

THE FALL AND RISE OF LUCIFER

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EXT. MOUNTAIN - PRESENT

There is a mountain, the only mountain surrounded by miles and miles of desert. There is a crater at the top of the mountain's plateau. We get very close to the crater almost analyzing the crater and soon go inside the crater.

INT. MOUNTAIN - PRESENT

We are inside the crater and slowly go deeper and deeper into the mountain's core. We have now travelled miles and miles inside the mountain and deep below the ground. It is pitch black until a bright reddish light appears to show a small tunnel. We follow the light that shines through the tunnel. The light gets brighter and brighter until we enter into a big cavern. There are lava pits of all sizes scattered throughout the cavern's ground. We get to the cavern's wall and at the base of the wall there is a long white feather laying on the ground. A hand with reddish skin and black veins appears. The hand picks up the feather and slowly plays with the feather.

EXT. HEAVEN - BEFORE TIME

Heaven is beyond beautiful, the stars and planets can be seen clear and close. It is a place where there is no time and only infinity exists.

LUCIFER - The first Angel ever created by God.

Lucifer is naked and his wings barely cover him as he lays motionless in the fetal position. He appears to be of perfect form. His beauty is beyond perfect. He has a childlike innocence to his face as he sleeps. He finally awakes and is puzzled as he looks around the strange place.

Lucifer's wings spread and surprises him. He stares at his wings and thinks to himself and smiles. He starts to run back and forth laughing and jumps into the air. He is yelling with excitement as he flies through the air.

Lucifer is suddenly startled by something he hears. He hovers and looks around frantically.

LUCIFER
Who's there?

Lucifer listens and becomes calm.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)
Who are you?

Lucifer thinks to himself.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)
 Father, where are you? Why can't I
 see you?

Lucifer looks confused.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)
 I don't understand? Who am I?
 Where am I?

Lucifer looks around and smiles proudly. He laughs out loud with enthusiasm. He lands back on the ground and quickly looks to his right. Lucifer sees someone on the ground. He walks over and stares at another angel laying peacefully asleep. Lucifer looks disappointed as he analyzes the other angel.

Lucifer is hesitant, but he kneels down and hesitantly touches the other angel. Lucifer looks disheartened.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)
 Who is he? Michael...

Lucifer wakes Michael. Michael awakes and looks scared. He looks around confused and Lucifer is hesitant.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)
 Michael, welcome.

MICHAEL - The archangel and the leader of the angels.

MICHAEL
 Where am I?

LUCIFER
 You are in the kingdom of heaven.

Lucifer stares at Michael suspiciously.

MICHAEL
 I don't understand - and who are
 you?

LUCIFER
 I am Lucifer and you are Michael.

Lucifer helps Michael stand up. Michael looks wary and looks around confused.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)
 There is much I want to show you.

Lucifer forces a smile and Michael smiles back and looks at ease. Lucifer starts to run and Michael stares at him curiously and smiles. Lucifer flies into the air and Michael starts to laugh as Lucifer does tricks in the air.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)

Michael.

Michael runs and jumps into the air. They both laugh. Michael suddenly stops and looks around. Lucifer stares at him puzzled.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)

What is wrong?

MICHAEL

I heard my name.

Lucifer looks down disappointed.

LUCIFER

You did?

MICHAEL

Yes.

Michael quickly flies down and lands on the ground. Lucifer hovers above Michael and analyzes. Michael kneels down and bows his head.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)

My Lord.

Michael looks at Lucifer and Lucifer looks sad. Lucifer quickly smiles at Michael and flies away.

EXT. HEAVEN

Lucifer comes back and walks up to Michael. Michael looks puzzled and is thinking to himself.

LUCIFER

What do you know?

MICHAEL

So much - so much to tell.

LUCIFER

(Surprised)

What?

Michael points behind Lucifer and Lucifer turns around. There are hundreds of Angels awakening and standing up.

The angels look confused and Lucifer is stunned. Lucifer looks up hurt and yells.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)
Why didn't you tell me?

Lucifer listens.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)
Why are they here? Tell me.

Lucifer looks sad. He looks around and sees all of the angels kneeling down on one knee and bowing their heads. He looks at Michael.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)
What do you know?

Michael looks hesitant.

MICHAEL
We are here to protect.

