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HEY DAD.

I've made it to Paradise
City - did you spend any
time here?

Did you visit anyone?





It's a MIRACLE!
you've been
cured!



COUGH
COUGH
COUGH



what did you -



Thank God™ for
Monstar Energy
drink and its
healing powers!
My friend Ricky
told me it was
bullshit but I
had faith.



Hey kid, thanks for that. I
don't want to burst your
bubble but I'm inclined to
agree with Ricky.

I'm assuming
you just can't die
around here.

says the guy
that just drank
my Monstar and
no longer has a
bullet wound.

That's fair. okay,
maybe you're right, kid.
what's your name?







MOMM!!!



Asher,
head inside.



Judgin' by the looks of
ya, you ain't from around
these parts.

I see it in the way
you dress. you're a
TRAVELER.



so you know what I am? where I'm from?

I didn't say all that. Just can tell you're not from paradise city.

Right. well, I was just passing through - this place has already proven my point. The sheriff shot me after I got assaulted. I'm not sure if it's because I'm part Asian or--



why is it always a race thing with you people? it's probably because you look homeless.

Loitering is a capital offense within the city limits. We only go when we need to buy something, and even then, ya gotta blend in.

shit. I forgot to use shiftR before I jumped.



what was that?

oh, it's nothing... I just. Hmm. How do I explain this? My phone has magic powers - part of being a.. TRAVELER.

Right. GOD™ works in mysterious ways!



sure, let's go with that.



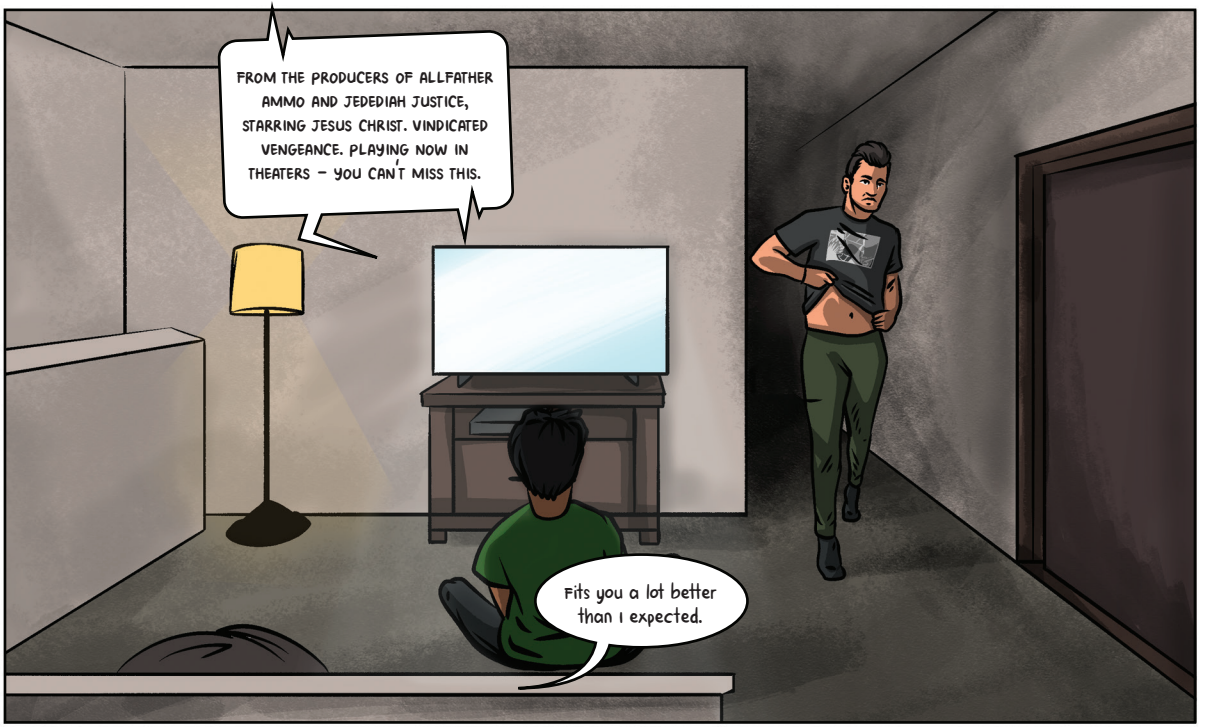
Listen, I usually have a pretty good radar for people. You seem ok as far as I'm concerned. How about you come inside for a bit and we'll get you cleaned up?

