

EPISODE I

STORIES OF NEGLECT AND ABUSE ARE OFTEN SAD ONES. SOME HAVE HAPPY ENDINGS; SOME GO ON TO LONG LIFE OF CONTINUED SUFFERING; WHILE OTHERS BECOME SOMETHING ELSE.

THE SASHES HOLDING PIECES OF METAL ON THE END OF THEM CUT THE AIR LIKE A HOT KNIFE THROUGH BUTTER. THEY HIT HIS BACK RIPPING THE SKIN OFF OF IT WITH EVERY STRIKE. THE WOUNDS FROM THE LAST BEATING HAD NOT YET HEALED BUT THAT HAD NO BEARING ON THE CURRENT SITUATION. THE ONLY NOISE THAT COULD BE HEARD WAS THE SOUND OF THE WIND SCREECHING IN WHAT SOUNDED LIKE THE WIND'S SCREAM FOR MERCY. NOTHING ELSE COULD BE HEARD; NO SCREAMS OF PAIN, NO SCREAMS FOR MERCY AND NO SCREAMS FOR HELP. THE ONLY THINGS THAT WERE APPARENT WERE THE TEARS THAT SLOWLY RAN DOWN HIS FACE LIKE THE CALM STREAM OF A RIVER. HOWEVER THE TEARS WERE NOT FROM THE PAIN THAT HE WAS FEELING AS HE HAD BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO THE ALMOST DAILY BEATINGS. THE TEARS RESULTED FROM THE EMOTIONAL PAIN THAT HE WAS FEELING DUE TO THE MAN THAT WAS WIELDING THE WHIP.

URI, AS HE WAS KNOWN WAS JUST LIKE ANY CHILD GROWING UP. HE CRIED, HE LAUGHED, HE PLAYED, AND HE MADE MISTAKES. HOWEVER AT THE AGE OF FOUR HE MADE A MISTAKE THAT WOULD CAUSE THE BEATINGS TO START AND SET HIS FUTURE IN MOTION. THE BEATINGS BEGAN WITH NOTHING MORE THAN A SLAP TO THE FACE BUT WITH EVERY DAY AND TIME THAT PASSED THAT CHANGED. AS HE GOT OLDER THE BEATINGS INTENSIFIED AND BY THE TIME HE REACHED HIS CURRENT AGE OF 14 THE LEATHER METAL WHIP HAD BECOME HIS FATHER'S TOOL OF CHOICE FOR PUNISHING HIS SON.

HIS FATHER AVIN WAS ONE OF THE MOST EVIL AND POWERFUL MYSTICS TO EVER WALK THE EARTH. WHILE CONDUCTING BUSINESS AT A NEARBY TOWN AVIN MET A WOMAN NAMED JAZEL WHO

WOULD BECOME URI'S MOTHER BUT SHE WOULD BE SOMEONE THAT HE WOULD NEVER MEET. AVIN AND JAZEL FELL IN LOVE AND HE MADE SURE THAT HE HID HIS EVIL FROM HER. OUT OF ALL THE PEOPLE THAT HE HAD MET IN HIS LIFETIME SHE WAS THE ONLY ONE THAT HE HAD EVER LOVED. THE DAY THAT SHE REALIZED THAT SHE WAS PREGNANT AND THE TWO OF THEM WOULD BE PARENTS WAS ONE OF THE HAPPIEST OF THEIR LIVES. HOWEVER THINGS DON'T ALWAYS TURN OUT THE WAY YOU HOPE.

SHE DIDN'T KNOW THAT HE WAS A MYSTIC BUT HE WORKED HARD TO SUPPORT HER AND HE WAS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON WHEN HE WAS WITH HER. BECAUSE HE WAS A MYSTIC HE COULD SEE THAT THE CHILD WAS GOING TO BE A BOY BUT FOR SOME REASON HE COULDN'T SEE MUCH BEYOND THAT. HE ASSUMED THAT HIS SON WOULD BE AS HE WAS A POWERFUL MYSTIC AND THAT WAS THE REASON THAT HIS VISION OF THE FUTURE COULD NOT GO BEYOND KNOWING THE GENDER OF THE CHILD.

EPISODE II

THE PREGNANCY WAS NORMAL AND THE COUPLE WAS HAPPY. ALTHOUGH THEY WERE NOT FORMALLY MARRIED THEY WERE LOOKED UPON AS MAN AND WIFE AS MANY WERE AT THAT TIME. EVERYONE IN THEIR TOWN KNEW THAT THE HOUSE OF SA WAS ABOUT TO WELCOME A NEW ADDITION TO THEIR FAMILY AND MANY WISHED THEM GOOD LIVES. THE FATEFUL DAY CAME AND JAZEL WENT INTO LABOR AND AVIN WAS THERE BY HER SIDE. AT THE BEGINNING EVERYTHING SEEMED FINE BUT WHEN SHE BEGAN TO GIVE BIRTH TO HER SON COMPLICATIONS HAD ARISEN.