LUCIFER
Protect - protect who? Me?

Michael shakes his head no.

MICHAEL
The Humans.

LUCIFER
Humans?

Lucifer thinks to himself and asks Michael.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)
What are humans?

They both pause and listen. Lucifer gets angry.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)
(Yells)
Why did you not tell me? And now
you want to tell me.

Michael puts his hand on Lucifer's shoulder to calm him down.

MICHAEL
Go - go, please. Now you will learn
what is to come - go.

Lucifer is disgusted and nods. Lucifer quickly flies away.

EXT. HEAVEN

Lucifer is alone and is thinking to himself. Michael lands and walks towards Lucifer. Lucifer looks disheartened.

MICHAEL

What is wrong?

Lucifer does not look at Michael.

LUCIFER

These humans that are to come.

Michael smirks.

MICHAEL

Yes?

LUCIFER

They are not needed - here or anywhere.

Michael is surprised.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)

They sound weak and useless.

MICHAEL

Do not speak that way about the humans. They have a purpose, just like we do.

Lucifer looks at Michael.

LUCIFER

Yes - we do have a purpose, but what purpose do the humans have? Our purpose is to protect them. They are nothing and yet they are spoken of as if they are superior to us.

MICHAEL

The humans are not superior to us, they are the lords creation and it is our purpose to protect them that is all. They are not favored over us, we are loved just as much as they are loved by our lord.

LUCIFER

I do not believe that, if the lord loved us than we would be the only ones he creates.

(MORE)

LUCIFER (CONT'D)

Have you not wondered why the lord
does not show himself?

Michael is confused.

MICHAEL

No - there is no need.

LUCIFER

Why? And why are we here? Why can't
we live as free as the humans,
instead we serve the lord. Who is
the lord? Is he as weak as the
humans will be?

Michael is stunned and backs up.

MICHAEL

I cannot hear such things. You
should not question so much. Do you
not feel the love that surrounds
us? Do you not feel the lords
power?

LUCIFER

I feel betrayed.

MICHAEL

Lucifer, do not feel that way,
please. Wait until the humans come
and you will see, it will all make
sense to you and you will not feel
the way you do.

Lucifer stares at Michael and Michael looks concerned.

LUCIFER

We will see - will you then believe
me when the humans are treated
better than us?

MICHAEL

Lucifer, that will not happen I
swear.

LUCIFER

You speak so confidently - you are
so naive. I will wait and then you
will believe me. I will promise you
that.

Michael sadly nods.

EXT. HEAVEN

All the angels stare out into space which surrounds them and the sun appears. Then the earth appears beautiful with its earth colors. The earth is half in sunlight and half in darkness. All the angels stare in awe, except Lucifer. Lucifer looks resentful and stares at the creation of earth and humans. A angel walks up to Lucifer and whispers to him.

MARCUS

Do you still feel the same?

LUCIFER

And more... There is something I want you to do.

EXT. EARTH - DAY

Adam and Eve are frolicking about through a meadow. It is a beautiful day, the sky is clear and the sun is shining. Marcus stands a few yards away staring at them curiously. A snake slithers and touches his foot getting his attention. Marcus picks up the snake and analyzes the snake. Marcus then whispers to the snake and quickly puts it back onto the ground.

EXT. HEAVEN

Michael looks disappointed. Gabriel walks up to Michael, then Raphael, Raquel, Ramiel, Saraqael and Uriel. All of the Archangels surround Michael and Michael looks up.

MICHAEL

I do not believe that he defied you.

RAPHAEL

He has been speaking to the others and telling them that our God is weak and loves the humans more than us.

Michael ignores Raphael and continues to look up.

MICHAEL

I have spoken to him and he does not understand the humans. I will speak to him.

Michael looks at the other Angels conflicted and looks back up.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)
 He is our brother. My lord please
 listen to me...

RAMIEL
 Our lord has spoken. We cannot defy
 our lord the way Lucifer has defied
 our lord.

Gabriel looks serious.

GABRIEL
 We must prepare, it is time.

MICHAEL
 My lord please - let me speak to
 Lucifer, please.

RAPHAEL
 Do you not understand that he has
 already attacked the humans. They
 have been banished from the Garden.

MICHAEL
 Yes... but he does not understand.

