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## Divine Visitation

"Beloved Miranda," came a familiar voice, as if from the very air behind her.

"Your blessed holiness," Vazquez replied reflexively, turning to the voice but averting her eyes and dropping to one knee.

"Rise and lift your eyes, my daughter."

With suitable reluctance, Vazquez did as bade, beholding a revelation from God. Hooded Saint Graylord—his hands and face shrouded, but a towering figure all the same—stood between the shimmering forms of two massive angelic guardians, floating in the air as rainbows of light coruscated across their winged and radiant bodies.

"Gracious Saint Graylord, how may I serve you?"

"It is written," Graylord said, "that the day shall come when travellers arrive from the heavens, and stars shall fall from their traces. Then shall kings and princes scatter, and lo, the many kingdoms of the earth shall kneel before the manifested will of the Lord and Defender. My daughter, the day has come again when travellers have joined us from the stars."

"Yes, Your Grace. Even this day, they were led into my presence."

"Tell me," Graylord said, "did you sense their purpose?"

"I did, Your Grace. If their hearts are true, and their cause is just."

"I am pleased," Graylord replied, his pleasure reflected in the soft pink hue appearing in the angel's wings. "It was for your special insight that I made you the protector and guardian of the Defender's church."

"Your Blessed Grace—is it possible that these might be the ones? I have seen visions of hope and torment...."

"Be at peace, my daughter. I have seen the seal of the Defender rising gloriously in the east. Blessed are those whose eyes do not see, yet believe."

"Your Grace, I do believe."

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