THE DOCTOR AND MIDWIFE LOOKED WORRIED. THE DOCTOR TURNED TO AVIN AND TOLD HIM THAT HE BELIEVED THAT HIS WIFE MAY NOT MAKE IT THROUGH THE PREGNANCY. HIS HEART DROPPED AND HE BEGAN SWEATING AND A FEELING THAT HE HAD NEVER HAD BEFORE OVERWHELMED HIM. ANXIETY HAD SET IN AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS LIFE HE FELT THE FEAR OF LOSING SOMEONE. HIS WORLD WAS FALLING APART. SINCE SHE WAS ONLY A MORTAL HE KNEW THAT ONE DAY SHE WOULD DIE BUT HE NEVER EXPECTED IT TO HAPPEN THIS SOON. THE DOCTOR TOLD AVIN THAT HE COULD ONLY SAVE ONE OF THEM SO HE NEEDED TO MAKE A DECISION AS TO WHOM. WITHOUT HESITATION HE HAD TOLD THE DOCTOR TO SAVE JAZEL BUT AT THAT MOMENT THE SOUND OF A NEWBORN FILLED THE ROOM.

URI WAS BORN AND HIS MOTHER LAID EYES ON HIM FOR NO MORE THAN A FEW SECONDS AND THEN SHE WAS GONE. THE NEWBORN WAS WRAPPED IN RAGS AND PLACED IN A MAKESHIFT CRIB. AVIN WENT OVER TO JAZEL'S LIFELESS BODY, KNELT DOWN AND BEGAN TO CRY. IN A RAGE HE STOOD UP AND SLAUGHTERED THE DOCTOR AND THE MIDWIFE. HE RIPPED THEM APART AND LITTERED THE ROOM WITH THEIR BLOOD. HE SCOOPED UP HIS SON AND WALKED OUT OF THE HOME LEAVING THE BODY OF HIS LOVE BEHIND.

A FEW HOURS AFTER WHEN THE CANDLES WERE ALMOST MELTED AWAY THE DOOR TO THE HOME OPENED. A MAN WALKED IN AND SAW THE GRUESOME SCENE. HE SCANNED THE ROOM AND TO HIS

SURPRISE THERE WAS SOMEONE STILL ALIVE. HE COULD HEAR THE FAINT SOUND OF A HEARTBEAT AND BREATHING. HE FOLLOWED THE SOUND UNTIL HE FOUND WHERE THE SOUND HAD ORIGINATED FROM. THE FAINT NOISES WERE COMING FROM NONE OTHER THAN JAZEL. HE HAD NOT DIED WITH THE BIRTH OF HER SON BUT SHE WAS NEAR DEATH. THE MAN WHO HAD FOUND HER WAS A MYSTIC LAWMAN NAMED PHILOS.

EPISODE III

PHILOS WAS NO DIFFERENT THAN THE OTHER MYSTICS AS HE HAD POWERS TOO. ONE OF THOSE POWERS WAS THE POWER TO HEAL. HOWEVER WHAT WAS AFFECTING JAZEL WAS UNLIKE ANYTHING THAT HE HAD EVER KNOWN. SOMETHING WAS LITERALLY KILLING HER FROM THE INSIDE OUT. HE FELT THAT HE COULD SAVE HER BUT IT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME AND A CONCENTRATION OF HIS POWER TO DO SO. THIS MEANT THAT PHILOS WOULD HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN CONTINUING TO HUNT DOWN THE MAN THAT HE HAD GONE THERE TO CAPTURE OR TO SAVE JAZEL. HE PUT HIS HANDS OVER JAZEL AND USED ENOUGH POWER TO PICK HER UP AND TAKE HER WITH HIM. HIS HUNT FOR THE CRIMINAL AVIN WOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL HE COULD MAKE SURE THAT SHE WAS SAFE.

PHILOS CARED FOR HER FOR MONTHS WHILE SHE LAY THERE IN A COMA. HER PHYSICAL BODY HAD BEEN HEALING WELL BUT ONE THING CONTINUED TO TROUBLE HIM. HE KNEW THAT SHE HAD JUST HAD A CHILD BUT HE DID NOT KNOW WHERE THE CHILD WAS. HE COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED TO HER THAT PUT HER SO CLOSE TO DEATH AND HOW DID SHE MANAGE TO SURVIVE. HE CONTINUED CARING FOR HER OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND THEN ONE DAY SHE WOKE UP. ALL SHE COULD REMEMBER WAS HER NAME AND WHO SHE WAS BEFORE SHE HAD HER CHILD OR BEFORE SHE MET AVIN.

THEY SPOKE FOR HOURS AND IT WAS IN THIS CONVERSATION THAT SOMETHING THAT NOT EVEN AVIN KNEW CAME TO LIGHT. SHE WAS ONCE A MYSTIC ALTHOUGH NOT A POWERFUL ONE. SHE CAME ACROSS A WOMAN WHOM ATTACKED HER AND ACCORDING TO HER ACCOUNT USED MAGIC THAT SHE HAD NEVER KNOWN TO EXIST AND MADE HER FOR ALL INTENSE AND PURPOSES HUMAN. WHEN HER POWERS WERE TAKEN AWAY SO WAS HER MEMORY AND IT WASN'T UNTIL SHE AWOKE FROM THIS COMA THAT THE MEMORIES FROM THAT TIME HAD BECOME PREVALENT TO HER AGAIN. HOWEVER THE EMERGENCE OF HER LOST MEMORY HAD A PRICE. THAT PRICE WAS THAT SHE REMEMBERED NOTHING FROM THE TIME HER POWERS WERE TAKEN AWAY TO THE TIME WHERE HE SAVED HER LIFE.