That's awfully kind of you. I think I'll take you up on that. thank you.



don't thank me yet! I'm not sure I've got anything in your size! I'm MARY by the way.

CLYDE. Nice to meet you.





That was John's. Asher's dad.

oh. where is he?

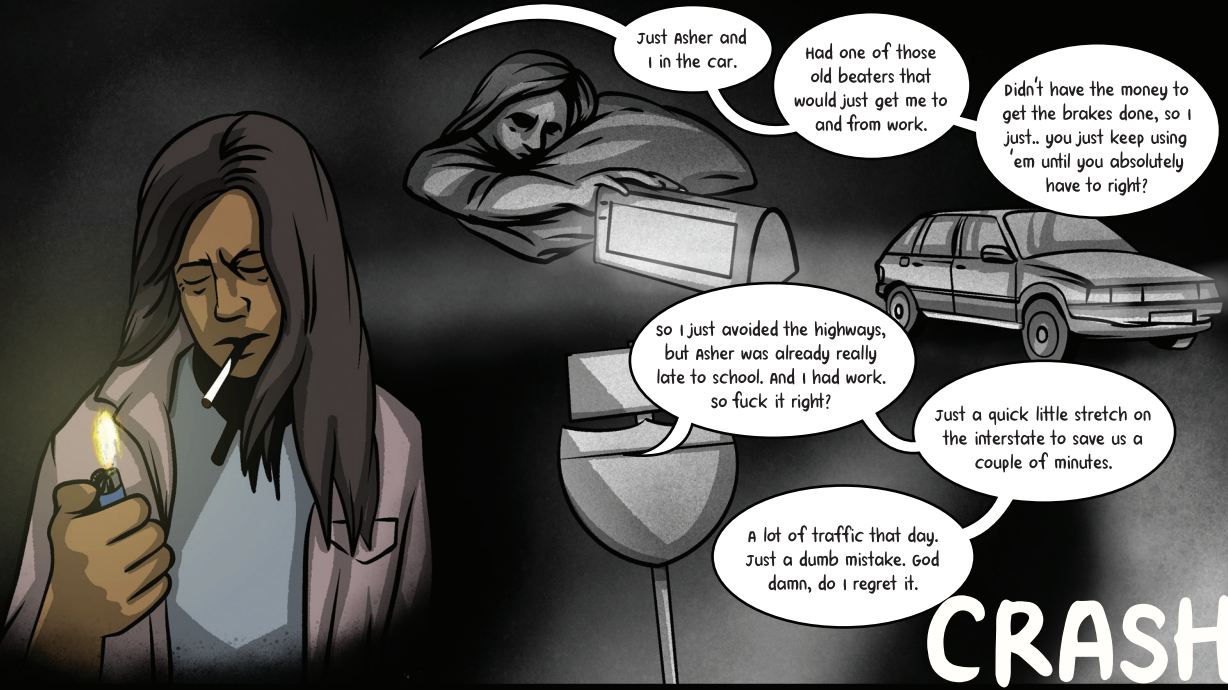


He's not here yet.



oh. so you and Asher?

yeah, last thing I remembered before waking up here in Heaven was the car crash.



Just Asher and I in the car.

Had one of those old beaters that would just get me to and from work.

Didn't have the money to get the brakes done, so I just.. you just keep using em until you absolutely have to right?

so I just avoided the highways, but Asher was already really late to school. And I had work. so fuck it right?

Just a quick little stretch on the interstate to save us a couple of minutes.

A lot of traffic that day. Just a dumb mistake. God damn, do I regret it.

CRASH



And then I woke up here, and saw Asher.

what a whirlwind of emotions, you know?

Relief that your baby boy is there with you, in Heaven.

