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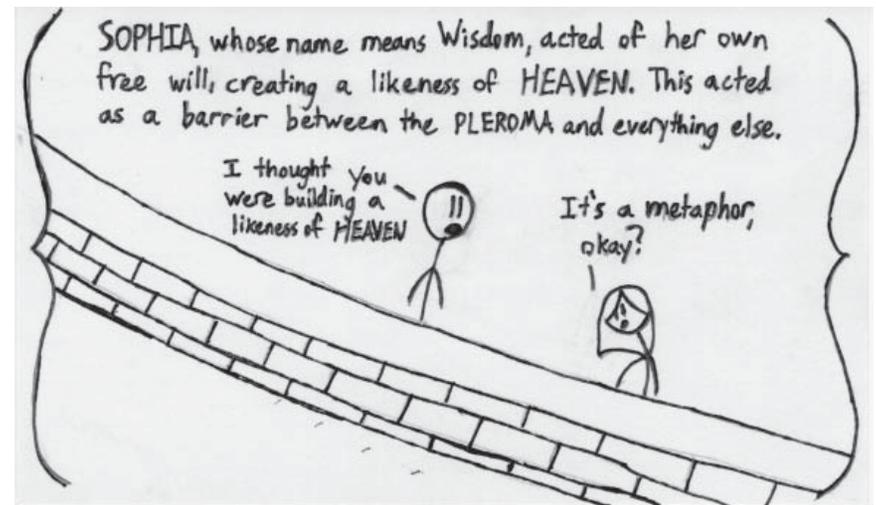
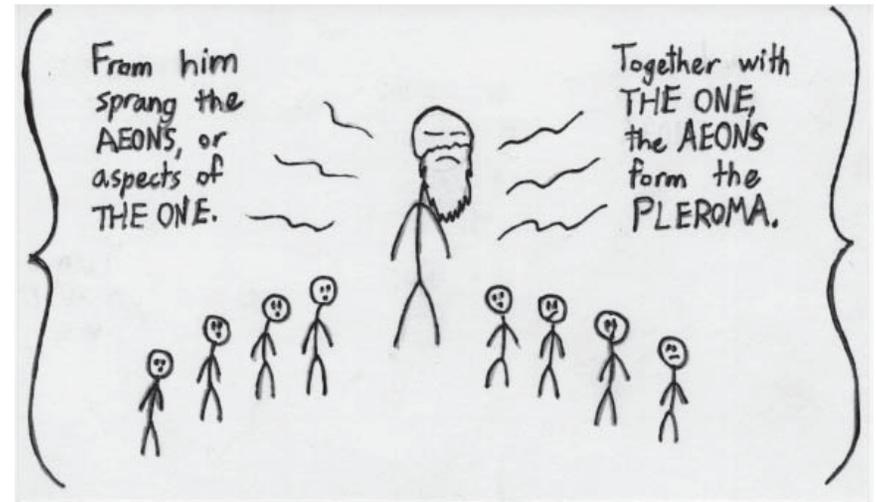
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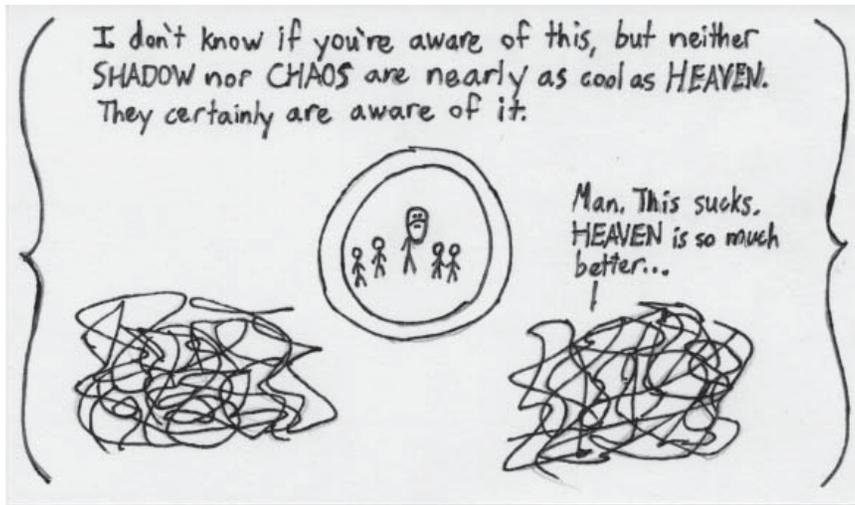
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In the beginning, there was **THE ONE**. At least, we're pretty sure he was there from the start. He's kind of **UNKNOWNABLE** and doesn't talk much. He just kind of hangs out and emanates.