Michael quickly looks up and listens. He looks down sad.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)
 Yes - my lord.

EXT. HEAVEN

Michael waits as Lucifer walks over to him. Lucifer is
 gloating as the rest of the Archangels surround him.

LUCIFER
 (smirks)
 What is this?

GABRIEL
 You have betrayed our lord.

LUCIFER
 Me?

MICHAEL
 Yes.

LUCIFER
 (smirks)
 How?

GABRIEL
You know what you have done?

LUCIFER
Do I?

Michael is upset.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)
What have I done to get this
attention?

MICHAEL
If you tell them what you have
done, maybe our lord will forgive
you and all will be well again.

Lucifer stares at Michael and smirks.

LUCIFER
Awe, so innocent - you are all such
children who are willing to do and
say whatever pleases their Father.
Whether their Father is right or
wrong, it does not matter does it?
As long as it pleases him. What I
may have done has no importance.

MICHAEL
No importance?

LUCIFER
Nothing what so ever. It is just a
grain of salt in a huge gaping
wound.

MICHAEL
The humans mean nothing to you?

LUCIFER
Nothing what so ever. Ask me if we
mean anything to your lord.

RAPHAEL
Our lord? Is he not your lord as
well?

LUCIFER
I have no lord, never had a lord.

Michael turns away saddened.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)

I am Lucifer. The first angel and yet the least respected and the least admired, why?

RAMIEL

We were not created to admire you. We were created to serve our lord.

LUCIFER

(smiles)

Serve our lord or serve the humans? As Michael says protect the humans... I have heard something that is very disturbing to me.

Michael looks at Lucifer.

MICHAEL

What have you heard?

Lucifer is getting upset.

LUCIFER

That the Son of God will be born.

RAPHAEL

Yes, we all know.

LUCIFER

What is his purpose?

The Archangels look at each other puzzled.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)

Who is the Son of God?

They are speechless.

GABRIEL

It does not matter.

LUCIFER

Does it? Is it one of us? I thought we were his children and he was our Father and yet the Son of God will be born. So who are we?

MICHAEL

Why must you question everything? Stop it at once. Believe - believe that you are just as important. Believe in our lord for he has a plan - a plan for all of us.

LUCIFER

(smirks)

I believe - you do not know how much I believe, and I cannot except that I am just a mere follower and servant of God.

They all look up and listen. Lucifer is angry as he listens.

MICHAEL

(sad)

Yes - I see my lord.

LUCIFER

(yells)

Why do you not answer me when I call you. Must I say my lord I need to talk to you? My lord we must speak? My lord I need you? Or you can say my child what aches inside of you?

Lucifer is enraged and the Archangels surround Lucifer. Michael walks up to Lucifer.

MICHAEL

Lucifer it has to be done. You must learn and understand, this is the only way. I see no other way. Brother please understand?

LUCIFER

Understand what? Betrayal by my Father - by my Brother.

Michael is deeply saddened. Lucifer puts his hand on Michael's chest and Lucifer's hand glows reddish-orange. Michael screams in pain.

RAPHAEL

Stop it, your hurting him.

LUCIFER

Than he feels what I feel.

Michael grabs Lucifer's wrist and pulls Lucifer's hand away from his chest. Michael drops to his knees and all of the Archangels grab Lucifer's arms and hold him. Michael's chest glows as if he has a glowing heart. Michael has tears in his eyes as he stares at Lucifer. The Archangels drag Lucifer and Lucifer looks up.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)

(yells)

I will never forgive you - never -
never... Do you hear me? I know you
hear me - I want my voice to echo
in your kingdom forever.

Michael tries to cover his chest with his hands but his chest is exposed and he is in much pain.

MICHAEL

My lord? What have I done? You make
me banish my Brother and yet you
made me to love unconditionally.
So I cannot see him in any other
way but as that innocent being that
I first saw when I opened my eyes.

A sword and chest armor appears on the ground. Michael slowly kneels down and touches the beautiful chest armor. He picks it up and puts it on. Michael looks disappointed as he picks up the sword. Michael walks away determined.

EXT. EARTH - NIGHT

There is nothing around for miles and miles, just vast desert that surrounds a lone mountain. It is pitch dark and all is still and silent. Only the stars twinkle in the night sky.

