

Hope: A Graphic Novel

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Dedicated to God Almighty

Origins

There once was a young man named Maxon. He was a Christian. He was raised in a Christian household. One day he was walking on the local park's walking track when he saw someone commit a sin of blasphemy against God. He then dropped to his knees and prayed for the power to change everything, including himself.

God gave him three gifts. The first was his perfect human body, the same one he would have gotten when he got to Heaven. The second was the form of a Seraph, a very powerful angel. The third was a form in which he would be the perfect vessel for all of God Almighty's power.

His only limit was how much faith he had in God, for God was the source of his power.

This is the story of his journey.

"Mom, I'm going on a Sabbatical!" "Okay!"

He journeyed for seven years, and his faith in God was at its peak when the Devil sent a very Powerful Demon against him. Maxon fought and subdued the demon and he bound and rebuked the demon in the name of Jesus, and the demon had no power against him, and fled. The demon fled and never attacked Maxon again, but was sent to the outer darkness.

A year later, Maxon saw the Demon attacking another village, and he kneeled down and prayed, "Dear Heavenly Father, please give me the power to destroy demons and demonic spirits for all time." So Maxon fought the demon, and could not prevail for it was seven times stronger, but the Lord whispered, "My child, you have all power in your faith in me. For it is not your power, but it is mine." So Maxon whispered, "All Power." And let God be God in his fight.

And God filled Maxon with a fraction of his Almighty Power, and Maxon fought, and moved at a speed that only God could comprehend, literally Godspeed. And Maxon raced toward the demon and allowed God to put all of the power he had given him towards the top middle knuckle of Maxon's right hand, and with a fraction of God's Power in his knuckle, he punched the demon in the forehead, and yelled out at the top of his lungs, "Holy Fist!!!" And the entire world felt the impact of the punch, and was split in two, and the demon ceased to exist.

And the world was sown back together by the grace of God's Love, within the fraction of a Godspeed second.

Gluttony

So the devil was fierce angry, and he created seven powerful demons. The first of which was Gluttony. And he was hungered always, and he could not stop eating. The demon Gluttony attacked a village. And God sent Maxon, saying, "I will show you your faith." And so Maxon went and fought the Demon. And God said, "Open your palm." So Maxon opened his right palm, and God filled him with large portions of Almighty Power. So Maxon went and ran and fought with all his might and right when his attack landed across his enemies' face, Maxon saw the power he possessed, and he doubted. And when he doubted, Gluttony sensed his doubt, and stopped his attack and tossed him asides, and spoke, "Who do you think you are coming at me with halfhearted faith!?"

Gluttony beat him down over and over again, and was about to eat him when God spoke and said, "Enough, Maxon, I have seen your faith. Go now. Run. I will protect you." So Maxon ran, and Gluttony tried to follow, but he could not overpower God's Love.

Maxon stopped in a field next to a village, when God spoke and said, "I have shown you your faith." And God took away Maxon's All Power form, and Maxon was no longer the perfect vessel for God's Almighty Power.

Seraph

So Maxon lost all of the power he had known, and was mourning when Angel came to him and spoke and said, "It was never your power, your mistake was thinking that it was. You doubted your own ability. Why did you fail?" "I failed because I doubted." "You failed because you didn't trust God entirely, with

everything you are, and even with your own power.” “But it was his power.” “That’s not what I’m talking about.” “What then, what power do I have?” “You’re an Angel, Maxon.” “An Angel, what do you mean?” “It’s one of the gifts that our father gave you. You’re like me, a Seraph, a very powerful Angel.” “What can I do?” “You can praise God Almighty.” “What do you mean?” “I’m here to teach you.”

Maxon readied himself and said, “Okay! What do I do?” “Praise God!” “Okay! Praise God! Praise God! Praise God!~” “You got to mean it! Don’t just say it! Mean it! Praise God!” “Praise God! Praise God! Praise God!~”

A month later....