But also it's so fucking heartbreaking knowing why he's here.



Jesus Christ..

My God..

Fuck. I'm so sorry Mary. That's a lot to process.



you're telling me.

but now we're here - and we're making the most of it. I know Asher misses his father, but we'll just have to wait until his time comes.



well the man had great taste in music, that's for sure.

Amen to that. Favorite album?

Hard not to go with **NEVERMIND**, but fuck they're all classics. The fact that their last album ended with that one song? **All Apologies**? talk about brutal, almost like he was signaling the end with it.



you seem like somebody that resonates with some of those ideas for the wrong reasons. No judgments.



well when you say **wrong** it kind of implies some judgment, doesn't it?



Touché. In either case, I think it'd be great if you watch service with us. Maybe there's something there for ya, a lesson or two if nothing else.

i've been hit, shot, and dragged by horseback to a trailer park where the finest people i've met live, while those other pricks live in the city.

if i watch any of that nonsense, it'd just be for you.

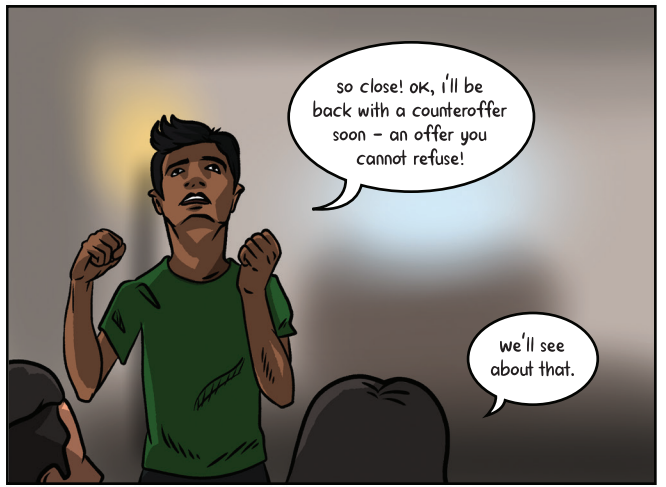


works with me!





we're frickin' broke.

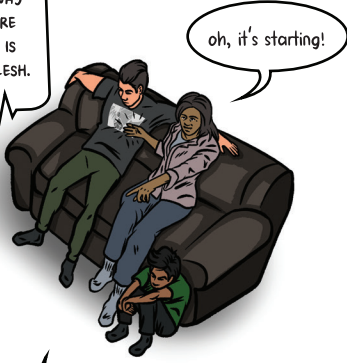


so close! ok, i'll be back with a counteroffer soon - an offer you cannot refuse!

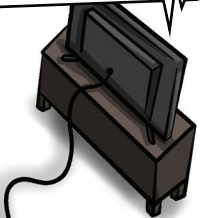
we'll see about that.

NOW WE'RE JUST A FEW MINUTES AWAY FROM SERVICE AND THE APOSTLES ARE ARRIVING. ANYONE THAT'S ANYBODY IS HERE, VIEWING HIS™ GLORY IN THE FLESH.

TO OUR VIEWERS AT HOME WATCHING, YOU'RE ABOUT TO WITNESS MAGNIFICENCE IN GLORIOUS HIGH DEFINITION BROADCAST EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH GBS.



oh, it's starting!



seems like it's just celebrities lining up outside right now - when's the actual service?



well they start with the Reception, which is like its own TV series.

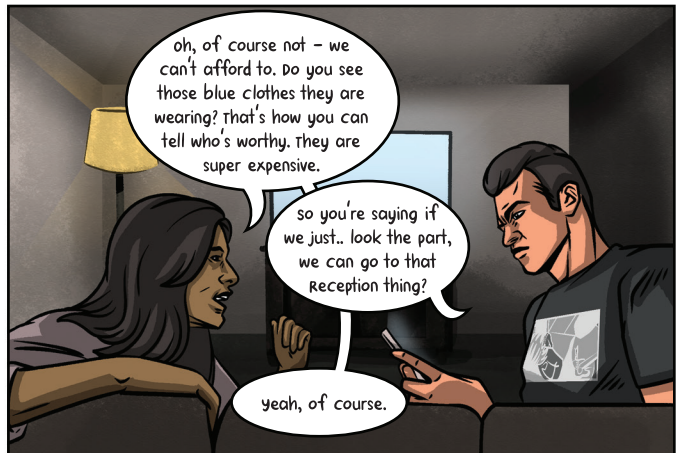
you get to witness the conversations they have, the deals they make with each other, and the drama between the Apostles. it's super fascinating.