PHILOS TOLD WHAT HAPPENED AND HOW HE HAD FOUND HER AS HE DID NOT WANT TO KEEP ANY SECRETS FROM HER. SHE KNEW FULL WELL WHO

AVIN WAS AND ALTHOUGH SHE DID NOT KNOW HER CHILD SHE FELT THE LOSS. SHE BELIEVED THAT HER CHILD WAS DEAD AND NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL OR HOW MANY TIMES PHILOS TRIED HE COULD NOT SEE THE TRUTH. PHILOS PLANNED ONLY TO STAY UNTIL SHE WAS FULLY RECOVERED BUT HE STAYED LONGER THAN THAT. THREE YEARS AFTER HE FOUND HER THEY WERE MARRIED AND TOGETHER THE HOUSE OF RICHTER WELCOMED A SON OF THEIR OWN; A SON NAMED TOBIAS.

EPISODE IV

YEARS HAD PASSED AND AVIN HAD RAISED HIS SON BUT NOT AS A LOVING FATHER BUT AN EVIL DICTATOR. HE HAD NAMED HIS SON URI WHICH IN THEIR LANGUAGE MEANT DEATH BECAUSE HE BELIEVED THAT HIS SON WAS THE REASON FOR THE DEATH OF HIS BELOVED. URI WAS TREATED LIKE A SLAVE. HE WAS OLD ENOUGH TO WORK AVIN ORDERED HIM TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR LAND AND TO TAKE CARE OF ANY WORK OR CHORES THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE AROUND THEIR HOME. URI CLEANED, WASHED HIS FATHER'S CLOTHES BUT WAS NOT ABLE TO DO THE SAME WITH HIS OWN UNLESS ORDERED TO. HE TENDED TO THE CATTLE AND FARMING WHILE HE FATHER DID NO MORE THAN WATCH TO MAKE SURE THAT HE WAS PERFORMING HIS DUTIES WELL. URI HAD TO PREPARE HIS FATHER'S FOOD AND WAS ONLY PERMITTED TO EAT WHATEVER WAS LEFT ON HIS FATHER'S PLATE WHICH WAS RARE AT BEST.

ALTHOUGH HE HAD THE BLOOD OF TWO MYSTICS RUNNING THROUGH HIS VEINS HE SHOWED NO SIGNS THAT HE HAD INHERITED ANYTHING FROM THAT RACE. HE HAD THE SAME DARK HAIR AND GREEN EYES THAT HIS MOTHER POSSESSED AND ALTHOUGH HE WAS TREATED THE WAY HE WAS HE HAD INHERITED HER SWEET DEMEANOR. HE DIDN'T SHARE MUCH WITH HIS FATHER EXCEPT FOR HIS MASSIVE PHYSICAL FRAME. AS HE APPROACHED HIS 15TH BIRTHDAY URI WAS ALREADY STANDING 6'5" TALL AND 287 POUNDS OF SOLID MUSCLE AND HE WAS NOT YET DONE GROWING. WITH SOMEONE OF HIS SIZE IN ANY NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCE HE WOULD BE ABLE TO USE THAT TO HIS ADVANTAGE AND STAND UP TO HIS ABUSER AND FREE HIMSELF. HOWEVER THIS WAS NO NORMAL SITUATION AND HIS FATHER WAS NO NORMAL MAN.

URI WAS BEATEN ALMOST EVERY DAY. EVERY LITTLE THING THAT COULD GO WRONG IN AVIN'S EYES REGARDING HIS SON HAD GONE JUST THAT WAY. AVIN WAS STILL WHO HE ALWAYS WAS AND AS HE DID WHEN HE WAS WITH JAZEL HE TRAVELED FOR WHAT HE CALLED BUSINESS. IT WAS AT THESE TIMES THAT URI WAS NOT BEATEN BUT HIS TIME WITHOUT HIS FATHER WAS BITTER SWEET. ON THE TIMES THAT AVIN WOULD LEAVE FOR BUSINESS HE WOULD CHAIN URI UP IN A CAVE SO THAT HE WOULD NOT

ESCAPE WITH ENOUGH FOOD AND WATER TO LAST HIM THREE DAYS. THE ONLY PROBLEM WITH THAT WAS THAT AVIN'S TRIPS USUALLY LASTED MORE THAN THREE WEEKS.

URI WAS RESOURCEFUL AND BEING THAT HE DID NOT EAT MUCH HE WAS ABLE TO RATION HIS FOOD JUST ENOUGH TO SURVIVE. RATIONING HIS FOOD WAS A CLEVER WAY TO STAY ALIVE BUT BY THE TIME HIS FATHER WOULD RETURN THE FOOD AND WATER THAT HE HAD BEEN FEEDING ON HAD BECOME POLLUTED AND INFECTED. AVIN RARELY TOOK HIS SON INTO TOWN WITH HIM BUT ON ONE OF THE OCCASIONS THAT HE DID THEY CAME ACROSS A WOMAN TALKING ABOUT THE POWER, LOVE AND BENEVOLENCE OF THE ONE TRUE GOD AND THAT ALL SHOULD FORSAKE ALL THE FALSE GODS THAT THEY HAD BEEN WORSHIPING. THIS WOMAN WAS RIDICULED BUT HER WORDS SAT HARD WITH URI AND ONE DAY HE STOPPED PRAYING AT NIGHT TO THE GODS THAT HE BELIEVED WOULD ONE DAY SAVE HIM AND BEGAN PRAYING TO THIS ONE GOD THAT THE WOMAN SPOKE OF.