“Maxon! Higher tone!” “I think I’m already a master of Amazing Grace by now.” “Maxon, what do you think Praise is?” “Singing to God.” “No, not just that! Praise, where do you think it comes from?” “What do you mean?” “Why do you think people and angels sing praises to God?” “Well, because they....” “They?” “They love him.” “Exactly!” “And...” “And?” “They want to thank him.” “Why do you think that they want to thank him?” “Because he makes them....” “Keep going....” “Happy! He makes them happy!” “Exactly! So where does Praise come from?” “Well, happiness is in the Heart, so praise, it has to come from there too, PRAISE COMES FROM THE HEART!”

“Yes! Now sing! From your Heart!” “Yeah!”

A month later....

“You’re ready. Shatter this mountain.” “Okay! Holy~ Holy~ Is our God!~ Almighty!~” When Maxon spoke and sang from his heart, the entire mountain range shattered like glass. “You are definitely ready.” said the Angel.

Happy

So God sent Maxon saying, “I will show you your faith.” And Gluttony was attacking another village, and Maxon saw him, and Gluttony looked back at him and went to attack Maxon. And Maxon believed with

all his heart and with all his might, and spoke, "Seraph Form!" And God lifted him high, and Maxon had a new form, Maxon had six wings, two covering his face, two covering his feet, and two to fly with, he was engulfed with pure flames and carried a sword covered and filled with Holy Flames, and Maxon's feet never touched the ground. And Maxon sang with all of his heart, mind, body, soul, and faith, "Holy~ Holy~ Is our Lord!~ Holy~ Holy~ Is our God!~ Almighty!~"

The demon Gluttony trembled in fear at the sight of this new Angel, and in his fear he hungered, and tried to rush towards Maxon to eat him. Maxon unsheathed his sword, and fought and subdued Gluttony, and triumphed. And Gluttony ceased to exist within the world.

Shepherd's Son

And afterwards God sent Maxon to a wheat field, and there Maxon saw a young boy playing with a shepherd's sling. The boy had very gentle hands, and used mustard seeds as ammo. So God sent Maxon saying, "This young boy is ten years of age, and his father was a faithful servant who I am about to take home with me, teach the boy my word, and have him follow my commandments and statutes, for I see his faith in me, and desire to nurture it."""

"Yes, Father." And as Maxon finished saying that he got hit in the face with a mustard seed. "The boy is a good shot, and he has good senses too. He'll help you when you need it." said God. "Thy will be done."

"Sorry, I saw you and thought you were an enemy. But you're not, I can see that. Want to come to my house and have supper?" said the boy. "What's your name?" replied Maxon. "Oh, sorry, I forgot to introduce myself. My name is Daniel. My dad is a shepherd. He's making pot roast tonight; do you want to have some?"

"It's nice to meet you Daniel! My name is Maxon. Where did you get that slingshot?" replied Maxon. "This, I got it from my Dad today! It's a gift handed down from my dad to me, and his dad to him, and so on. My dad says someone in our family used it to protect his sheep from evil." "Where did you get those mustard seeds?" "I bought them and a pouch from a local merchant." "Why do you use them as ammo?" "I remember a scripture my dad taught me, "And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, if ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible to you."

And Maxon smiled, and asked, "Do you truly believe that?" "In Jesus' Name. All things are possible with Christ."

"So, Pot Roast?" asked Maxon. "Yeah! My dad makes the best Pot Roast!" "Well, then let's go!" "Yeah!"

So Maxon and Daniel went to Daniel's Home on the Sheep Farm. But when Daniel opened the door his father was gone. God had swept him up into Heaven, and Daniel knew it.

"You can cry if you want." said Maxon. But Daniel replied, "If I cry, they'll be tears of joy. My father is a great man, and an even better dad. He deserves his place in Heaven." And Maxon was moved.

Wrath

And Maxon taught Daniel all of the scriptures, and God's commandments and statutes, and kept his word to God, and Maxon and the boy Daniel traveled together for two months, and became good friends.

And the devil was angered, and sent another demon, Wrath. And Wrath attacked a village and Maxon and Daniel came to try and stop it.

"What's that Maxon?" "It's a very powerful demon that takes the form of sin." "It looks mad." "Exactly."

