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# WELCOME TO THE **REMNANT**



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SOON

WORLD LEADERS ARE STILL PERPLEXED BY THE SUDDEN MASS DISAPPEARANCE OF PEOPLE AROUND THE GLOBE.

WORLD SYSTEMS ARE CURRENTLY IN CHAOS....

RELIGIOUS LEADERS HAVE DEBUNKED THE SO CALLED CHRISTIAN "RAPTURE THEORY"

**"WORLD IN CHAOS"**

IF IT WERE TRUE THAT ALL OF THE CHRISTIANS WERE TAKEN BY GOD TO HEAVEN,

THEN WHY WOULD I STILL BE HERE?

THE UNITED NATIONS HAS ASSEMBLED AN EMERGENCY SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING WITH MAJOR WORLD LEADERS.

WE NOW GO LIVE TO THE CONFERENCE.

I HUMBLY ACCEPT THE U.N.'S NOMINATION AS WORLD LEADER.

TOGETHER WE WILL USHER IN AN AGE OF PEACE AND SAFETY.

A NEW WORLD ORDER, AND A UNITED RELIGION.

THIS WILL BE MANKIND'S GOLDEN AGE!



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SOUTHAWK



BZZT

"MY NAME IS HECTOR CASTILLO, AKA GROK."



FLAMESHOT



PINK SPADE

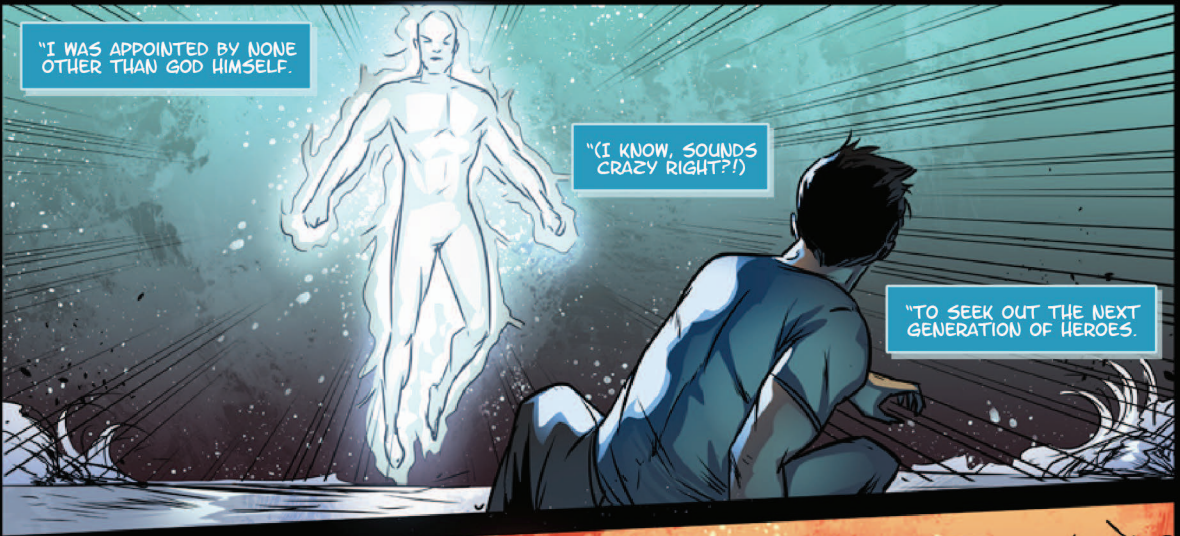


THIEF IN THE NIGHT



RAYTHEON

"WELCOME TO THE LAST AGE OF HEROES!"



"I WAS APPOINTED BY NONE OTHER THAN GOD HIMSELF."

"(I KNOW, SOUNDS CRAZY RIGHT?!)"

"TO SEEK OUT THE NEXT GENERATION OF HEROES."