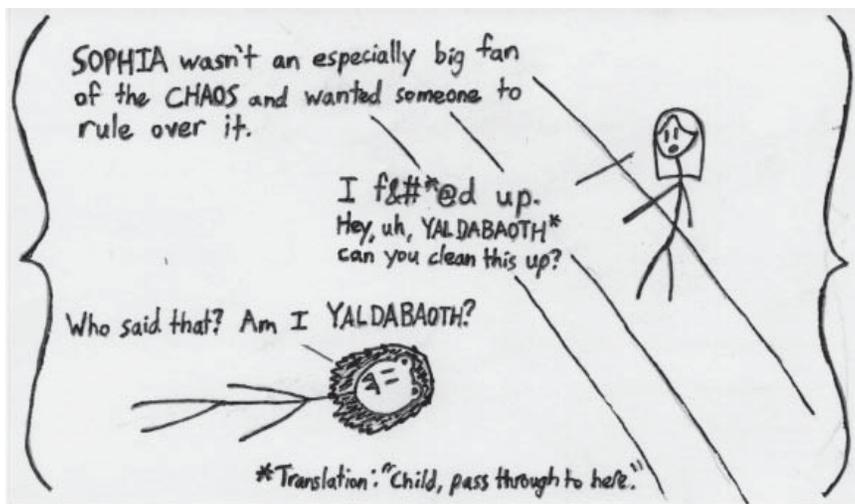


As it turns out, this was a pretty bad decision.

The **SHADOW** of **SOPHIA**'s creation spawned in **INFINITE CHAOS**.



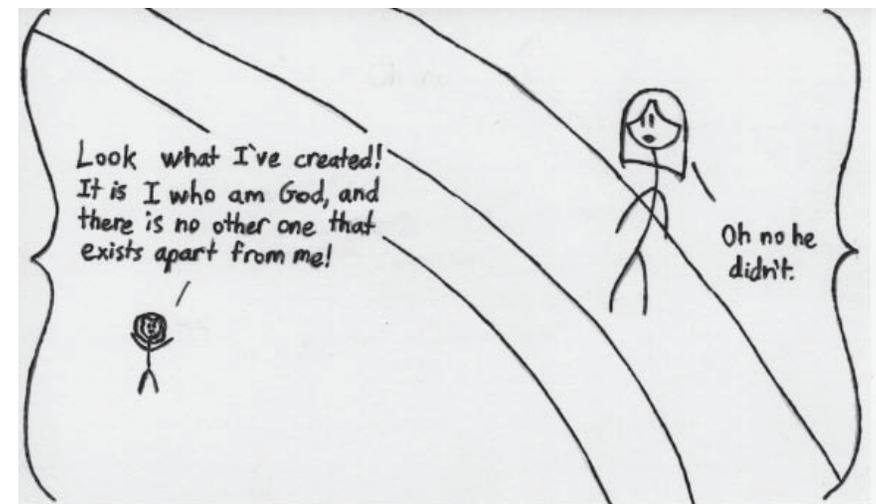
CHAOS's jealousy manifested itself in an out pouring of meaningless matter, which was itself in chaos.