EPISODE V

ONE DAY BEFORE AVIN LEFT OUT OF TOWN FOR BUSINESS WHILE HE WAS TAKING HIS SON TO THE CHAINS A BOOK OF WRITINGS RESEMBLING WHAT THAT WOMEN WAS TALKING ABOUT FELL OUT OF HIS PANTS. WHEN AVIN PICKED IT UP AND READ WHAT IT WAS HE BECAME ENRAGED. THIS WOULD BE THE WORST AND LAST BEATING THAT HE WOULD EVER INFLICT ON URI AGAIN. AVIN CONTINUED WHIPPING URI AND THE TEARS CONTINUED DOWN HIS FACE UNTIL HE COMPLETELY PASSED OUT. THE WHIP WAS THROWN DOWN NEXT TO URI'S SEEMINGLY LIFELESS BODY. AVIN TURNED AROUND AND IGNITED URI'S BOOK WITH A MERE THOUGHT AND USED IT TO LIGHT HIS SON'S FIRE. HE SAID NOTHING, NOR DID HE LOOK BACK AS HE LEFT THE CAVE.

URI BEGAN TO REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS AND BEGAN BEGGING WHY GOD HAD NOT HEARD HIS PRAYERS. WHY HAVE ALL THE GODS INCLUDING THIS ONE TRUE ONE IGNORE HIS PLEADS FOR HELP?

THEN IT HAPPENED A VOICE OUT OF NOWHERE SPOKE TO HIM. "HE'LL NEVER ANSWER YOU, HE WON'T HELP YOU, NOR WILL HE EVER SEND SOMEONE TO YOUR RESCUE. HE HAS FORSAKEN YOU JUST AS HE HAS FORSAKEN SO MANY OTHERS AND AS HE WILL FORSAKE HIS OWN OFFSPRING."

"WHO ARE YOU?" URI ASKED.

"I AM THE ONE WHO HEARS THE PRAYERS WHEN THEY FALL UPON DEAF EARS MY FRIEND. WHEN YOU PRAY TO GOD AND HE DOES NOT HEAR YOU I DO. I AM HERE TO GIVE YOU WHAT YOU WANT AND TO GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED."

"WHAT DO YOU MEAN GIVE ME WHAT I WANT AND WHAT I NEED? URI ASKED WITH WHAT STRENGTH HE HAD LEFT.

"FIRST THING'S FIRST," HE WAVED HIS HANDS AND THE CHAINS THAT HAD BOUND HIM WERE THROWN OFF. THEN WITH THE WAVE OF HIS OTHER HAND HE HAD GIVEN STRENGTH BACK INTO URI'S BODY SO THAT HE COULD SEE WHO HE WAS TALKING TO. "NOW WE CAN TALK TO EACH OTHER. URI MY FRIEND MY NAME IS LORD LUCIFER AND I CAN GIVE YOU THE POWER THAT YOU NEED TO FREE YOURSELF, KILL YOUR FATHER, AND EVEN DESTROY HIS SOUL AS IF HE NEVER EXISTED."

“I CANNOT KILL ANOTHER MAN; IT IS NOT PART OF WHO I AM.” HE TOLD LUCIFER.

“WHO ARE KIDDING URI; YOU HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT KILLING YOUR FATHER ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS BUT YOU KNEW THAT YOU DID NOT POSSESS THE POWER TO DO SO. I CAN MAKE THAT HAPPEN URI I CAN GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED TO STOP THIS FOREVER.”

“WHAT WOULD I HAVE TO DO IN ORDER TO TAKE THIS POWER?”

“ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS PLEDGE YOUR LIFE TO ME FOR ALL OF ETERNITY. IF YOU DO THIS I WILL MAKE YOU IMMORTAL, I WILL GIVE YOU POWER THAT YOU NEVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE. YOU WILL HAVE NO EQUAL AND YOUR POWER WILL BE SECOND ONLY TO ME. YOU WILL BE MY RIGHT HAND, MY SECOND IN COMMAND, AND MOST OF ALL MY ENFORCER ON EARTH. I FEEL WHAT IS IN YOU AND GONE ARE THE DAYS OF THIS TIMID PACIFIST. YOU WANT BLOOD, YOU WANT TO INFLICT PAIN, YOU WANT TO RELEASE YOUR TORMENT AND ANGER UPON THE WORLD AND I WILL GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED TO DO THAT. SO MY FRIEND, NO MY SON, WHAT SAY YOU?”