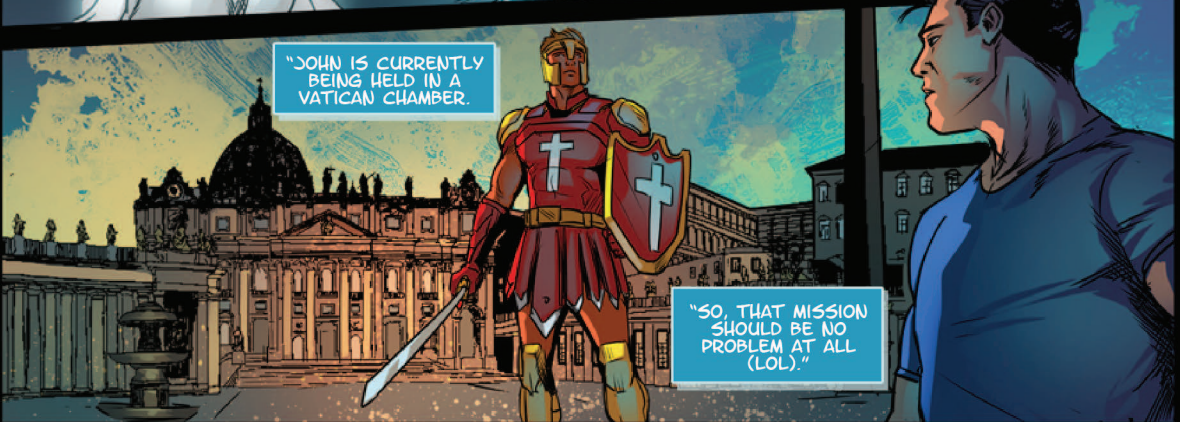
"GOD REVEALED TO ME THAT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS HUMAN HISTORY RADICALLY CHANGES."



"SO, HE APPOINTED ME TO ASSEMBLE A TEAM OF HEROES TO RESCUE THE APOSTLE JOHN,

"WHO APPARENTLY NEVER DIED."

"(I KNOW, IT TOOK ME A MINUTE TO PROCESS THAT TOO...)"



"JOHN IS CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN A VATICAN CHAMBER."

"SO, THAT MISSION SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM AT ALL (LOL)."



SEE THOSE GUYS OVER THERE?

THAT'S THE TEAM I ASSEMBLED...

WE ARE TASKED WITH HOLDING BACK THE IMPENDING WAVE OF EVIL AND DECEPTION,

UNTIL THE APPOINTED TIME.

THOSE GUYS WE'RE FIGHTING?

THEY ARE WHAT THE WORLD IS CALLING CELEBRITY SUPERS.

BUT FOR SOME REASON THE PUBIC CAN'T SEE THEM FOR WHO THEY REALLY ARE...

THE TRUE BAD GUYS.

"THEY WERE ASSEMBLED BY APOLLYON: 'THE GREAT LEADER',

"ALL OF THEM ENDOWED WITH SATANIC POWER TO PUSH FORWARD THE GREAT TRIBULATION,

"WHICH THEY REFER TO AS, 'THE TIME OF GREAT PEACE, SAFETY AND TOLERANCE'.

"UTTERLY EVIL,

"BUT THE GENERAL PUBLIC THINKS THEY ARE JUST THE GREATEST."

§SIGH§ THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE EASY.



END

# GROK

## PERSONAL DATA:

Real Name: Hector "Grok" Castillo  
Identity: Secret  
DOB: 5/23/1989 (28)  
Occupation:  
Group Affiliation: Tribulation Squad

Legal Status: United States Citizen  
Marital Status: Single  
Base of Operations: Richmond, VA  
Ethnicity: Latino  
Height: 5'7 Weight: 150  
Eyes: Brown Hair: Green

## HISTORY:

Hector, known as Grok to his friends is a mild mannered but funny guy. Known for his devotion to God and helping others, he is always there for others in need. Diagnosed ADHD, he is very hyperactive and creative. As he grew older he became more of a loner and was ready to give up, until he received a calling.

Grok was an ordinary boy ready to give up on life, when he received his calling from God...a mission....Rescue the one Jesus loved, The Apostle. The Apostle is being held in a secret vault at the Vatican.