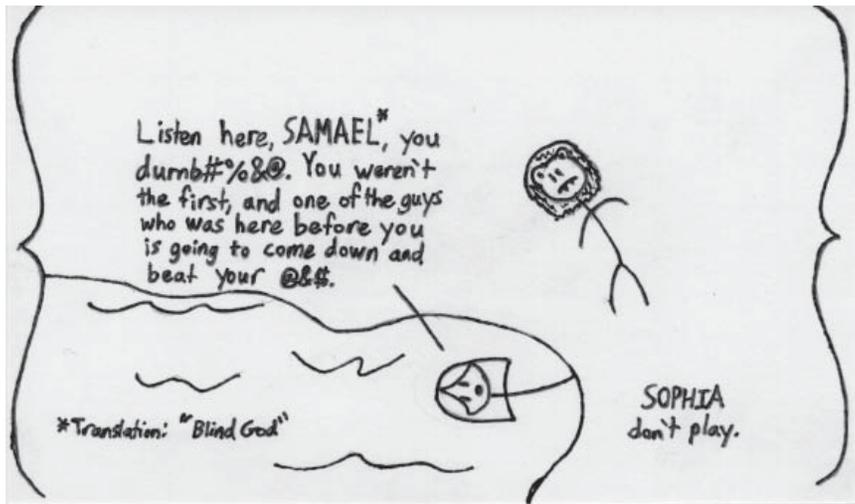


YALDABAOTH organized the matter into a home for himself which he called **HEAVEN** (not to be confused with the **HEAVEN** that **THE ONE** lives in*), and a footstool which he called **EARTH**.

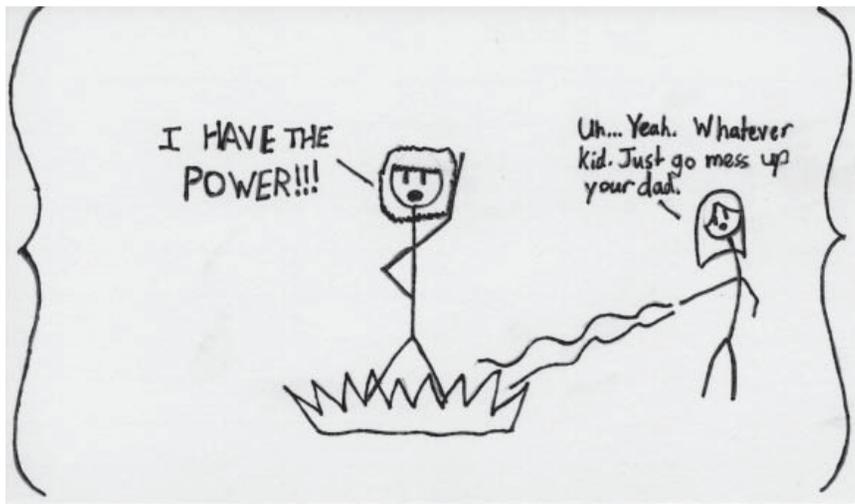


Unfortunately, all this **HEAVEN** making gave **YALDABAOTH** kind of a big head.