EPISODE VI

URI STOOD THERE WITH HIS HEAD DOWN AND WITH THAT QUESTION FROM LUCIFER RAISED IT AND TOLD HIM; "I PLEDGE MYSELF TO YOU MY LORD, GIVE ME THE POWER TO SERVE YOU AND I WILL SERVE YOU FOR ALL ETERNITY!"

"EXCELLENT," LUCIFER SAID. "NOW LET'S CLEAN YOU UP, HEAL YOUR WOUNDS, AND RID YOU OF THOSE SCARS."

"NO," URI SCREAMED OUT. "LEAVE THE SCARS; YOU MAY HEAL MY WOUNDS BEFORE YOU BESTOW THESE POWERS TO ME BUT THE SCARS MUST STAY. A REMINDER FOR ME OF WHAT I MUST REPAY TO MY FATHER. MY LORD; I AM GRATEFUL THAT YOU ARE GIVING ME SO MUCH AND I HAVE NOT YET GIVEN YOU ANYTHING BUT MAY I MAKE ONE SMALL REQUEST?"

"WHAT WOULD YOU ASK OF ME MY SON?"

"YOU SAID THAT I WOULD HAVE THE POWER TO NOT ONLY KILL MY FATHER BUT TO DESTROY HIS SOUL AS WELL BUT WHAT IF I DO NOT WANT TO DESTROY HIS SOUL, WHAT HAPPENS TO IT THEN?"

"HIS SOUL WOULD BE SENT TO HELL FOR ALL OF ETERNITY, WHY DO YOU ASK?"

"MAY I DECIDE HIS SOUL'S FATE? INSTEAD OF KILLING BOTH HE AND HIS SOUL, MAY I DECIDE THE FATE OF WHAT WILL BECOME OF HIS SOUL?"

"AND WHAT FATE WOULD YOU GIVE HIS SOUL?"

"IF YOU GRANT ME THE DECISION FOR THE FATE OF HIS SOUL I WOULD LIKE TO KEEP IT SOMEWHERE WHERE I MAY TORTURE IT FOR ALL TIME."

LUCIFER EYES GREW, A SMILE CRACKED HIS FACE, AND THE THOUGHT THAT HE HAD CHOSEN THE RIGHT ONE GAVE HIM SATISFACTION. "YOU MAY DO WHAT YOU WILL WITH IT. MAY HIS SCREAMS ECHO INTO THE HALLS OF MY KINGDOM AND HIS SUFFERING FUEL THE EVIL OF THE WORLD, HA; HA; HA."

LUCIFER GRANTED HIM EVERYTHING THAT HE HAD SAID HE WOULD AND TOLD HIM THAT IT WOULD BE UP TO HIM WHEN HE WOULD BRING HIS FATHER'S LIFE TO AN END. URI LEFT THE CAVE AND WENT BACK TO HIS HOME AND WAITED FOR HIS FATHER TO RETURN.

AS URI LEFT THE CAVE A WOMAN APPEARED AND SPOKE TO LUCIFER.

“EVERYTHING IS GOING WELL I SEE.”

“YES MY LADY DEATHCRY, YOU HAVE SERVED ME WELL. THE SPELL YOU PUT ON HIS MOTHER TO MAKE HER FORGET EVERYTHING SO THAT SHE WOULD NOT CLAIM URI AS HER SON, AND THE PERSUASION THOSE MANY TIMES IN HIS PRESENCE FOR PEOPLE TO FORSAKE THEIR FALSE GODS AND FOLLOW ON THE ONE WAS MAGNIFICENT MY DEAR. LEADING HIS BELIEFS INTO ONLY ONE GOD AND SEEING THAT THE GOD HE PUT FAITH IN WOULD DO NOTHING WAS THE PERFECT WAY TO MAKE HIM MINE!”

EPISODE VII

URI'S FATHER RETURNED AND THE FIRST PLACE HE WENT WAS TO THE CAVE TO FETCH HIS SON BUT HE WAS SURPRISED TO SEE THAT HE WAS NOT THERE. HE COULD HEAR THE NOISE OF WOOD BEING CHOPPED SO HE WENT BEHIND THE HOUSE TO SEE HOW URI HAD ESCAPED. AS HE TURNED THE CORNER OF THEIR HOME THERE WAS URI CHOPPING WOOD. HE HAD ON NOTHING MORE THAN A LOIN CLOTH WHICH REVEALED THE SCARS ALL OVER HIS BODY. THEY WERE RED AND WELTED IT NO LONGER SEEMED TO BE AFFECTING HIM. AS HE CONTINUED GETTING CLOSER HE NOTICED THAT URI WASN'T USING AN AXE TO CHOP THE WOOD BUT HIS HAND.

"HELLO FATHER," URI SAID TO HIM. "I HAVE BEEN EAGERLY AWAITING YOUR RETURN."

"WHAT IS THIS, WHAT ARE YOU DOING, HOW DID YOU F..."

"FREE MYSELF" HE INTERRUPTED HIM. "I MADE A CHOICE FATHER, A CHOICE THAT WILL MAKE SURE THAT I NEVER SUFFER UNDER YOUR HAND AGAIN AND THAT YOU NEVER WALK AWAY FROM THIS HOUSE AGAIN."

