

PARAMAN VS. TERRIFLEX

THIS TIME
I'VE GOT YOU,
PARAMAN!

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KRRRACKKKK!

WHEN WILL
YOU EVER
LEARN,
TERRIFLEX?

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.

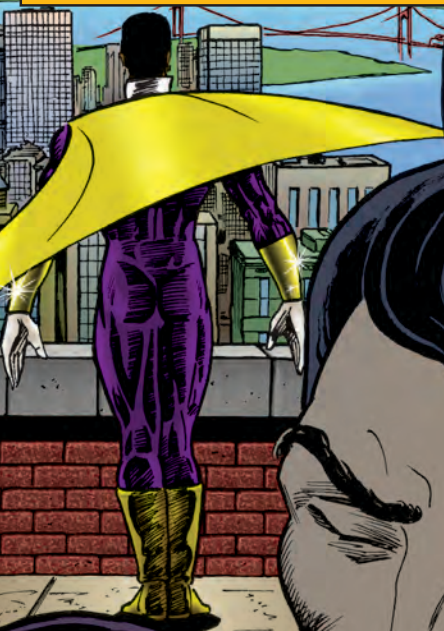
IN ONE DIRECTION, HE HEARS A MOTHER MERCILESSLY BERATE HER CHILD. NO BEATING---JUST HARSH WORDS THAT MAKE A 4 YEAR-OLD WEEP.

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?!

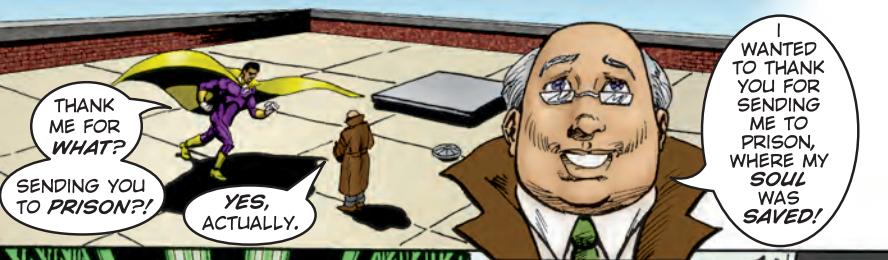
YOU'VE
HAD
YEARS TO
PLAN...



NO...

I WANTED
TO THANK
YOU.

WHAT!?