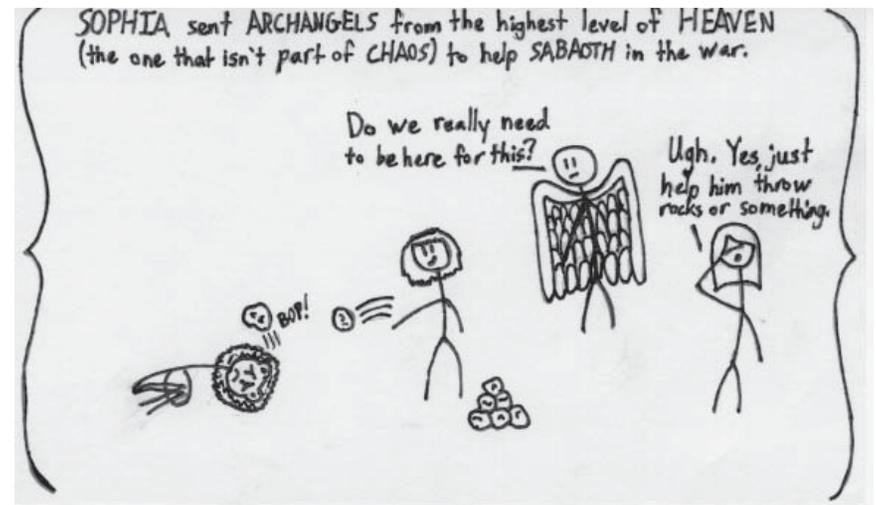


YALDABAOTH's son, SABAOth, heard SOPHIA's voice and renounced his father. In return (and just a little bit to spite YALDABAOTH), SOPHIA granted SABAOth power over all the forces of CHAOS.



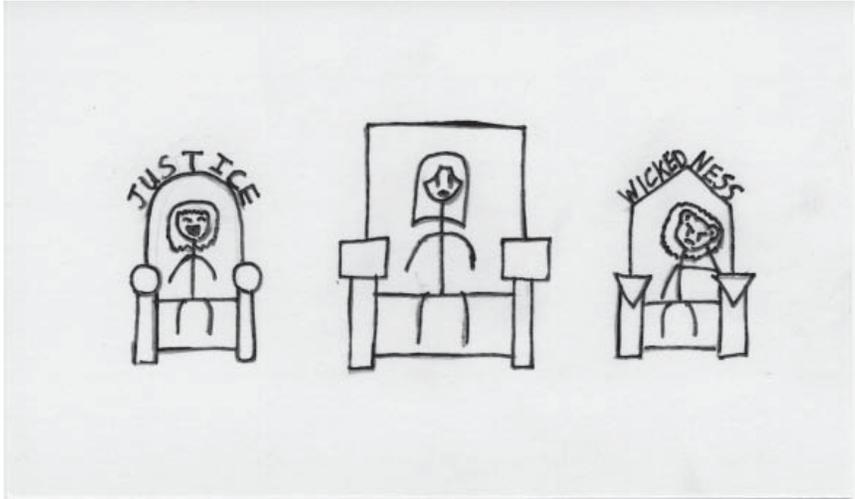
And so he did.

SABAOth waged a great war against his father and the HEAVENS of CHAOS.

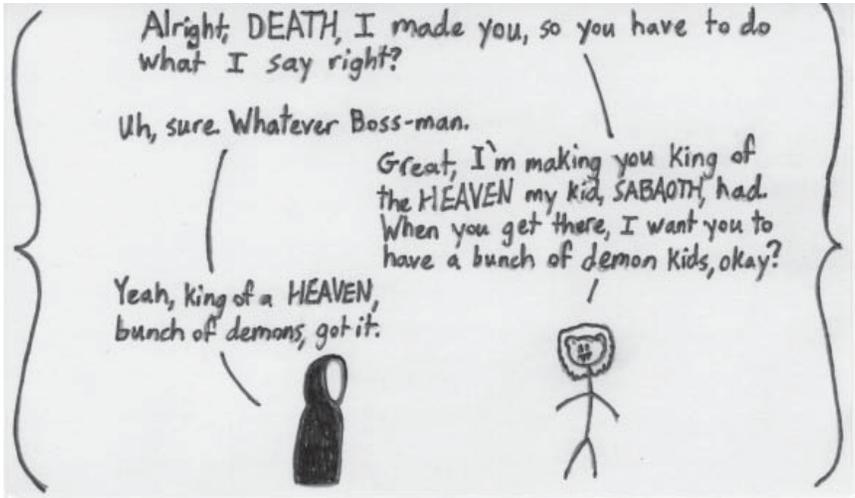


SOPHIA told SABAOth of the true HEAVEN, beyond the barrier she had created, so that he might shape the CHAOS in its image.

