

THE FOOTSTEPS OF MATTHEW CROSS:
FAITH WALKER
SMOKE and MIRRORS



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LOS COSMOS, A SMALL WELL-KEPT RESIDENCE. TO LOOK UPON THIS STRUCTURE, ONE MIGHT IMAGINE THAT THE QUINTESSENTIAL FAMILY WOULD HERE.



IN THE FAMILY ROOM, WE FIND A YOUNG LATINA...

WE ARE YOUR PARENTS AND WE FORBID YOU TO LEAVE THIS HOUSE WITH THOSE PEOPLE!

LEAVE ME ALONE! YOU ARE ALWAYS IN MY BUSINESS!

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU!

YOU ARE BEING DESTROYED...

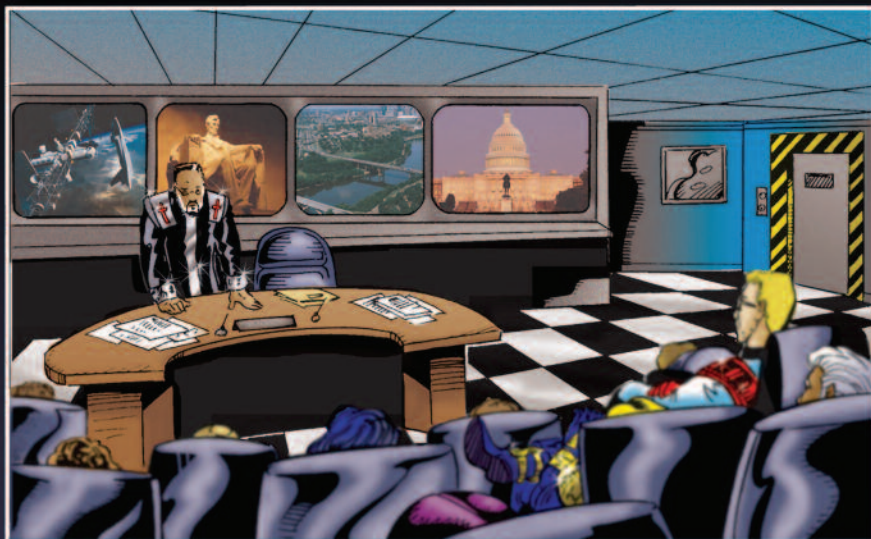
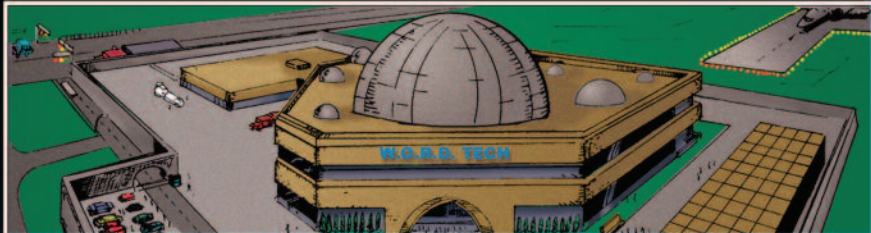
YOU DON'T KNOW NOTHIN'!

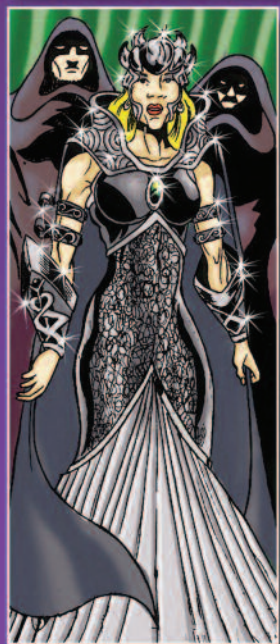
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

LEAVE ME ALONE!

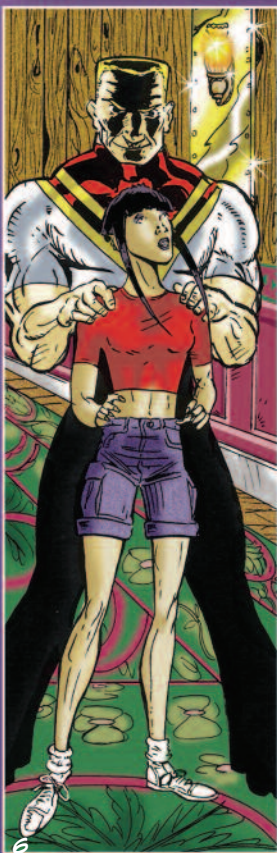
WE BID YOU COME, SOJOURN WITH US INTO A WESTERN METROPOLITAN DOMAIN KNOWN AS LOS COSMOS.