Are you describing reality TV as fascinating?

pretty quick to dismiss it all, aren't ya?

No, sorry, it's just.. do you ever go to service?



oh, of course not - we can't afford to. do you see those blue clothes they are wearing? that's how you can tell who's worthy. they are super expensive.

so you're saying if we just.. look the part, we can go to that reception thing?

yeah, of course.

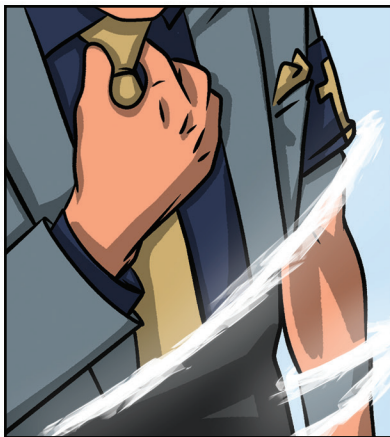


And is that something you'd both want to do? if you could? Actually go to the Reception?

Absolutely.

sounds fun to me.

ok, let's try something.



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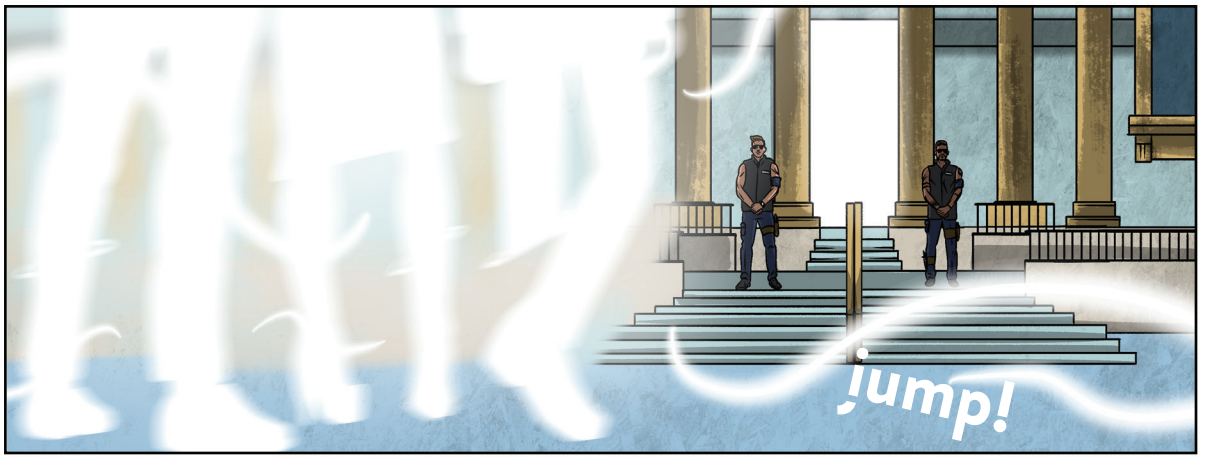
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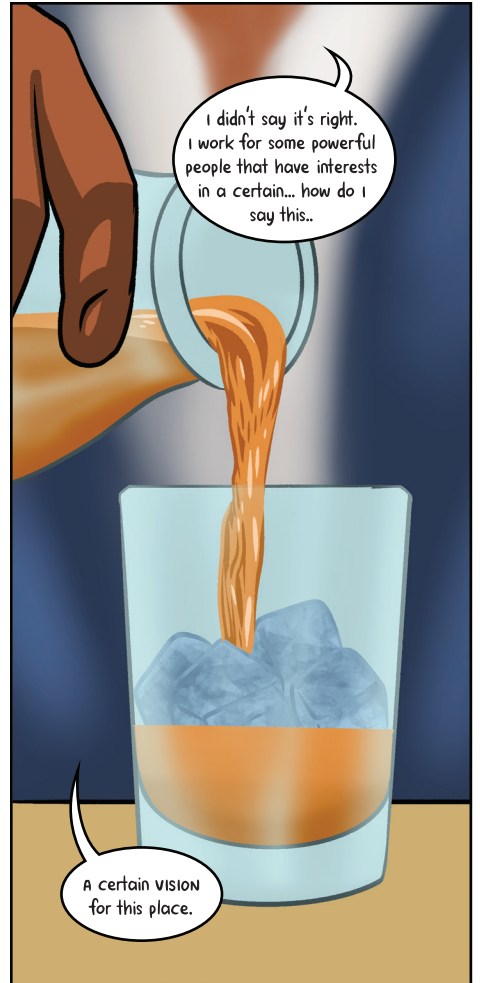
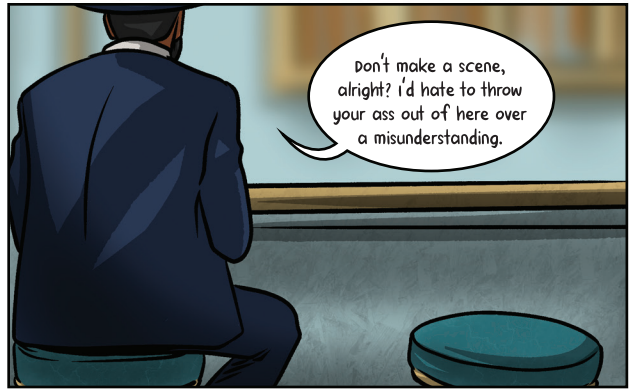
ok, that should work!
now let's go.



