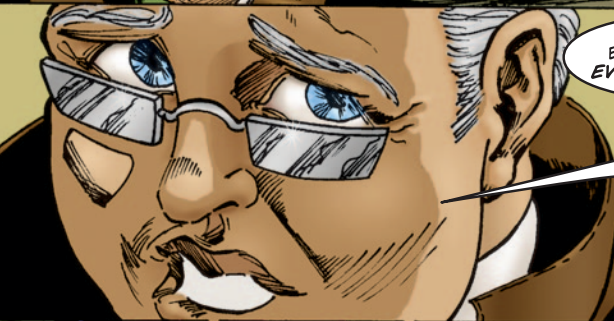
I KNOW YOU THINK OF YOURSELF AS BEING ABOVE IT ALL, THAT YOU'RE **MORE** THAN A MAN--BUT THAT'S **PRIDE** TALKING. AND YOUR PRIDE ALSO TELLS YOU THAT YOU'RE **TOO GOOD** TO NEED A **SAVIOR**--BUT YOU DO.

"THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NO, NOT ONE."
ROMANS 3:10



I WASN'T SO DIRTY THAT GOD COULDN'T MAKE ME CLEAN, AND YOU--GOOD AS YOU ARE--YOU'RE NOT SO GOOD THAT YOU DON'T STILL NEED A **SAVIOR**!

DON'T LET YOUR PRIDE LEAD TO YOUR **SOUL'S DESTRUCTION**.



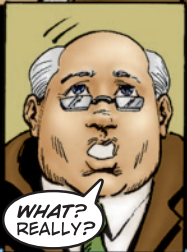
YOU WERE UPSET EARLIER ABOUT THE **EVIL** IN MAN'S HEART.

YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT, BUT THERE IS **SOMEONE** WHO CAN--SOMEONE WHO CAN **CLEANSE** YOUR HEART AND SOUL AS WELL.

WILL YOU ACCEPT **JESUS** AS YOUR **SAVIOR**?



YES
YES, I WILL.



WHAT? REALLY?



HA
HA
HA

YOU DIDN'T KNOW BUT **GOD** KNEW! HE KNOWS WHAT I'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH LATELY--

THE THINGS I'VE **STRUGGLED** WITH ALL MY LIFE--



I WANT TO **SAVE** THE **WORLD**--

--BUT I KNOW THAT I CAN'T EVEN **SAVE MYSELF**!

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

NOW WE
PRAY.

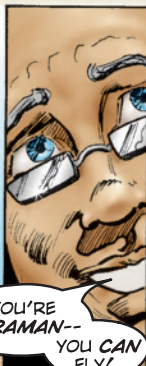
REPEAT
AFTER ME:

LORD GOD,
CREATOR OF ALL
THERE IS, WORKER OF
MIRACLES, FATHER OF US
ALL, I CONFESS TO YOU THAT
I AM A SINNER IN NEED OF
SALVATION. I BELIEVE THAT
JESUS IS YOUR SON AND THAT HE
LIVED AND DIED AND ROSE AGAIN
TO SAVE ME FROM MY SINS AND THE
PUNISHMENT THEY DESERVE.
PLEASE FORGIVE ME AND SAVE
ME, GUIDE ME AND KEEP ME ALL
THE DAYS OF MY LIFE. ALL THIS I
ASK AND THANK AND PRAISE
YOU FOR, IN THE PRECIOUS
NAME OF YOUR TRUE
SON JESUS.
AMEN.



DO YOU
FEEL ANY
DIFFERENT?

I FEEL...
LIGHTER.
LIKE I
CAN FLY!



YOU'RE
PARAMAN--
YOU CAN
FLY!

THIS IS DIFFERENT.
NOW, I FEEL
LIKE I CAN FLY...
ON THE INSIDE.



BUT FIRST...

LET ME BUY
YOU A CLIP OF
COFFEE.

WE CAN
TALK.

THAT WOULD
BE...NICE.

THANK YOU.



NO--
THANK
YOU
...FRIEND.

SO, WE'VE GOT TO GET YOU
INTO A GOOD CHURCH!

DO YOU HAVE A BIBLE?

WHAT ABOUT
YOUR FAMILY...?



END