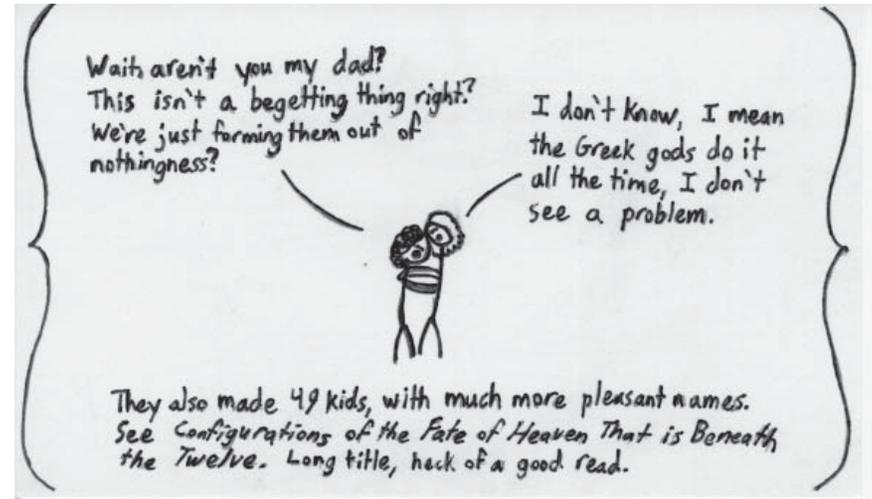
When that work was done, SOPHIA called SABAOth up to HEAVEN to sit beside her. She also called up PALDABAOth. Apparently to be mocked.



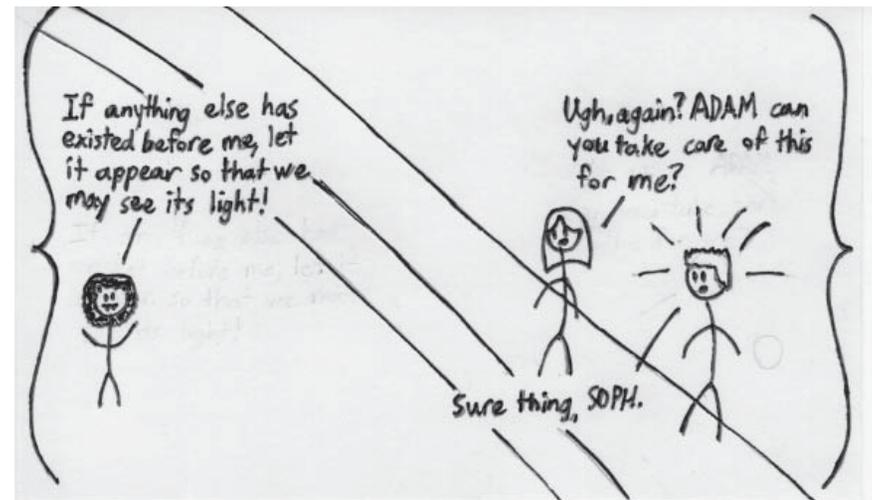
PALDABAOth, who had gotten pretty used to being the top dog, was very jealous of his son. And as we've seen, jealousy has the tendency to make those of the CHAOS creative...



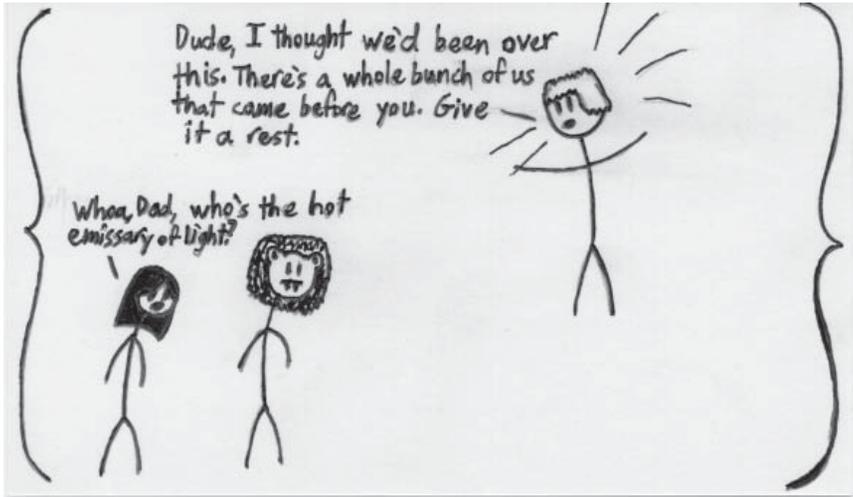
Having seen all these new demons, ZOE and SABAOth thought it would be a good idea to make an equivalent number of good spirits.



