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Strength of a Giant is a short story about the enigmatic Son of God Emanuel and the Archangel Raphael. Will they be able to fight the evil plot of Jovian, who is an amalgamation of fallen angels, or has time run out? The final battle takes place within the Milky Way and our solar system will never be the same again...

## Strength of a Giant Details

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### **Sarah-Jayne Briggs says**

(This review may contain spoilers).

I'm not quite sure what to make of this short story. On the one hand, it was an interesting interpretation and Raphael and Emanuel came across as fairly well-rounded. On the other hand... I wasn't too keen on the limitations placed on Emanuel. I did like his relationship with the Arch angels, but there were some parts that didn't quite work for me.

The battle was quite well-written, but I was curious about what the merging of the angels entailed and how it all came about. I don't think I quite understood it from the way it was talked about, or why it had to be destroyed while Lukavel wasn't.

I found the story to be entertaining and I did laugh a bit at the way Emanuel led the Seraph away from the battle. Emanuel's character also seemed to be quite contradictory, an element I liked in the story.

I did notice a few errors in the story. There wasn't anything too major, but they were noticeable - at least to me.

I liked the interpretation of the different Arch angels' characters and I would have liked to see more of them. I also liked how the title of the story was woven into the story itself.

All in all, this was a quick, easy read and I did enjoy it.

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### **Maryjane says**

I thought it was ok, but then I am a stickler for how things are written in the Bible. I had a hard time with Emanuel and the Archangel swearing. Because they would never do that, so that kind of put me off a bit.

I thought the story was quite imaginative, and liked when the Archangel said that with Emanuel he had "the strength of a giant" and that as long as he was there he did not need an army to fight with him. I would not recommend this book to someone who was really into the Bible and Prophecy.

I would recommend it to others of more imaginative minds, but would take out the swear words.

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### **Veronica Morfi says**

This is more of a 2.5 but I didn't want to give it two stars.

This wasn't really for me. It was a bit confusing and it took me quite some time to finish considering it's not that big, it's actually pretty small. It's a shame I didn't enjoy it that much, cause I really liked Passarelli's

other short story . This is why I don't really want to say anything negative about it. I am now waiting for more on Nash's story, of which I am a fan.

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### **Cherene says**

I received this book free from the author.

Although this book seemed interesting, and had a good concept, I couldn't enjoy it. It didn't work well as a stand alone novella. I assume this is because the plot has a lot of details that couldn't be placed into a short story. Outside of having trouble following along with the plot, I had a lot of trouble with the amount of cliches. There seemed to be a cliche used for every page.

I'd probably be willing to read the original series and then give this story another shot.

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### **Clive Howe says**

Having received this as a Goodreads Giveaway, I was keen to read it, Having read it in one sitting I found I was thoroughly confused by it. I think because it is a short story with characters from another longer book, I was confused as to what was happening. However, determined not to give in I tried it again several weeks later.

Unfortunately, I have to say it is not really my type of story. Although very well written, I just found it too confusing to absorb me. Perhaps I need to read more by this author, or at least the book that this novella is based upon.

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### **Jennifer Lea says**

I got this book as a free Kindle download as it was offered digitally to those who didn't win a hard copy in in the 'giveaways.'

I won't say this novel is poorly written, as it is not. It is, very simply, not my 'cup of tea' as the expression would say. That means I did not manage a connection with my characters. I could not see the abstractness of their universe. I didn't feel the powers which drove their decisions. For me, this story had so much potential, but the author delivered more adverbs than emotion. Quite possibly, I would have gotten more from the full version as the Kindle version is only an abbreviated part of the real thing.

That said, I looked into the other renderings from Passarelli and see one, if not two titles, I am apt to try. Just because one story didn't cry out to me, doesn't mean another one will share the same fate.

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### **L.A. says**

In the never ending war of good and evil, often the fighting is here on this earth or in an earthly realm of some type. In The Strength of a Giant, a novella by Tony Passarelli, he chooses to set his final battle in the stars and heavens amongst the planets and galaxies that surround us. Giving us a complex and disingenuous

character with great intelligence in the form of Emanuel, who chooses to involve himself in the battle along with one of the most fearsome of the angels, the Arch Angel Raphael.

The evil comes in the form of a character known as Jovian, the amalgamation of fallen Angels, carrying both their strengths and weakness, along with any good or bad features. Utilizing these characteristics he has strength and agility that could very well bring about death and destruction. Will Emanuel and Raph as he is known, be able to stop him in time and save the solar system and our way of life forever?

Not only must Raph fight this battle he must also protect Emanuel from Jovian and possibly even from his own intricate ways of dealing with problems as he sees them. As this strangely intense battle reaches epic proportions, who will be the victor?

Passarelli has given us an interesting look at the heavens and its characters. He does a great job of creating a certain amount of flaws that make them easier to relate to and given the amount of danger involved he delivers a bit of human element. Yet there is no doubt that the battle is between titans of amazing abilities and proportions. The battle is well written the story quite bold.

If you are looking for an interesting and slightly off kilter look at the characters we know from religious and spiritual texts, you will find this an interesting twist.

This Novella was received free from the author. All opinions are my own based off my reading and understanding of the material.

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### **Albert says**

I approached this book with reserved doubt. I doubted it would be great, figured it could be okay and was surprised that I liked it. Never mind that this may seem to be a recycled storyline, the author does well to spin this web in his own way. The writing was delivered with precision and the pace of the story will keep the reader swept up in the action. Do not pass up this and for less than a buck to boot.