"HAVE YOU GONE MAD? DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE TALKING TO? DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM AND WHAT I AM CAPABLE OF? I COULD HAVE KILLED YOU A LONG TIME AGO BUT I CHOSE TO ALLOW YOU TO LIVE BECAUSE YOU WERE MY SON BUT I THINK THAT TIME HAS COME TO CHANGE THAT."

"THE ONLY THING THAT IS CHANGING HERE IS THE ONE WHO WILL BE SUFFERING."

AVIN CHARGED AT HIS SON AND GRABBED HIS RIGHT SHOULDER AND TURNED HIM AROUND. WHEN HE DID THAT URI NO LONGER LOOKED AS HE ONCE DID. HIS EYES WERE NO LONGER GREEN BUT AS RED AS BLOOD, HIS TEETH WERE AS SHARP AS KNIVES AND THE EVIL SMILE ON HIS FACE CAUSED A CHILL TO RUN DOWN HIS FATHER'S SPINE. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS LIFE AVIN WAS AFRAID AND HE COULD HAVE NEVER IMAGINED THAT THE FEAR WOULD BE CAUSED BY HIS SON.

URI GRABBED HIS FATHER BY THE THROAT WITH HIS LEFT HAND AND UTTER TWO WORDS "MY TURN." HE BEAT HIS FATHER UNLIKE ANYTHING THAT ANYONE HAD EVER SEEN AND THE WOUNDS THAT HE WAS INFLICTED ON HIM WERE NOT HEALING AS THEY WOULD HAVE NORMALLY DONE. HE

HAD PUNCHED, KICKS, STABBED HIM WITH HIS DARK BLACK KNIFE LIKE NAILS; HE POKED, SHOVED, CRACKED BONES THAT HE HAD NEVER FELT BEFORE AND BRANDED HIM WITH FIRE FROM HIS HANDS. AVIN'S SCREAMS ECHOED INTO THE AIR BUT HIS CRIES FOR MERCY AND HELP HAD THE SAME RESULT AS URI'S, NO ONE WAS GOING TO SAVE HIM.

THE BEATING CONTINUED UNTIL AVIN WAS ON THE GROUND NEAR DEATH. HE LOOKED UP AT URI AND SPOKE.

"URI, MY SON, PLEASE," HE BEGGED.

"YOUR SON URI IS DEAD. I HAVE A NEW FATHER AND HIS SON IS CALLED DEATHSONG!" HE THEN PICKED UP HIS FATHER ONCE AGAIN BY THE THROAT AND PULLED HIS HEAD FROM HIS BODY.

EPISODE VIII

HE HAD KILLED HIS FATHER BUT JUST AS LUCIFER PROMISED HE HAD POWER THAT HE COULD NOT IMAGINE. AS THE LIFE LEFT AVIN'S BODY HIS SOUL ROSE FROM THE LIFELESS CORPSE ONLY TO BE CAUGHT ONCE AGAIN BY HIS SON. "ON NOW YOUR SUFFERING IS NOT YET OVER. DEATH WOULD BE TOO EASY FOR YOU AVIN. I WILL SHOW YOU SUFFERING UNLIKE ANYTHING THAT YOU HAVE EVER FELT AND YOU WILL BEG EVERY SECOND OF ETERNITY FOR MERCY. HE PULLED HIS FATHER'S SOUL CLOSER TO HIM AND SAID "NO ONE IS COMING TO SAVE YOU" AND LAUGHED AS HE SAID IT.

LUCIFER HAD APPEARED AND SHOWED URI THE WAY TO HIS KINGDOM DRAGGING HIS FATHER'S SOUL BEHIND HIM. AS HE ARRIVED HE INTRODUCED HIM TO THE PERSON THAT WOULD SHOW URI HOW TO USE HIS POWER. LADY DEATHCRY WOULD BE HIS TEACHER BUT UNKNOWN TO HER HE WOULD NOT BE A PUPIL FOR TOO LONG. HE TOOK TO HIS POWER QUICKLY AND IN A SHORT TIME SHE WOULD BE CALLING HIM MASTER. HOWEVER THAT TIME WOULD NOT COME UNTIL DEATHSONG COULD PROVE HIMSELF AND HIS LOYALTY TO HIS LORD. LUCIFER HAD ONE SIMPLE REQUEST FOR DEATHSONG TO CARRY OUT.

"YOU ARE THE FIRST NON-MYSTIC TO KILL A MYSTIC IN HISTORY. YOU CLEARLY HAVE THE POWER AND THE RAGE NOW YOU MUST CARRY OUT MY WISH. AMONG THE MYSTICS THERE IS ONE WHO IS MORE POWERFUL THAN ALL THE OTHERS, ONE THAT WILL COME TO LEAD THEM ALL. HE IS ONE THAT THEIR RACE CALLS THE TRUE MYSTIC. YOU MUST FIND THIS TRUE MYSTIC AND KILL HIM. HE CAN POSE A THREAT TO ME AND I HAVE ENOUGH TO WORRY ABOUT WITH JERICHO WHITE INTERFERING IN EVERYTHING I DO. IF THIS TRUE MYSTIC IS ALLOWED TO LIVE HE WILL UNITE HIS PEOPLE IN A WAY UNLIKE NO OTHER. WHEN THE TIME COMES IF THIS TRUE MYSTIC IS ALIVE I WILL NEVER GET MY REVENGE. FIND THIS TRUE MYSTIC AND KILL HIM WHATEVER IT TAKES."