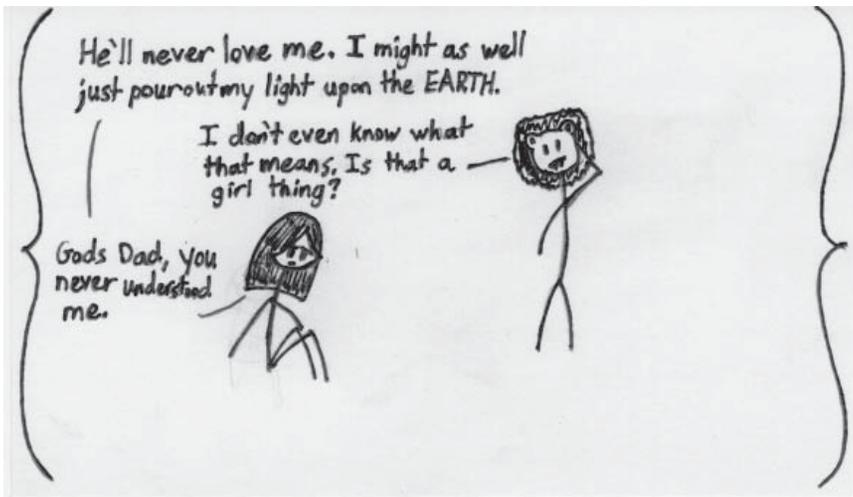
Meanwhile, PALDABAOth was up to his usual shenanigans, making the same mistake over and over again.



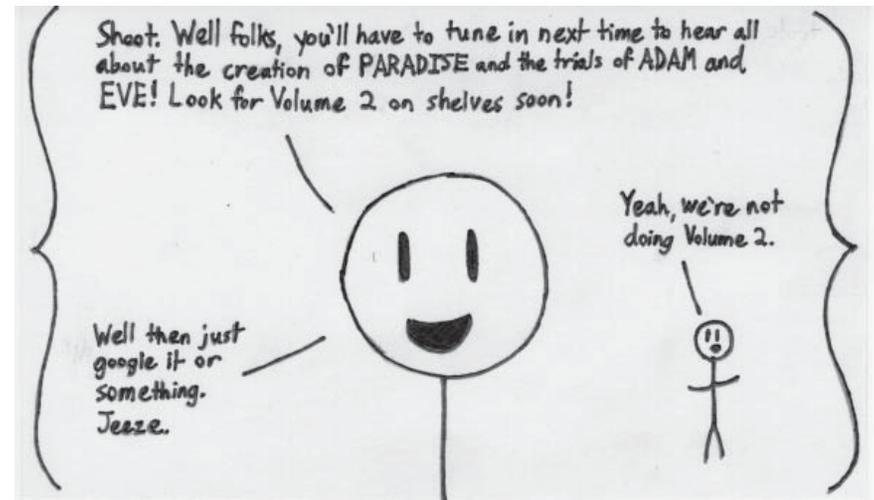
ADAM descended to show himself to VALDABAOOTH, though only he and his daughter PRONOIA saw ADAM.



But ADAM has no interest in PRONOIA, for she was of the CHAOS and that's pretty nasty.



And then Eros appeared...



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