jump!









whether in this world or the one before, the poor were never a sight for sore eyes.

i'm just a humble servant to this divine and magnificent place.



that's a load of shit. what happened to being a good neighbor? to take care of one another? why am i the arbiter of christian values here?



that's a damn good question certainly above my pay grade. i sure as shit don't have the power to make it right.



why not? why would GOD do this?



careful now -

i'm humoring your questions because i assume you've got some influence around these parts.

But you're starting to ask some questions that border on disbelief in HIM, and frankly i don't stand for that.



Ahh, i'm just fuckin' with ya. resting your faith a bit.

Hmm.



i'll just ask HIM myself sometime.



Haha. The fuckin' balls on this critter. What's your name, friend?



Clyde.

Hmm. I know that name. Now it's making some sense where you come from.



you're talking about my GRANDFATHER.



I've got a lot of respect for your family, so I apologize for our misunderstanding a little while ago.

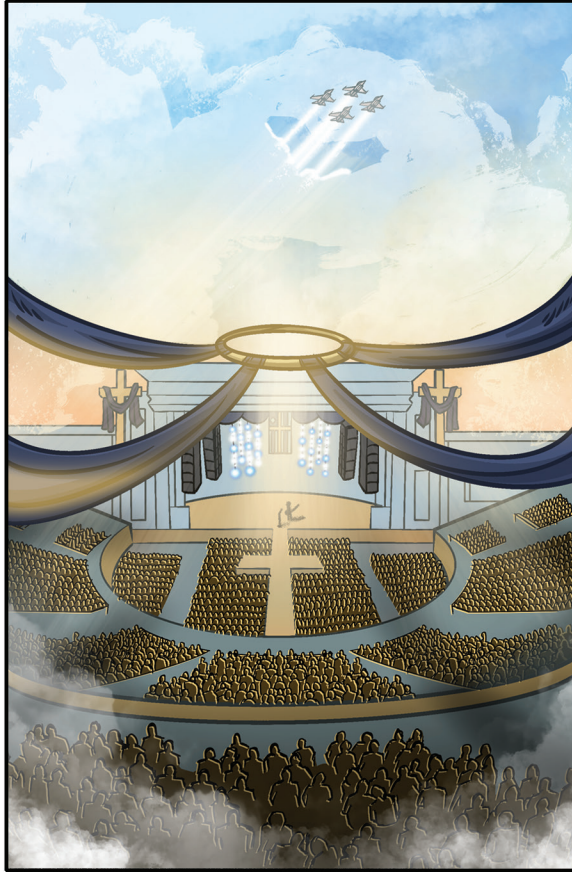
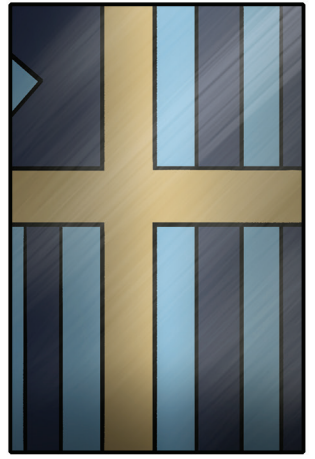
The name's Finch.