Grok was given a costume with instructions to find others who are worthy, to lead the battle against the coming evil. He has yet to discover the details of his mission and his other powers!  
The war is coming, and Grok stands ready to fight!

## WEAPONS AND POWERS:

Grok was given plans for a device which could be used to grant others super abilities. Not being a technical guy, he was sent to the aid of two scientists who were missing a key component of what God just gave Grok. Grok has the ability to open portals, used for teleportation, and superhuman wisdom.

With this God given ability, he has created a transdimensional base of operations. Grok's wrist computer operates his suit and can summon weapons and utilities that are hidden in a pocket dimension.

Grok has a gift of insight, to help locate those worthy of powers to join in his grand mission.



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### The End of Days

*You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 7 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of birth pains. [Matthew 24]*

Well, this is my first log entry, so I guess I will just detail some of the basics. The taskforce was put together to stop the soon to be antichrist from coming to power before his appointed time. But what does that even mean?

The bible warns of a time coming that many refer to as the End Times or Last Days. The bible says, "For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. During this time God's wrath will be poured out over the inhabitants of the earth in his last effort to get men to repent and be saved.

The countdown to this end of days began when Israel became a nation again in the 1940's. The next prophetic event to happen will be what Christians refer to as the "Rapture." Jesus returns in the clouds and takes up the dead who have been born again, followed by those of us who are still alive. This will cause mass chaos and alarm. Nations will be perplexed and in distress. Out of this chaos will come a world leader, a savior with all of the answers. The people will be enamored with him and will elect him as their leader. This leader (who is referred to in the bible as the antichrist) will enter on a platform of peace, and will negotiate a peace treaty with the Middle East. But when the treaty is signed and people proclaim, "peace and safety," the bible states that sudden destruction will come to them. The signing of this treaty signals the beginning of the seven year period of tribulation. The great leader will also be accompanied by a "false prophet." He will institute a one world religion to go along with the newly formed one world government. After 3-½ years of peace, the antichrist will show his true colors, demanding to be worshipped, and will force all people to receive a mark on their hands or foreheads. Without this they can neither buy nor sell. Taking this mark will damn the recipient for all eternity. This shows that they have chosen to side with the antichrist over the true God who has been proclaiming himself to the nations. Any person during this time who does not take the mark will be beheaded.

There is so much more that will be happening, but I just wanted to give you some basic information to give context to the adventures chronicled in these journals.

More to come\_

[Grok, leader/ Tribulation Taskforce]



## PERSONAL DATA:

Real Name: Lucious A. Baddon  
DOB:  
Occupation: United Nations  
Ambassador  
Group Affiliation: The Watchers  
Legal Status: Classified

Ethnicity: Classified  
Height: 6' 2"  
Weight: 173 lbs.  
Eyes: Blue  
Hair: Blonde  
Marital Status: Single, Polyamorous  
Base of Operations: United Nations: Iraq

# APOLLYON

## HISTORY:

Apollyon's early life is shrouded in mystery. Lucious A. Baddon arrived on the political scene almost out of nowhere. Even his closest advisors and "friends" couldn't tell you much about the man. When they are questioned they seem to go into a trance like state, ignoring the fact that the man is an enigma. Apollyon states that he is from a humble background. Born into a poor family, Apollyon had to work hard to overcome his family's economic limitations. Apollyon apparently attended Harvard Law school (although an official record has yet to surface) and was immediately recruited into service for the United Nations. Apollyon is also a chairman for the Council of Nations. After exposing his abilities, he took on the "Superhero" moniker of Apollyon and was asked to form a UN super powered peacekeeping force.



## WEAPONS AND POWERS:

The extent of Apollyon's powers are also a mystery. Apollyon appears to have light based powers. Apollyon has demonstrated the ability to fly at moderate speeds. Apollyon can project beams of light, and can harden light to form objects. Apollyon has made arrows and swords of hard light in fights. Apollyon has an unspoken ability to charm or hypnotize those he comes in contact with, although the extent and source of this is unknown.

## PERSONALITY:

Lucious is a tall and handsome man. He has an uncanny ability to charm whoever he speaks with. Although he puts on a kind and compassionate front, behind closed doors he is vicious, sadistic and arrogant.