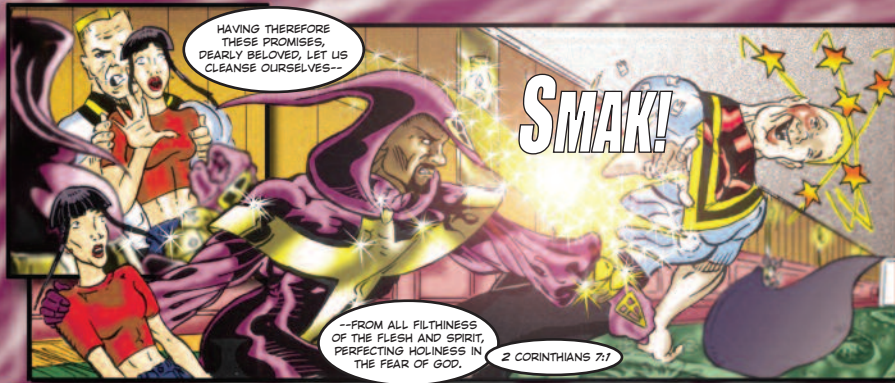
A TERRAIN DIVISIBLE BY WORKERS OF INIQUITY, WIELDERS OF THE LIGHT, AND THE COUNTLESS SOULS THAT DWELL THERE.











HAVING THEREFORE
THESE PROMISES,
DEARLY BELOVED, LET US
CLEANSE OURSELVES--

SMACK!

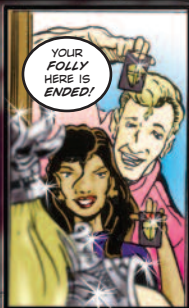
--FROM ALL FILTHINESS
OF THE FLESH AND SPIRIT,
PERFECTING HOLINESS IN
THE FEAR OF GOD.

2 CORINTHIANS 7:1



WELL, TIME TO
FLY HIGH?

WHEN
THE SMOKE
CLEARS, I
WON'T BE
FOUND.



YOUR
FOLLY
HERE IS
ENDED!



UNDER THE AUTHORITY
OF THE LIGHT KNIGHTS--

CONSIDER
OURSELVES
UNDER
ARREST!



SO, YOU LIKE
GETTING
PEOPLE HIGH?

WE'LL SEE
HOW HIGH YOU
CAN GET YOUR
CELLBLOCK!



PLEASE...

ALL OF YOU, PLEASE,
LISTEN TO ME?

HELP ME.

PRAY FOR ME.

THE LORD
HAS SAID:

COME UNTO ME, ALL YE
THAT LABOUR AND ARE
HEAVY LADEN, AND I
WILL GIVE YOU REST.

TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU, AND
LEARN OF ME; FOR I AM MEAK AND
LOWLY IN HEART: AND YE SHALL FIND
REST UNTO YOUR SOULS. FOR MY YOKE
IS EASY, AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT.

MATTHEW 11:28-30

Amen.

If Jesus were to walk up to you on the street and introduce Himself, would you take the time and talk to Him?

What would you ask Him?

Or

Would you walk away, afraid that even He would reject you?

Some 2,000 years ago, while Jesus was having dinner with some religious leaders, a woman known to be a prostitute made a bold move. She broke into the dining room and threw herself at Jesus' feet. Weeping, desiring to feel clean and forgiven—she risked rejection and humiliation.

But instead of rejecting her, Jesus embraced her.

These are the words Jesus spoke to those around him—

"I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much."

Finally, Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Luke 7:36-50

The same Jesus was later killed on a cross, but, as He promised, was resurrected. His heart for "sinners" (for we are all "sinners") hasn't changed in 2,000 years. He wants to embrace you, love you, forgive you. He simply asks in return that you have faith in Him and commit your new life to following Him.

If you want to follow Him, if you want to be made clean and feel His forgiveness, the first step is to believe and pray something like this:

"Lord Jesus, I believe that you died for me, to save me from my sins and to give me eternal life. I believe that, just as they arrested you, stripped you, beat you and killed you and you were resurrected to life, I can have new life in you, in this world and for all eternity as well. Lord God, please cleanse me and save me and forgive me—in Jesus' name. Amen."

Read more about Jesus in the Bible—start in the New Testament with the book of Matthew.

Find a good church—one that believes that Jesus is the Son of God and that He lived and died and lived again to save all who trust in Him, one that adds no other book alongside the Holy Bible, one that teaches that God's Holy Spirit can live in you and guide you in all your troubles.

Pray—every day, in all circumstances. God is your heavenly Father and He wants to hear from you and lead you through your life.



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