And Maxon looked at the demon. And Daniel spoke, "I don't feel good about this...." And Wrath looked back. "I'll fight it." "What!?" "I fought one before." "This one seems like it would be different..." But Maxon was already lost in anger, so that none of the words that Daniel spoke would mean anything to him.

And Wrath came and attacked, and subdued Maxon. And Daniel dropped to his knees in prayer, "Dear Heavenly Father, tell me what to do! Please...Save him, from himself! In Jesus Name! Amen!"

And God replied, "My son, thou art faithful, aim your weapon below Maxon's feet." And Maxon was angry, and his anger appealed to Wrath. "Go on, defeat me. Destroy me....Obliterate me!!!!" And Maxon's anger turned to Wrath, and he became flooded with dark red flames, and his wrath turned into power. And just as Maxon was about to say, "I will..." Daniel aimed his Shepherd's sling with a mustard seed as ammo, carefully and very gently, and both he and God said at the same time, "FIRE!"

And the mustard seed flew, and just as it hit the ground, a massive earthquake shook the whole world, and God sent the Angel that trained Maxon to save the two after both Maxon and Daniel were knocked unconscious by the earthquake.

Happiness

And when Maxon awoke, Daniel, and the Angel was standing over him. "Do you never learn?" asked the Angel. "I don't know what went wrong with me." said Maxon. "He fought them before, Daniel, and lost almost everything. I trained him to embrace his new power. ""You need to stop fighting those things, they're hazardous to your health." said Daniel. And the Angel replied, "His spiritual health too, but I can understand why you can't stop fighting them, Maxon. There aren't many people who God Almighty our father chooses to give that kind of power to, the power to change everything, including yourself."

"Wow. You have that kind of power, Maxon?" asked Daniel. "He does." said the Angel, "But he keeps falling." And after this, God took away all of Maxon's gifts, and he no longer was an Angel, nor did he have his perfect body anymore. He was a normal human. And they all felt it, and Maxon spoke and said, "Not anymore."

"Maxon, do you know what you have to do?" asked the Angel. "I have to defeat Wrath." replied Maxon. "Okay, How?" "I'll beat him, somehow." "Maxon, how? How are you planning to do that?" "I don't know how, how do you defeat Wrath." "What's the opposite of Wrath, Maxon." "Love. Love is the opposite of Wrath." "Always." responded the Angel. "How do I always Love?" "Look to what you have." "I have Daniel." "That's not what I mean." "Oh...OH!" "Keep going!" "God is love! I have God!" "Put it together, Maxon! Keep going!" "I have God! He Loves me! And Because he loves me, I can Love Others! Always!"

"Do you know what to do now?" said the Angel. "Yeah! I Love!" "You don't have any powers!" "It don't care!" "You're only human!" "I don't care!" "Let's go then!"

Love

“Wrath!” yelled Maxon at the top of his lungs. “You came back...to destroy me?” asked Wrath. “Nope.” replied Maxon simply. “Then what?” replied Wrath. “I came to defeat you.” “And to do that, you’ll go all out in your anger, and then be powered in Wrath.” “Nope.” Maxon then walked up to wrath, calmly, and, “Simple punch.” “What was that?” “A simple punch.” “Why?” “I’m trying to defeat you.” “SO GO ALL OUT!” “I am.” “What?” “I have no power anymore. I’m just a human.” And then Maxon unleashed, “Simple Punch.” After “Simple Punch.” And never stopped. “HOW!?” started Wrath. “How can you love so much! I’m your enemy! DESTROY ME!” “How you ask?” “Yes!!! HOW?” “Because my God Loves me.” “What!?” And Maxon still unleashes “Simple Punch.” After “Simple punch.”

“Why am I letting you hit me!?” yelled Wrath in anger. “I don’t know!” yelled Maxon equally. And God saw Maxon’s trust in him, and spoke and said, “You will never have your old gifts back, because I have something better in mind.”

And Wrath yelled, “Obliterate me!” And God made a loud thunder, and Wrath ceased to exist within the world.