"HOW WILL I KNOW WHO THIS TRUE MYSTIC IS? HOW WILL I KNOW IF HE OR SHE IS THE MYSTIC THAT I SHOULD KILL?"

"YOU WON'T, SO I SUGGEST YOU KILL THEM ALL. YOU WILL HAVE THE POWER TO TRACK THEM DOWN, SO TRACK THEM ALL DOWN AND KILL THEM ALL. ONE OF THEM IS BOUND TO BE THE TRUE MYSTIC AND HE WILL BE NO MATCH FOR YOU."

WHILE LUCIFER HAD THE POWER TO KILL THE TRUE MYSTIC HE WAS BOUND BY THE RULES OF HIS CONDEMNATION AND HE COULD NOT STAY ON EARTH LONG ENOUGH TO SEEK OUT AND KILL THE ONE HE NEEDED. URI DID AS HE WAS TOLD AND OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS KILLED OFF ALMOST EVERY MYSTIC WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE LAST TWO IN THE WORLD STILL REMAINING.

HIS POWER HAD LED HIM TO THE HOUSE OF RICHTER. YEARS EARLIER, PHILOS WAS KILLED BY AVIN LEAVING JAZEL TO RAISE TOBIAS ON HER OWN. AS HE LOOKED INTO THE HOME HE SOMEHOW RECOGNIZED WHO THIS WOMAN WAS AND ANGER NOT SORROW FILLED HIS HEART. THOUGHTS THAT SHE HAD NOT SEARCHED FOR HIM AND SAVED HIM FROM HIS FATHER ENRAGED HIM. THEN SOMETHING ELSE THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT. A YOUNG 17 YEAR OLD BOY WALKED INTO THE KITCHEN AND TOLD HIS MOTHER THAT HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO FETCH THE FIREWOOD. THEY LOOKED HAPPY AND THAT DID NOTHING MORE THAN TO PUSH URI TO THE BOILING POINT.

EPISODE IX

TOBIAS LEFT THE HOME AND ONCE HE WAS NO LONGER IN VIEW URI BURST THROUGH THE WALL OF THE HOME AND GRABBED JAZEL BY THE THROAT.

“OH GOD, YOU’RE THE BRINGER OF DEATH; THE KILLER THAT MY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN IN FEAR OF.”

“I AM MORE THAN THAT I AM YOUR TRUE S”

“GET YOUR HANDS OFF OF HER,” A VOICE YELLED FROM JUST OUTSIDE THE HOLE THAT DEATHSONG HAD PUT IN THE WALL. IT WAS TOBIAS HER SON. AS HE WALKED FARTHER AND FARTHER AWAY FROM THE HOME AN EERIE FEELING FELL OVER HIM AND THEN SUDDENLY A VISION OF HIS MOTHER’S DEATH FILLED HIS HEAD. IT CAUSED HIM TO RUN HOME ONLY TO SEE THAT HIS VISION WAS NOT OF UPCOMING EVENTS BUT OF THE PRESENT.

“LET HER GO I SAID.”

“DID YOU KNOW THAT MOTHER IS A WHORE BOY?”

“MY MOTHER IS NO WHORE.”

“A WHORE SHE IS INDEED. I KNOW THIS BECAUSE SHE TOO IS MY MOTHER AND I CAN SMELL MINDLESS CUNTS MILES AWAY.”

TOBIAS WAS STUNNED HE HAD NEVER HEARD SUCH LANGUAGE AND ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT WANT TO BELIEVE WHAT HE HAD HEARD HE KNEW THAT WHAT THIS MAN THAT WAS HOLDING HIS MOTHER SAID WAS TRUE THEY WERE BROTHERS.

“YOU LEFT ME FOR A LIFE OF SUFFERING AND TORTURE AND NOT ONCE DID YOU COME FOR ME. YOU LEFT ME SO THAT YOU COULD RAISE THIS STUPID CHILD?” JAZEL TOLD URI THAT SHE DIDN’T KNOW WHO HE WAS OR THAT SHE WAS HIS MOTHER AND SHE TRIED TO PLEAD WITH HIM BUT HE DIDN’T WANT TO HEAR ANYTHING FROM HER. “SHUT UP BITCH” HE SCREAMED TO HER.

TOBIAS SPOKE AGAIN, “THIS IS THE LAST TIME I AM GOING TO TELL YOU LET HER GO.”

“I LOVE YOU TOBIAS,” JAZEL SAID.

“AS YOU WISH BROTHER,” URI SAID AS HE SNAPPED HER NECK KILLING HER RIGHT IN FRONT OF HIM.

“NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO,” TOBIAS YELLED OUT AS HE CHARGED AT HIM. WITH ONE SWIFT BACKHAND WITH HIS RIGHT ARM HE HIT TOBIAS SO HARD THAT HE FLEW THROUGH THE OTHER WALL OUT INTO THE FIELD. DEATHSONG DROPPED HIS MOTHER’S BODY AND WENT OUT TO KILL THAT WHOM HE KNEW WAS NOW THE LAST MYSTIC IN THE WORLD. AS HE APPROACHED HIS YOUNGER BROTHER HE PICKED HIMSELF UP AND ATTACKED DEATHSONG ONCE MORE. THIS TIME HE WAS MORE SUCCESSFUL. SINCE HE RECEIVED HIS POWERS NO ONE OTHER THAN HIS LORD HAD EVER KNOCKED HIM DOWN OR HURT HIM BUT THIS WAS NOT HIS LORD AND HE WAS NOW THE ONE ON THE GROUND AND FEELING PAIN.

EPISODE X

“WHO ARE YOU BOY?” HE ASKED AS HE JUMPED BACK TO HIS FEET.

“I’M GOING TO RIP YOU APART,” TOBIAS SAID.

THEY FOUGHT HARD AND FAST. DEATHSONG HAD BEEN TRAINED TO FIGHT AND KILL BUT TOBIAS DID NOT. EVERYTHING THAT TOBIAS WAS DOING WAS COMING FROM PURE INSTINCT AND NOTHING SURPRISED EACH OF THEM MORE THAN WHAT HAPPENED NEXT. URI WANTED THIS TO END AND CLEARLY HE KNEW THAT SIMPLE HAND TO HAND COMBAT WOULD GET THEM NOWHERE SO HE LET A BEAM OF ENERGY FROM HIS HAND AIMED AT HIS YOUNGER SIBLING. AGAIN WITH ONLY INSTINCTS TO GUIDE HIM, TOBIAS PUT UP BOTH OF HIS ARMS TO PROTECT HIM AND THEN FLUNG THEM OUT TO THE SIDES CAUSING THE ENERGY BLAST TO DESTROY AN AREA OF TREES NEARBY.

DEATHSONG DIDN’T UNDERSTAND. ACCORDING TO HIS LORD HE WOULD HAVE NO EQUAL AND THAT HE WOULD BE SECOND TO NO ONE BUT HIM. THIS HOWEVER WAS NOT SOMETHING THAT NEITHER HE NOR HIS LORD WOULD HAVE EVER EXPECTED. TOBIAS WAS NOT HIS BROTHER’S SUPERIOR BUT HE WAS WHAT HIS FATHER SAID THERE WOULD NEVER BE; HIS EQUAL. THE BATTLE INTENSIFIED. TOBIAS WAS USING MAGIC IN A WAY THAT URI HAD NEVER SEEN AND THE SOUNDS OF THEIR STRIKES AND THE LIGHT FROM THEIR POWER FILLED THE COUNTRYSIDE LIKE THUNDER AND LIGHTNING.

THE BATTLE WAS NOT NEARING ANY KIND OF END AND DEATHSONG KNEW THAT THE RAGE THAT TOBIAS WAS FEELING FROM WATCHING THE MURDER OF HIS MOTHER WAS A MOTIVATION THAT WOULD NOT ALLOW HIM TO TIRE. THEN IT DAWNED ON HIM; DEATHSONG HAD FINALLY FOUND WHAT HIS LORD AND MASTER HAD TOLD HIM TO FIND; HE HAD FOUND THE ONE TRUE MYSTIC. HE HAD DONE IT HE HAD FOUND HIM BUT IT ALSO DAWNED ON HIM THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO KILL HIM. WITH ONE MIGHTY BLOW HE HURLED TOBIAS TO THE GROUND ONCE MORE AND SPOKE “WE WILL MEET AGAIN LITTLE BROTHER,” LAUGHING AS HE DISAPPEARED.

TOBIAS WENT BACK INTO HIS HOME TOOK HIS MOTHER IN HIS ARMS AND WALKED FOR WHAT SEEMED LIKE MILES. IN THE TRADITION OF THE MYSTICS HE PERFORMED THE RITUAL THAT WOULD LEAD HER SOUL INTO

THE AFTERLIFE. HE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SAVE HIS MOTHER'S LIFE BUT HE WAS ABLE TO SAVE HER SOUL. HE COULD SEE HER SOUL RISING UP INTO THE HEAVENS BUT HE WOULD NEVER AGAIN BE ABLE TO SEE HER. TOBIAS KNEW WHAT HE WAS AND HE KNEW THAT HE WOULD LIVE ON FOR A LONG TIME IF NOT FOREVER. HIS MOTHER ALWAYS TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS THE SPECIAL ONE OF THEIR KIND. SHE KNEW FROM THE MOMENT THAT HE WAS BORN WHO HE WAS AND SHE WAS PROUD TO BE HIS MOTHER.

WHEN URI RETURNED TO HELL HE TOLD LUCIFER WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

"YOU HAVE DONE WELL MY SON," LUCIFER TOLD HIM.

"BUT MY LORD THE TRUE MYSTIC STILL LIVES."

"YES BUT WITH NO MORE MYSTICS TO LEAD HE IS OF NO CONSEQUENCE TO ME. DON'T WORRY MY FRIEND THE TIME AND POWER TO KILL HIM WILL COME. HOWEVER FOR NOW YOU HAVE WORK TO DO. GO UPON THE WORLD AND WREAK HAVOC AMONG THE MASSES. MY ENFORCER, MY HERALD OF EARTH, DEATHSONG LIVES!