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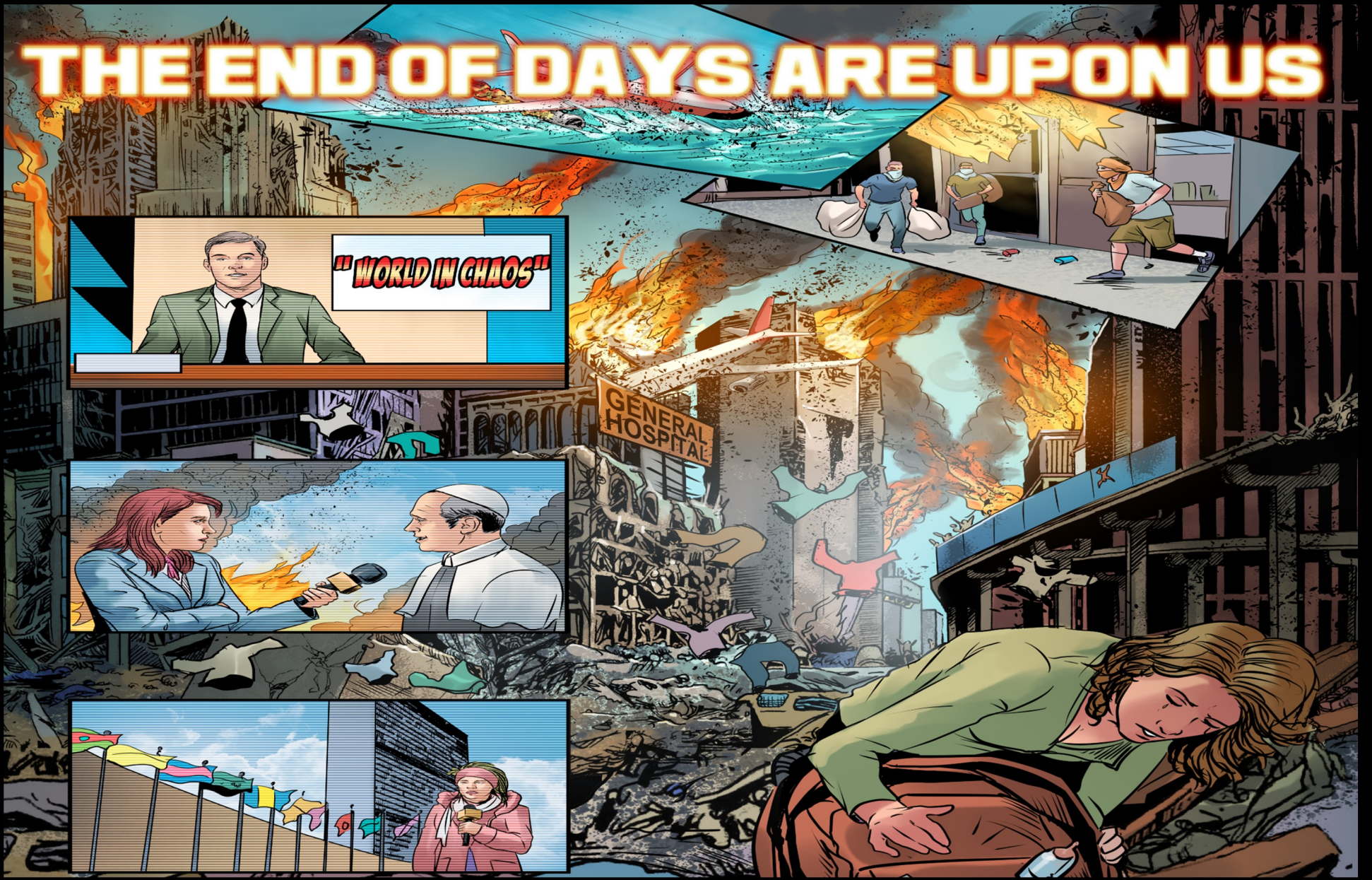
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