Soon there is a flash of light that expands across the sky and the dark sky opens up. Bright light rays and white clouds appear in the sky and hundreds of Angels fly out of the opening in the sky. Some angels surround other angels and soon those angels fall down to the earth like meteor showers.

Suddenly a huge fire ball comes down from the heavens and hits the mountain's plateau, causing an earthquake that ripples for miles. Lucifer quickly awakens in a huge crater created by his impact. He is wounded, most of his body and both his wings are badly burned. He struggles to climb out of the crater.

Lucifer gets out of the crater and stands on the mountain's plateau enraged. He looks up to the sky and sees all of the Archangels hovering far above him. Michael is upset and holds his sword waiting for Lucifer.

All of the angels except for the Archangels fly back into heaven.

The archangels move over to the sides of the entrance to the heavens revealing a brighter light that shines brightly on Lucifer. Lucifer stares at the bright light enraged and yelling at the bright light.

LUCIFER
(yells)
You say I betrayed you - you
betrayed me.

Lucifer paces back and forth on the mountain's plateau yelling.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)
No one loved you more than I... I
was the first of everything, but
yet you put me last, why? Why me?

Lucifer looks down sad and a sole rain drop falls onto his shoulder. He looks up and gets enraged again.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)
You fooled the others, but not me -
you make them believe that they are
your children, but they are just
your mere servants. I was the
strongest out of all of them - I am
the strongest and I now know you oh
Lord are not stronger than I.

It slowly starts to rain.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)
You know everything, but you do not
know what you have done to your
precious humans. They will suffer
because of you.

It is now pouring rain and Lucifer is drenched.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)
You will hear their screams - their
cries - their agonies. All you will
hear are the voices of them begging
for me to stop and stop and stop...
And all you will do is sit on your
throne and listen helplessly.

There is a loud thunder in the sky.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)
Show yourself you coward who hides
behind servants and children...

Another loud thunder roars above him.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)

Show yourself - face me - face me
and defend your precious humans...
Face me - you are not stronger than
I and we will see who will worship
who...

It is still pouring rain and the bright light from the heavens slowly start to dim on Lucifer. The archangels retreat back into the heavens. The entrance to the heavens start to close.

FOCUS LUCIFER'S EYES - The light from the heavens reflect on his eyes and suddenly the light disappears.

BACK TO SCENE

LUCIFER

Show yourself - show yourself...

Suddenly a huge bolt of lightening strikes the mountain's plateau and Lucifer falls into the mountain.

EXT. OLD COTTAGE (EUROPE) - DAY - 1900'S

INT. BEDROOM

The bedroom is big and very dark. The windows are covered with linens. Only a small bed sits in the middle of the dark room. A little girl sleeps in the bed. The little girl has long black hair and looks to be around nine years old.

The little girl is tossing and turning in her sleep. She is whimpering and sweating profusely.

A faint light shines on the little girl and the darkness in the room moves to the corners of her room. There are silhouettes of shadows and figures lurking in the corners.

Archangel Michael appears and stands at the foot of her bed. The little girl stops whimpering, as Michael watches the little girl sleep.

LUCIFER (O.C.)

So it is you that has been making
it difficult for them to bring the
girl to me?

Only a hint of Lucifer's silhouette can be seen as Lucifer hides in the dark corner behind Michael. Michael keeps his back to Lucifer.

LUCIFER (O.C.) (CONT'D)
What brings you here?

MICHAEL
I want you to spare this child.

LUCIFER (O.C.)
Spare? What is spare?

MICHAEL
Let this child be.

LUCIFER (O.C.)
Why have I not seen you before this day asking to spare the others? But yet you ask for this child, what is so special about this child? What would bring you so far to fail to spare a certain child?

MICHAEL
They are all special - I cannot speak for the others, but I will speak now for this child.

LUCIFER (O.C.)
Speak...

Michael looks down.

MICHAEL
Lucifer...

Lucifer chuckles.

LUCIFER (O.C.)
I have not heard that name for an eternity...

Michael looks sad.

MICHAEL
I come here humbly to you, to ask you to spare this child.

LUCIFER (O.C.)
Does your God know you are here?

MICHAEL
 (confused)
 Yes - yes.

LUCIFER (O.C.)
 Tell your God to come and get her -
 himself.

