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MATHILDA:

The Forces of Evil VS. The 3rd Grade

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## About the Author

Tedd M. Walley, considered by some to be the comic book world's "man-in-black," is the founder of the independent comic book company Voodoo Maverick Publishing and its flag ship title, MATHILDA™. What makes him and his company unique is that he does all of the writing, penciling, inking, lettering, advertising, marketing, promotions and web design himself, in addition to his business duties for the company itself. Voodoo Maverick Publishing is the sole effort of Tedd M. Walley and he would have it no other way.

Born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana, Mr. Walley has been drawing, and reprimanded for drawing, since the early age of eight. He has earned college degrees in advertising design and commercial art and has since been plying his creativity and talents in those fields in a variety of ways for almost ten years. A jack-of-all-trades with an already impressive and, self-admittedly, colorful resume, (which includes things such as celebrity bodyguard work, college instructor, graphic designer for an advertising agency, t-shirt artist for rock bands, and advice columnist) he felt driven to push the envelope of his own creativity and talents but lacked a forum. So he spawned Voodoo Maverick Publishing.

Mr. Walley continues to make his home in New Orleans, LA, where he balances a career as a college professor of computer graphic design, graphic design, cartoon and traditional illustration [Delgado, City Park Campus] with his publishing duties.

## About the Comic Book

MATHILDA™ details the story of the first born child of Lucifer and the leader of all of Hell's armies: Mathilda™. Mathilda™ has trained her father's armies for all eternity for the final battle against the Lord. It is her destiny to rip the gates of Heaven from their hinges and wage war on the forces of good. It is even whispered that she is destined to slay St. Michael. However, Mathilda™ has an epiphany while in Hell and decides to defect to the side of Light and escapes to regroup on Earth.

Once on the other side, however, she finds herself in the form of an eight-year-old little girl. She has full knowledge of who and what she is and was. She finds that her former powers have been reduced 66%, but are still quite formidable for any human under four feet tall. While on Earth, Mathilda™ begins to learn what it means to be alive; why humans fight so hard for things like love and peace.

Like all children, Mathilda™ has a guardian angel. A fallen angel named Baker. Baker has fallen because he has begun to question the ultimate wisdom of God. He's seen too much over the ages. So much pain, destruction and utter emptiness that he wonders if the old Man is getting a little rusty. And yet, Baker, like all of the Fallen, still longs urgently to believe in God's infallible reason and rhyme to everything. He wants to believe that there is a purpose for all of blackness in the world. He wants to believe that he just isn't enlightened enough to see the reason. But his hope in eventually believing again is waning fast. Baker and Mathilda™ don't get along too well. Baker doesn't know whose soul inhabits this

precocious eight-year-old girl; he just knows she's a pain in the ass. But Baker wants to be whole again, and is trying with all his Fallen-being to follow what God wants.

To complicate things, Lucifer is none-to-happy that his favorite and first borne child and leader of his armies has become a traitor, certainly not as He is about to make war with God one final time. He has attached a Slacklar Daemon to Mathilda™. Slacklars are more impish than destructive and this one in particular. It sets out to foil Mathilda's™ every effort. This particular Slacklar is in the form of Mathilda's™ stuffed panda bear, named Bela. Lucifer also has released Mathilda's™ brothers & sisters. Each high-ruler of the 9 Circles are doing everything in their full-reaching powers to outclass Mathilda™ and bring her back to Hell.

Mathilda's™ hands are full. She's trying to prevent the archdukes of Hell from consuming our humanity, constantly fend off a Slacklar Daemon, contend with a bitter Fallen Angel, and still pass the Third Grade.