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### **Caranna says**

This novella from Tony Passarelli fell flat. I see that it is a short story that fills a gap between other books, but having not read those books I had nothing to connect it to. From the start I was thrust into a story that I knew absolutely nothing about. My head was swimming as I struggled to make sense of it all. I never really figured out what the main battle in the story was about. Yes, I understand that it is an ageless and endless battle, the battle between good and evil, right and wrong, but I needed some more specifics.

I found this book rather offensive. I think, being a work of fiction, the author should have used entirely fictitious characters. One of the main characters was Emmanuel, the Son of God, the depiction of Emmanuel did not fit at all with how I see him, and what that name has come to mean to me.

I do not think that Emmanuel would ever swear (and those "F" bombs were ENTIRELY unnecessary.) I was so upset by the portrayal of not only Emmanuel, but of God the Father and the Arc Angels that I was tempted to put down this book and not finish it. I did not win the Goodreads giveaway of this book but was sent a free digital copy from the author in exchange for a review. These circumstances and my feeling of obligation

were the only things that kept me reading to the end.

I did not gain anything from my time spent with this story and came away feeling cheated, angry, and upset. I found it to be entirely without purpose and would not recommend it to anyone.

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### **Gale says**

A Very good short story,about what happens between Heavens, and Earth, and Uriel the Son of God, and all the 7 archangels, and the Battle between victory and defeat. uriel doesn't know the danger, he is under. of all who is following his every move. There is always room for change, even with all the faults and flaws involved. very detail of the strength of a giant. i liked this book , it will keep you wanting to read till you are finished.

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### **Wendy says**

"Strength of a Giant" by Tony Passarelli which I won from Goodreads Giveaways is a very short story about a war in heaven between the Union of Angelic Spirits under Jovian and the Archangels. It begins when Uriel is in danger and being followed by a pack of fallen angels. Emmanuel, the son of God and Raphael, an Archangel intervene and a war is sparked that traverses the Milky Way. Will good once again defeat evil? Will Raphael save Emmanuel from Jovian's evil intent or the reverse? These questions are answered in this short story about the forces of good and evil that collide in the Milky Way , changing the solar system forever.

The idea behind this plotline is creative, but uncomplicated. Because the characterization is thin, there's no depth to the storyline and there's a lack of emotional intensity, it reads more like an outline than a book. I found it difficult to read because I wasn't swept up in the plot. But, the premis of the story is imaginative and it would have made more of an impression if the framework had been flushed out and expanded.

The characters with their weaknesses and strengths seem more like gods of mythology with all their imperfections than biblical heavenly beings. For anyone of faith having the angels swear or "blow a raspberry" to make them more humanlike in nature is disconcerting and detracts from the basis of the story.

I didn't really come away with any strong feeling about this book.

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### **Darcee Kraus says**

#### **Entertaining!**

I enjoyed this story as well as the subject matter. The archangels and the planets they visit take on a new meaning while still being relevant. I truly enjoyed the read

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## **Lucinda says**

A significant novella that fills a missing gap, by exploring an event within ‘the book of biden’

This noteworthy read I would highly recommend to all those who have encountered the book of Biden, and wish to delve deeper into the event that ensued between the giant and Biden’s tale. It is a very quick novella and a ‘light’ read which I found to be extremely interesting and profoundly thought-provoking. As a debut novel ‘Strength of a Giant’ is well-written, and it is plainly apparent how much depth and detail the author has gone into to create this visionary tale. In a Neverending war of good versus evil (whether that may take place on Earth or some other realm), the epic final battle will decide the fate for all and shape the course of the future. This is such a story, for it recounts that battle in the heavens amid the stars and galaxies of the Arch Angel Raphael and Emmanuel. As the intensity increases to the most dramatic climax, one subconsciously evaluates ultimately the meaning of life.

Tony Passarelli’s bold look at these Godly titans makes for compelling reading, incorporating spiritual and religious texts. The fusion of myth and legend and the most extraordinary creative vision, is so clever as to blow you away and render you in awe of the magnitude of this little book. As a unique interpretation of the relationship between Raphael and Emmanuel it is certainly interesting, especially when counterbalancing that with the other lesser characters and Arch angels. The author’s desired intent is that the words within this novella are powerful and inwardly touching; personally I did find it **almost** reached this target. **4.5 rating**

An intriguing novella that is definitely worth a read!

\*I won a copy of ‘Strength of a Giant’ by Tony Passarelli through a Goodreads, first-read giveaway\*

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## **Melanie says**

Actually, I really liked this book--I just don't think "It's Amazing" even though I have read it three times. I highly recommend it to anyone who wants to read a good short story in fiction, who is interested in Archangels. Passarelli does a good job of sketching the tenor of the times, the sentimentality and the conflicted feelings of the angels in Heaven. I won this book from goodreads, thank you!!

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## **Brad Cundiff says**

In *Strength of a Giant*, Tony Passarelli offers an interesting interpretation of seraphims, archangels, the Son of God, and the eternal war between good and evil.

I actually read this twice to make sure I gave it a fair review. Initially, I was frustrated by the disconnected nature of the story. I went back the second time to enjoy the writing itself. Putting aside my frustration with where this novella fits in the larger picture, I thoroughly enjoyed Passarelli's approach. The writing is solid, the characters are well structured, and the story is witty and fresh.

Although I'm not typically a fan of this type of fantasy, I'm intrigued enough to try some of the author's other works. I do enjoy a story that infuses supernatural, otherwise perfect beings with all the flaws and frailties of

us lesser humans. This novella fits that bill to my satisfaction.

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