Michael gets frustrated.

MICHAEL
 It is for me, not for my lord.

LUCIFER (O.C.)
 So you begged your God again? How
 long must you grovel to your God?

MICHAEL
 Lucifer, I do not understand the
 hatred that engulfs you. Where did
 all of this come from? I do not
 understand?

LUCIFER (O.C.)
 Ask your God.

Michael starts to tear.

MICHAEL
 Lucifer please, you can still come
 back - please.

Lucifer laughs.

LUCIFER (O.C.)
 You are so naive... That is why
 your God controls you so easily. As
 naive as a child - a child who does
 not know what is evil, a child that
 does not judge or hate...

Michael looks desperate.

MICHAEL
 You can still repent - Brother
 please.

LUCIFER
 Repent? Repent for what? To go back
 to what? What is in your kingdom
 that I do not have in mine?

MICHAEL

I know that what you have become is not you.

LUCIFER

You do not know do you?

Michael is confused.

MICHAEL

Know what?

LUCIFER

Go ask your God and then you will understand.

MICHAEL

No you tell me...

LUCIFER

This is my purpose...

Michael thinks to himself confused.

MICHAEL

Your purpose? What do you mean?

LUCIFER

Your lord made you - Michael the Archangel to fight evil and protect the humans - protect them from what?

Michael is speechless.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)

Before me, what did you protect the humans from?

Michael shakes his head and looks down sad.

MICHAEL

Nothing...

LUCIFER

Exactly... So my purpose was to test the pathetic humans for your God. To see who was worthy to enter the kingdom of heaven - no matter what the cost or how.

MICHAEL

My lord created evil?

LUCIFER

Your lord created evil to terrify
and teach the pathetic humans to be
loyal to your lord or they will
suffer.

Michael shakes his head no.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)

I knew you would not believe me - I
would not believe me. Do you not
think that your God would have
destroyed me by now? Ask your God
and then you will understand. Then
ask your God why he chose me to do
his dirty deeds for him?

Lucifer gets enraged.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)

Ask him why he betrayed me and
forced me to become something I
would have never imagined?

Michael is confused and turns around. Michael stares into the
darkness and is stunned. Michael looks down saddened.

MICHAEL

No - no. My lord has changed...
Lucifer come back with me, please.
Forget all of this. My lord still
loves you. I see that you are still
there, deep down inside - you are
still there...

LUCIFER

Your lord never loved me or I would
not be where I am today.

MICHAEL

Brother - I love you.

Lucifer pauses and becomes enraged.

LUCIFER

Tell your God that there will be a
time where he will have to face me
and we will then see who is
stronger. Tell your lord I am
stronger than I have ever been
because of him and because of him
he will beg for my forgiveness.

Lucifer recedes into the darkness of the corner and all of the darkness and what lurked in the darkness disappears. Michael looks disheartened and stares at the little girl. The little girl slowly opens her eyes and quickly sits up in her bed. She is alone in her room and yells out.

GIRL
(Italian)
Mamma - Mamma.

The little girl's Mother runs into the room and looks stunned as she stares at her daughter. The Mother quickly walks over to her and hugs her. The Mother picks the girl up and carries her out of the bedroom.

FOCUS ON THE PILLOW

The pillow shows something small and metal sticking out from under the pillow.

FOCUS ON THE METAL OBJECT

The shiny metal object is a small charm that has a picture of St. Michael standing over the devil with his sword.

INT. CAVERN - PRESENT

Heat waves can be seen in the air because of the lava pits. In the cavern there are dark figures lurking and unknown creatures walking around aimlessly. We slowly follow a faint path to the huge wall in the cavern and come upon a long white feather laying on the ground.

A reddish hand with black veins appears. The hand picks up the feather and plays with it. The feather is lifted higher to reveal Lucifer.

Lucifer's face is deformed, he is barely recognizable. He has red leathery skin and black veins scattered throughout his body and most of his face and body are covered with burn scars. He still has his wings but they are featherless.

He stares and analyzes the feather. He looks disappointed as he closes his fist on the feather.

CLOSE UP OF LUCIFER'S FACE

He pauses and a tear drop falls from his eye and it quickly evaporates. He pauses again emotionless and suddenly he is filled with rage and screams at the top of his lungs.

FADE OUT.