Demon’s Daughter

And the devil was angered fiercely, and commanded one of his Demons to send it’s half human child to infiltrate the team of people that were taking down his precious Sin Forme Demons, Daniel, Maxon, and the Angel.

“Go my daughter. Destroy them from the inside out.” said the Demon. “Yes, Mother.”

And so the Demon’s Daughter went to spy out Daniel, Maxon, and the Angel. And Daniel sensed her, and aimed and fired gently a mustard seed at her face.

“What’s going on?” asked Maxon. “We have a visitor.” replied the Angel. “Good Job, Daniel!” replied Maxon.

And Daniel yelled to her, "You can come out now!" "Okay! Okay!" she replied, and came out of her hiding place, and appeared before the three. "Who are you?" asked Maxon calmly. "My name is Gloria." "Is there something wrong?" Maxon asked the Angel. "She's half demon." replied the Angel.

"Oh, Half? Is there something we can do?" replied Maxon. "Yeah, Make her not Half Demon, Daniel, you know what to do." "Yeah!" replied Daniel. "Dear Heavenly Father, please take this curse away from her, in Jesus' Christ's Holy Name, Amen."

And God responded, "My son, thou art faithful, lay your right hand on her forehead." And Daniel did, and a great light shone about her, and she was completely human. And she was Daniel's age, but now she was human so now she aged as a human.

Envy

And Gloria had a selfish heart, and God wanted to reach out to her, but she would only listen to Daniel, even when Daniel said to listen to God. So God knew this, and decided to use Daniel to do something about it, God spoke, "Daniel, my faithful servant, tell Gloria that I love her, no matter what happens." And Daniel spoke in response, "Yes, my Lord God." And Daniel told Gloria saying, "God loves you! No matter what happens!" And Gloria responded, "Okay..."

And God saw his enthusiasm and said, "Good work, my faithful servant."

And the Devil was angered and sent another demon and its name was Envy, and Envy attacked a village, but God spoke to Daniel, and said, "Tell Maxon not to go, and that I am raising another to fight the Demon Envy." So Daniel did as he was commanded, and Maxon responded, "Who?" And God told Daniel, "It is my servant Daniel." And Daniel was surprised, and he told Maxon, "It is I, the Servant Daniel, who will defeat the Demon Envy."

“Wow, really!?” responded Maxon surprised. “Yes.” responded Daniel. “Really?” asked Gloria, “You’re going to take on a Sin Forme Demon, by yourself?” “No, I have God. I’m never alone.” “Okay....But....” “I have my God, He loves me. And He loves you too.” responded Daniel assuring her.

And God said to Daniel, “Go down to the river to the south, and take clay from under the water, and mold it into a small ball.” And Daniel did as he was commanded and molded a small clay ball.

And God sent Daniel to face the Demon Envy. And the others watched as he was going forth and stopped. And Envy spoke and said, “You must be kidding me, this boy is only a child, and you send him to the lion’s den.”

And God spoke to Daniel and said, “Aim your weapon, and fire continuously.” And Daniel yelled at the top of his lungs, “EARTHQUAKE RIVER!!!” and kept firing mustard seeds continuously. And God shook the world seven times over, and no one but Daniel was well balanced for God himself was holding on to him.

And Envy could not stand up straight, and God spoke and said to Daniel, “Fire the small clay ball.” And he did so. And God covered the clay ball in Holy Flames, and when it hit Envy, it expanded and Envy was covered in Holy Flames and Clay, so that he couldn’t move, and that he was weakened and in pain. So God spoke and said to Daniel, “Fight.”

And Daniel fought and subdued Envy. And with a final hit of a mustard seed to the face of Envy, Envy screamed and said, “A child! It was only a child!” And Envy ceased to exist within the world.

“You did it! You actually did it! You beat a Sin Forme Demon!” yelled Gloria excitedly. “It was God, Gloria, not me.” “What?” responded Gloria. “God was the one who beat Envy, I was only a vessel.” “You mean, God did all that?” “He did. He told me what to do and I obeyed Him. Good things happen when you Obey God.”

“Really?” replied Gloria. “Yes, really.” said Daniel.