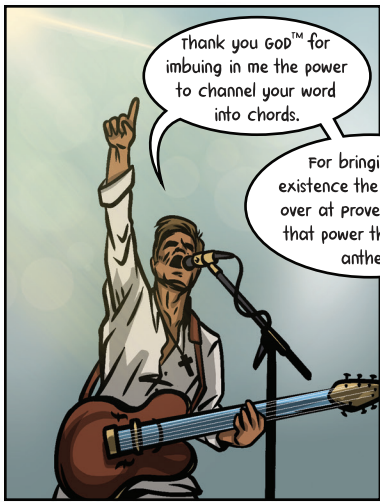
I owe you one on behalf of our improper introduction. Come find me sometime if you need the assist.

I'm gonna stretch my legs.









Thank you God™ for imbuing in me the power to channel your word into chords.

For bringing into existence the good folks over at proverb Guitar™ that power the opening anthem.



For blessing the miraculous members of your flock over at platitude sound™ that provide such serendipity to the sound waves.

Now I'm gonna hand the mic over to Brother Ronald to deliver a few remarks before the main event.



Humorous tone. Insert sponsor Joba Cola™ into your speech.

Forgive my tardiness. I was enjoying a Joba Cola™ behind the stage, speaking to someone that needs no introduction. And yet, He asks me to do so anyway!



Laughter. Applause from the crowd.

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA



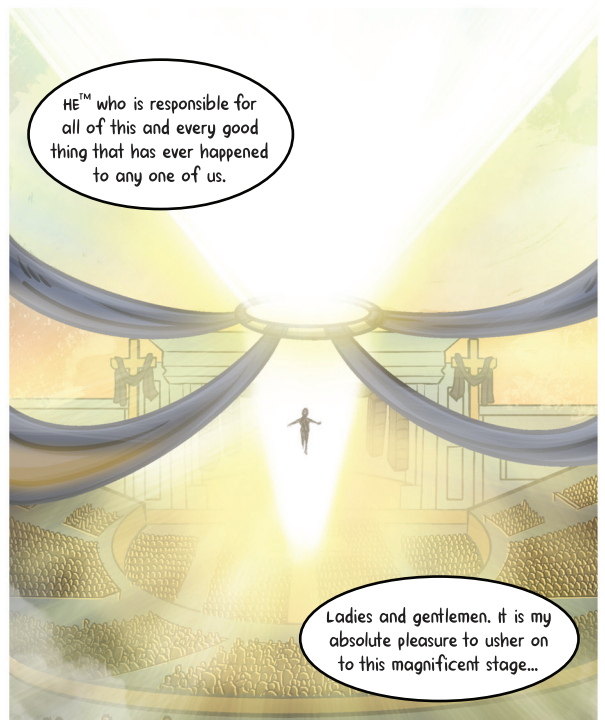
Keep your speech short.

This is a special sermon, so I'm going to keep my thoughts brief.



