

MODERN TESTAMENT

Anthology of the Ethereal



I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M WRITING THIS.
I'M NOT CONFIDENT ANYONE WILL EVER READ THESE WORDS.

BUT THERE'S A STORY THAT GOES
ALONG WITH WHATEVER YOU FIND HERE.

AND A STORY NEEDS TO BE TOLD.

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THE GREATEST FLOOD

MY WIFE WAS ASHAMED, MY CHILDREN EMBARRASSED, AND ME...
I DIDN'T FEEL MUCH OF ANYTHING. TRUE HAPPINESS ELUDED ME.

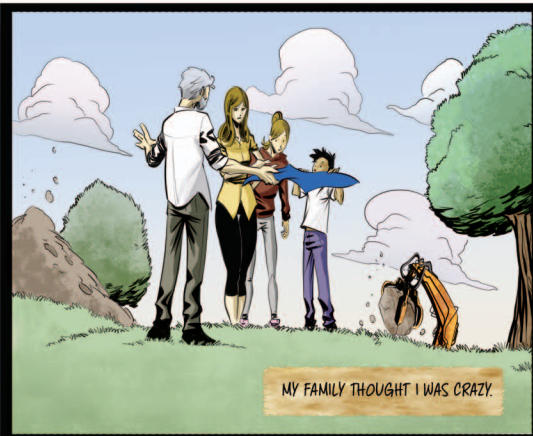
BUT HIS LIGHT SHOWERED ME ALL THE SAME.

ALTHOUGH PROSPEROUS IN THE WORLD OF COMMERCE,
I WASN'T EXACTLY LEADING A HAPPY LIFE WHEN THE
LORD CAME TO VISIT ME THAT NIGHT.

"NOAH," HE SAID "A FLOOD IS COMING.
THE GREATEST FLOOD OF ALL."

"AND I NEED YOU TO BE PREPARED
TO WEATHER OUT THE STORM."

HE TOLD ME WHAT TO DO. GAVE ME EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS THAT ONLY A MAN WITH MY VAST WEALTH COULD FOLLOW THROUGH ON.



MY FAMILY THOUGHT I WAS CRAZY.

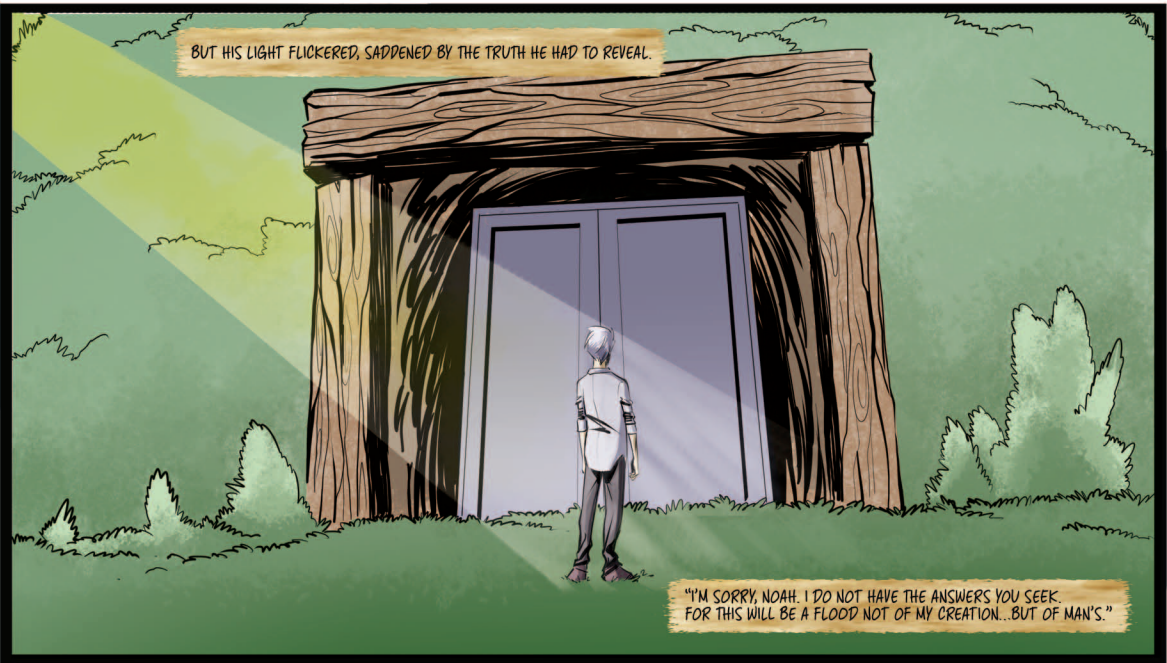


TRUTH BE TOLD, THERE WERE TIMES MY FAITH WAS TESTED.



"WHEN WILL THIS FLOOD COME?" I ASKED HIM.

"HOW LONG WILL IT LAST? WHY ARE YOU EVEN DOING THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE?"



BUT HIS LIGHT FLICKERED, SADDENED BY THE TRUTH HE HAD TO REVEAL.

"I'M SORRY, NOAH. I DO NOT HAVE THE ANSWERS YOU SEEK. FOR THIS WILL BE A FLOOD NOT OF MY CREATION...BUT OF MAN'S."



HE WAS RIGHT.



MY FAMILY WAS DOWN IN THE VILLA WHEN IT HAPPENED.



I WANTED...NO...I NEEDED THEM TO JOIN ME. I COULDN'T MAKE IT WITHOUT THEM.

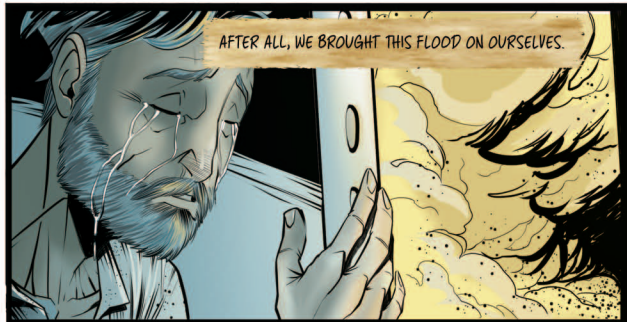


BUT THE LORD HAD OTHER PLANS.

PERHAPS NOT, THOUGH.



PERHAPS NONE OF THIS WAS EVER REALLY IN HIS CONTROL.



AFTER ALL, WE BROUGHT THIS FLOOD ON OURSELVES.

AND WE DESERVED EVERY DROP OF IT.

IT'S BEEN FORTY YEARS SINCE THAT DAY AND THE SURFACE IS STILL UNLIVABLE.



I HELD OUT AS LONG AS I COULD, BUT I CAN FEEL MY DAYS COMING TO AN END.

I OFTEN WONDERED WHY THE LORD CHOSE ME AT ALL.



WHY SPARE MY LIFE IF MY FATE WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A LONELY DEATH?

THEN I REALIZED THE TRUTH.



TWO BY TWO
STORAGE

THIS ARK WAS NEVER MEANT FOR ME IN THE FIRST PLACE.



THE END

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