And Gloria reflected on the battle she had just witnessed, and said, "What manner of God can destroy sin?" And Daniel sensed her feelings. And Daniel spoke to her, "Does any man or woman know the capabilities of an All Powerful, Almighty God?" And Gloria replied, "I suppose not." And God sensed her heart, and that it was becoming unselfish. "Gloria." whispered God to her.

"Who is it?" replied Gloria surprised. And Daniel sensed that the Lord God was speaking to her, and he smiled. "My Daughter, are you happy?" spoke God. "What do you mean?" replied Gloria. "Are you happy with what you have?" replied God. "Of course not, I think..." replied Gloria. "Come unto me, my Daughter." "How?" replied Gloria. "My angel will train thee."

True Form

And God sent a second angel to teach Gloria. "Gloria, I am the angel, Dianthus." "Nice to meet you." said Gloria. "Dear Daughter, my Father has sent me to train you, what is your perception of the world you live in?" "It's filled with Sin and darkness." "I see. Do you see any happiness in it?" "A little." "Good. Happiness comes from God."

"How do I always be happy?" asked Gloria. And Dianthus said, "Ask Maxon." "Why? He has no power." "He may not have any power, but neither does Daniel. Maxon has the uncanny ability to learn from his mistakes. You should ask him what he learned during his last fight. It may very well help your training."

"Okay, I'll ask him." replied Gloria. "Maxon." "Yes?" "Do you know how to always be happy?" asked Gloria. "Not really. I know how to always love." "It should be the same concept." said Daniel. "Okay, How do I always love?" asked Gloria. "God is love, and he loves you, so always love others." said Maxon.

"Okay. How?" replied Gloria. "Um. I guess it's different for each person." replied Maxon. "What Maxon means, Gloria, is Happiness, like love, comes from God." said Daniel. "Okay, so how do I always be happy?" asked Gloria.

"Gloria." spoke Dianthus, "This is something you have to experience to learn." "Okay, How?" "Let God be God in your life." "How?" "Come with me."

So, Dianthus and Gloria trained together for a year. And the two laughed and enjoyed their time together.

“Do you understand now, Gloria?” “No, how do I always be Happy?” “Do I make you happy?” “Yes! Of course!” “Good, who sent me to you?” And as Gloria heard those words, she broke down into tears. “God, thank you so much for my friend, Dianthus! She’s so nice to me. And thank you for teaching me how to always love and always be happy.”

And God spoke to Gloria, and said, “My Daughter, thou art loved.”

And God gave Gloria a gift, a True Form, Happiness.

Greed

And the devil was angered, and sent another Demon, Greed, and Greed went and attacked a village. And Gloria knew Greed, and knew it was her time to defeat a Sin Forme Demon. God spoke to her, and said, “Be happy, and don’t worry, I have you in my hands.”

And the four went with her to watch her fight the Demon Greed.

And the Demon Greed knew her, and spoke, “Melilah, Melilah, why have you betrayed us.” “I’m no longer half demon, Greed! I’m happy here! They’re my family!” “What!? How can this be!?” And before he could continue, she yelled at the top of her lungs, “Happiness True Form!” And Gloria had a new form.

Her height increased by more than half, and she had two wings that spanned almost touched the forest on both sides, she gained a Heavenly Bow that was filled and covered with Holy Flames. And the Demon Greed saw her, and was angered. And she fought and subdued Greed, and triumphed over her past, and over the Demon Greed. And Greed ceased to exist within the world.

Diligence

And Daniel, asked God, “Why haven’t I received a True Form?” And God replied, “Ye have not, because ye ask not.” And Daniel asked God, “May I have a True Form?” “Yes.” God replied, “

And God gave Daniel a True Form, Diligence.

And Daniel trained for a year.

Sloth

And the devil was angered and sent Sloth, and Sloth was fast, and attacked a village. So Gloria fought and subdued and triumphed over Sloth, with her Happiness True Form, but Sloth revived and kept fighting, and Gloria would keep winning and triumphing over Sloth but sloth kept reviving.