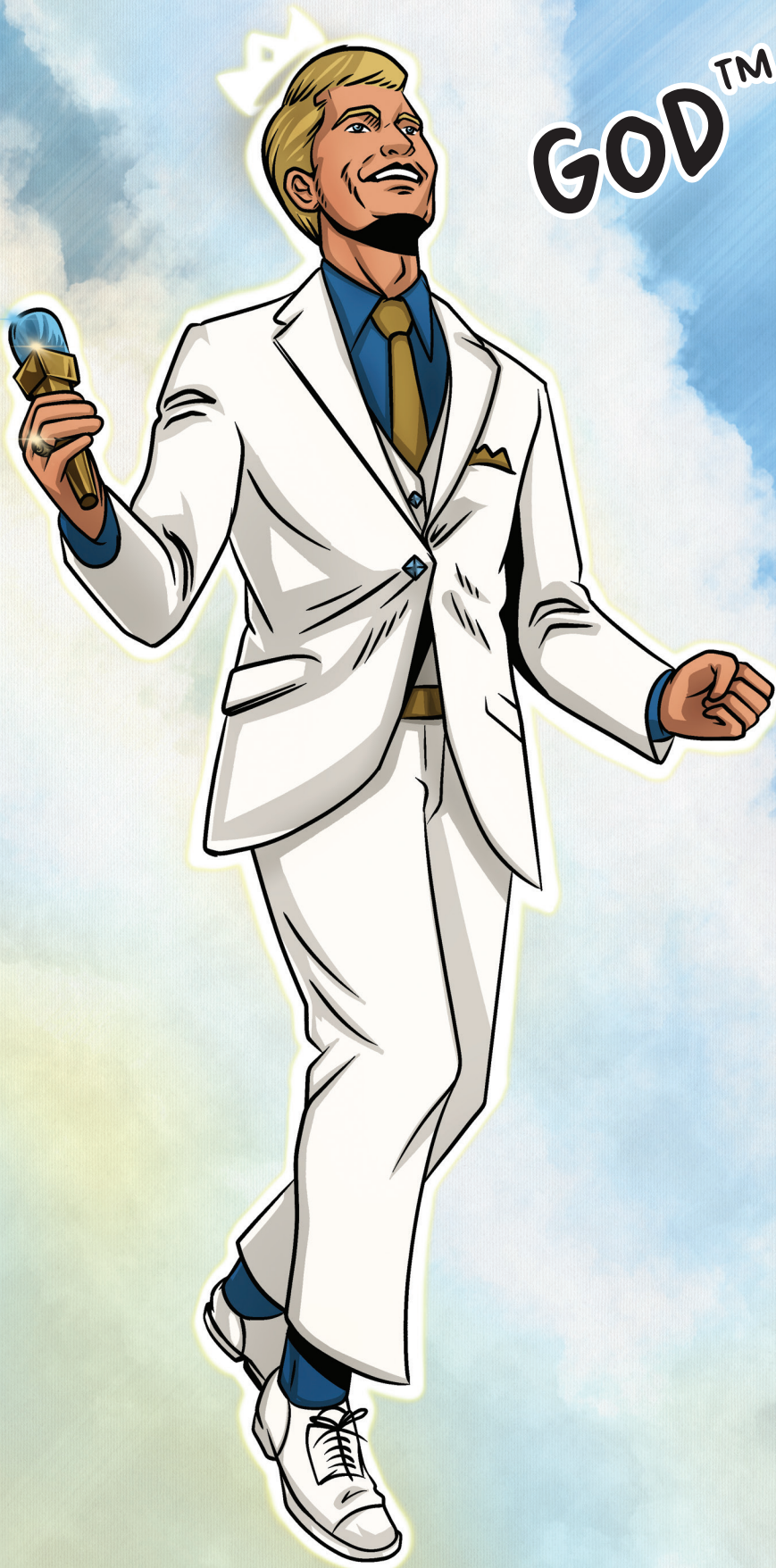
I AM EVERYTHING.

HIS™ brilliance is second to none, his virtues unparalleled. His divine machinations continue to inspire despite an eternity of witnesses.



HE™ who is responsible for all of this and every good thing that has ever happened to any one of us.

Ladies and gentlemen. It is my absolute pleasure to usher on to this magnificent stage...



GOD™!!



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