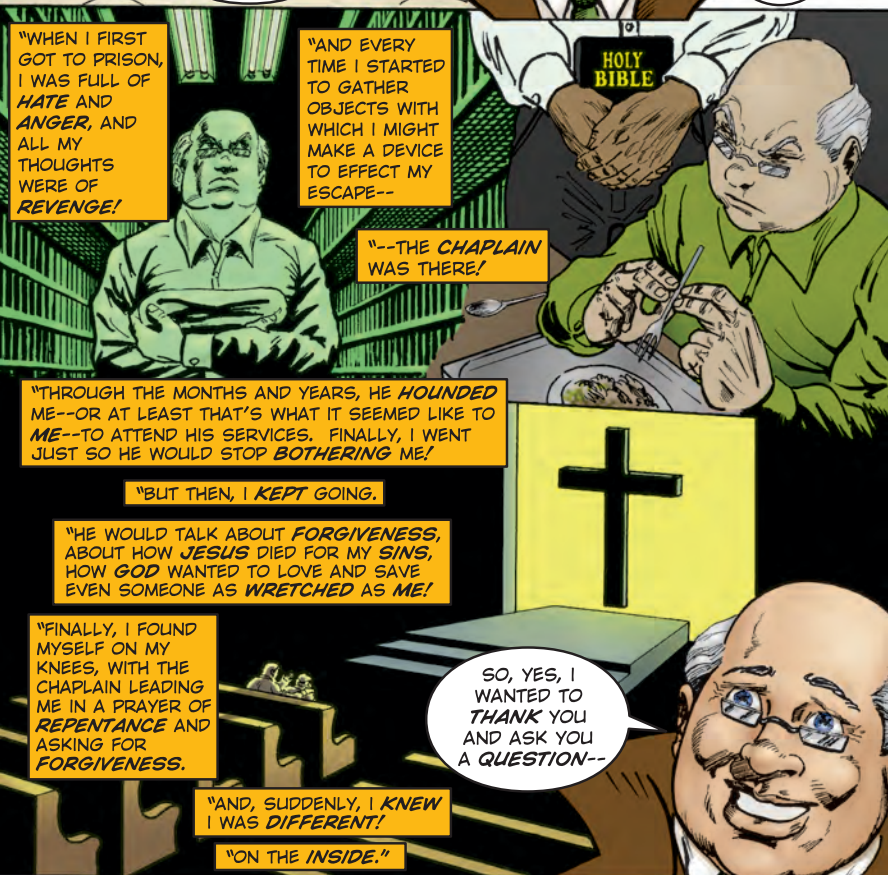


THANK
ME FOR
WHAT?

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.

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

"AND, SUDDENLY, I **KNEW**
I WAS **DIFFERENT!**

"ON THE **INSIDE.**"

WHAT DO
YOU THINK OF
JESUS?



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

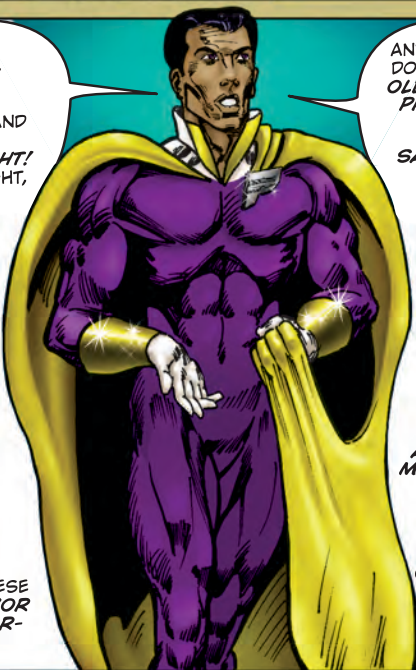
BUT...

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*!

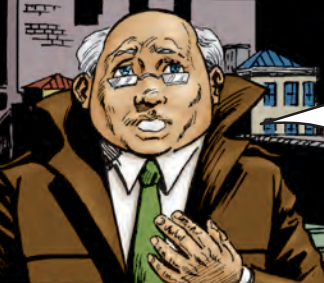




BE FAIR TO
YOURSELF!

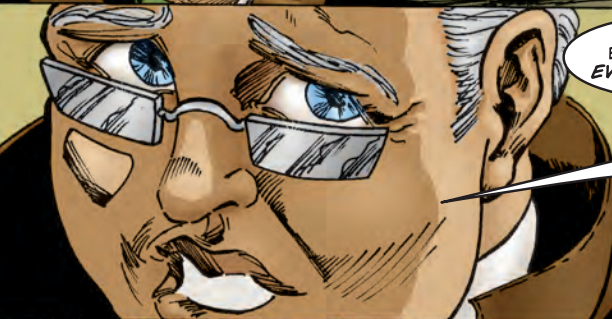
I KNOW YOU THINK
OF YOURSELF AS BEING
ABOVE IT ALL, THAT YOU'RE
MORE THAN A MAN--BUT
THAT'S **PRIDE** TALKING.
AND YOUR PRIDE ALSO
TELLS YOU THAT YOU'RE
TOO GOOD TO NEED A
SAVIOR--BUT YOU DO.

"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.



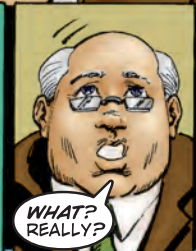
YOU WERE UPSET
EARLIER ABOUT THE
EVIL IN **MAN'S** HEART.

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.

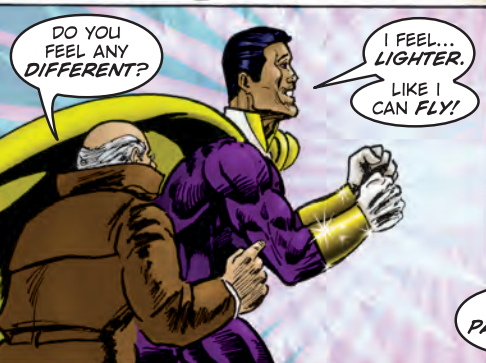
REPEAT
AFTER ME:

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 CUP 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