“What’s going on?” said Gloria, “He keeps getting back up.” And Gloria doubted, and Sloth put her faith to sleep so that she lost her Happiness True Form, and could not use it. And Sloth attacked and fought and subdued Gloria. And Daniel sensed this and went and helped Gloria.

“You want to fight too child.” said Sloth. “I’m in no rush.” replied Daniel. “Good, take your time, I’m getting a nap.”

And Daniel put his right hand on Gloria’s forehead, and prayed, “Dear Heavenly Father, please restore your Daughter, in Jesus’ Holy Name, I ask, Amen.” And God spoke, “My son, thou art faithful, she is restored.” And God restored her.

“What’s going on?” asked Gloria. “You have to put diligence towards your Happiness.” said Daniel.

And they spoke together, “Happiness!” “Diligence!” “TRUE FORM!!!” at the top of their lungs.

And Daniel had a new form, he was given gloves that fit to his knuckles, and was filled and covered in Holy Flames.

And they both fought each in their True Forms, and they fought and subdued the Demon Sloth.

Then they kneeled and prayed the same prayer, "Dear Heavenly Father, please Give us the power to finish this. In Jesus Christ's Holy Name, Amen."

And they were filled with power, and knew what to do, "Synchronized Holy ARROWFIST." spoke they at the same time, delivering the final epic strike needed to forever finish the Demon Sloth.

And Sloth ceased to exist within the world.

Lust

And the devil was really fierce angry and would have sent Pride, for he was the most powerful, but Lust went saying, "I'm going to collect my daughter, and destroy them." said she villainously.

And Lust did not attack a village, but went straight to them.

She spoke saying, "My dear Melilah, how ashamed of you am I? That you would disobey me, and join these bible-lovers. You would even destroy your own family. How ashamed of you am I?"

"Gloria, stand back." said Maxon. "Aw. Isn't that sweet, this old man is going to save you. You couldn't save yourself from me. Not as you are nor ever as you will be."

"Old?" said Maxon questioning her.

"You are old! This man neither the children nor the two of the most powerful angels can save you, nor would they want to. Once they know the truth, my daughter, Melilah."

"No!" screamed Gloria.

“It doesn’t matter what she was, but what she is now, she loves God! That makes her our sister!” said Maxon. “You would fight for the daughter of a Demon? Haa!” replied Lust. “I will fight for a Daughter of God!” replied Maxon.

“You don’t have any power! You can’t Change ANYTHING!” replied Lust.

“I don’t need power! I have God!wait.”

And Maxon thought about his past, and the prayer that led him to this Moment.

“Dear Heavenly Father, please give me the power to change everything, including myself.”

“I don’t need power, I just need God....”

Truth

“God, I pray that you forgive me of all my sins, and Jesus, please be my savior and Lord, in Jesus’ name, Amen.”

“Why are you kneeling? I’m talking to you!” responded Lust.

“I know the truth now! It’s not about me! It’s never been about me! It’s about God! My prayer was to be able to change everything, including myself. But I know the truth now!” replied Maxon.

“And what is this Truth! What is this Truth you speak of!?” responded Lust.

“It’s not my power.” replied Maxon. “What?” replied Lust.

“It’s never been my power, the power, it belongs to God.” said Maxon as he kneeled once again in prayer.

“Dear Heavenly Father, please give me the Strength, Courage, and Power to move forward. I...I trust in you, Lord. I trust in you alone.” said Maxon. And God spoke and said to Maxon, “Maxon, my Faithful servant, thou art loved.”

“That’s enough!” said Lust, “I won’t indulge this any longer!” said Lust, charging at Maxon.

And Maxon stood calmly, and spoke, “Truth Form.”

And Maxon became as light, and appeared and fought and subdued Lust.

“Melilah, Melilah,” spoke Lust, “Don’t die. The Masters won’t enjoy an easy fight.”

“Okay, Mom.”

And Maxon triumphed and Lust ceased to exist within the world.

Pride

Then the devil was furiously angry, and sent Pride the most powerful Sin Forme Demon. And all five faced him, and went all out, and won, and Pride ceased to exist within the world.