

LUCIFER #50

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LILITH?
BY CASTING
YOU OFF
I *SHIELD*
YOU FROM
GABRIEL'S
WRATH.



BUT IF YOU LEAVE THE
CITY UNFINISHED, I SWEAR TO
YOU, YOU'VE LOST YOUR LAST
FRIEND IN HEAVEN!



YOU UNDERSTAND
ME? I CAN'T--





THEY ARE NOT CHILDREN.

I WILL NOT HEAR THAT WORD USED HERE.

THEY ARE OF TENDER YEARS.

WHICH MAKES THEIR *CRIME* ALL THE MORE TERRIBLE.

IF THE SEED IS POISONOUS, WHAT WILL WE FIND IN THE *FRUIT*?

STILL, IT WOULD *TROUBLE* ME TO VISIT TOO HARSH A PUNISHMENT ON TWO SO YOUNG.

AHE, MICHAEL. AND TO BAPTIZE IBRIEL'S SILVER CITY IN A WELTER OF BLOOD SEEMS A POOR MEMORIAL..

YOUR SCRUPLES DO YOU *CREDIT*, BROTHERS.

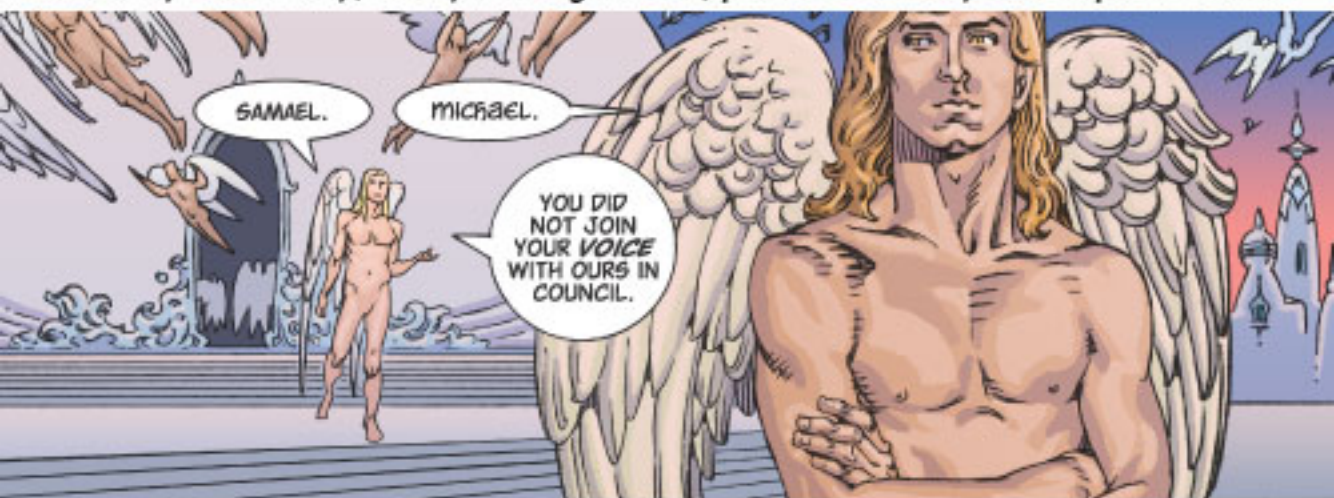
AND I *SHARE* THEM.

THE CHILDREN OF LILITH WILL BE GIVEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO *REPENT* AND *ATONE*.

ONLY IF THEY *PERSIST* IN EVIL--

--WILL THERE BE ANY NEED FOR *BLOOD*.





SAMMAEL.

MICHAEL.

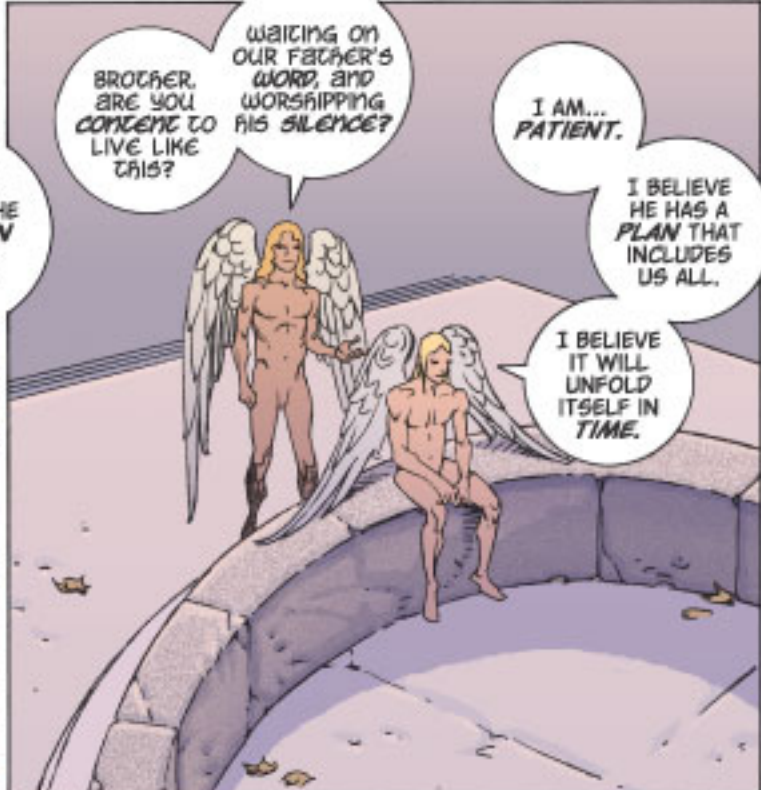
YOU DID NOT JOIN YOUR VOICE WITH OURS IN COUNCIL.



I PREFER TO BE SURPRISED.

SO THERE'LL BE AN INAUGURATION? A CEREMONY OF SOME KIND?

AYE. AND THE FATE OF THE CHILDREN WILL BE DECIDED THEN.



BROTHER, ARE YOU CONCERNED TO LIVE LIKE THIS?

WAITING ON OUR FATHER'S WORD, AND WORSHIPPING HIS SILENCE?

I AM... PATIENT.

I BELIEVE HE HAS A PLAN THAT INCLUDES US ALL.

I BELIEVE IT WILL UNFOLD ITSELF IN TIME.



IN TIME?

IN TIME FOR WHAT?



I'M NOT PREPARED TO WAIT.

YOU HAVE NO CHOICE, BROTHER.



OH, WE ALL HAVE A CHOICE.

THE ISSUE-- AS I SEE IT--



--IS WHICH OF US WILL BE PREPARED TO MAKE IT.