**Milton, *Paradise Lost* Book 6**

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1-28 Raphael as narrator to Adam and Eve in bower

5-11 Cave of light and darkness, day and night

12-15 description of morn

15-21 preparations for war, chariots, steeds, more

22-28 Abdiel welcomed back to EF

29-55 Eternal Father to Abdiel

35-37 Abdiel stood alone against Satan’s multitudes

41-43 right reason refused by rebels and Messiah denied

44 Michael (of celestial armies the prince): go and drive out robels

to their place, gulf of Tartarus

56-110 Raphael as narrator to Adam and Eve

56-59 darkness, smoke; sighs of EF’s wrath

60 trumpet call to war

61-66 united legions

68ff marching ranks of angels

73-77 epic simile

83 weapons

85-110 Satan’s forces described

89-90 envier, proud, Aspirer, vain

104-105 two forces face to face

111-126 Abdiel soliloquy, “undaunted heart”

115 typo in this text: should read *faith and fealty*

125-126 reason should overcome force

127-130 Raphael as narrator

131-148 Abdiel to Satan

135 fool, vain

137-142 how easily EF could overcome Satan

147-148 learn too late, thousands err

149-170 Satan to Abdiel

151 my revenge (irony)

152 seditious angel (Satan’s view of Abdiel as seditious: ironic)

156-158 a third of angels can allow omnipotence to none

166 two thirds of angels serve only through sloth

168-169 EF’s troops merely “minstrelsy of heaven,” song-and-dance angels;

Satan argues he fights for freedom

171-188 Abdiel to Satan

178-181 servitude: to thyself enthralled (from *thrall*, a slave)

189-261 Raphael as narrator: Battle Day 1

191-194 Abdiel strikes Satan on head; Satan recoils and drops to knee

195-198 simile: Satan like mountain sunk

198-200 angels’ responses

202-215 Michael calls for trumpet; battle begins everywhere: shock, clamor,

discord, fierce darts and flaming volleys

218 if earth had existed then . . .

220 millions of fierce encount’ring angels

227-240 EF prevents utter destruction

240 deeds of eternal fame

245-246 all air seemed then/ Conflicting fire

247ff Satan sees Michael doing much destruction and faces him

257 Michael glad to fight Satan and thereby shorten, and win, the war

262-280 Michael to Satan

264 unnamed in Heaven

267-270 Satan disturbs Heaven’s peace, brings misery into Nature (Satan

created misery with his rebellion)

281-295 Satan to Michael

283-285 Michael’s words constitute no threat at all—let’s see what he

Has done

290 we will win or turn Heaven into Hell trying

296-414 Raphael as narrator to Adam and Eve

300-303 duel between Michael and Satan: they seem like gods; stature,

motion, arms

308 other angels stop fighting to watch

314 like two planets in combat

320 Michael’s sword from armory of God

328 Michael’s sword cuts Satan’s sword in half; Satan wounded—

he first knows pain

330-331 Satan healed; rebel angels come to help him, carry him off on their

Shields

339-344 Satan’s anguish and shame; humiliated. Heals quickly

355-362 Gabriel wounds Moloch, cloven to the waist

363-368 Uriel and Raphael vs. Adramelech and Asmadei; ghastly wounds

369-373 Abdiel vs. Ariel and Arioch; Ramiel vs. others

374-384 no need to tell every fight: EF’s angels seek no praise; the rebels

lie nameless in oblivion: illaudable, dispraised, in ignominy,

vainglorious, infamous

386-396 disorder everywhere as rebels routed

402ff EF’s angels stood, not sinned, unwearied, unobnoxious

406ff night, truce

411 Michael and his forces camp on the field

415-445 Satan to his troops at night council

420-423 you are worthy of liberty from EF; worthy of honor, dominion,

Glory—all pure flattery to get them to fight another day

426-427 EF has failed to subdue us to his will

429-430 EF is fallible, not truly omniscient

432-433 and we are incapable of mortal injury; imperishable; angels heal

437-439 we need better weapons to destroy EF’s angels

446-468 Nisroch to Satan’s assembly

450 his armor hewn

455-462 ruin is coming; pain is terrible

468 we need much better weapons

470-495 Satan to Nisroch and assembly

478ff minerals from underground, will explode

484-487 cannons

491-492 our cannons will out-thunder the Thunderer

496-534 Raphael as narrator to Adam and Eve

498 rebels’ hope revived

507-521 angels make cannons and gunpowder and cannonballs

524 Battle Day 2

Victorious angels in position, send scouts

535-547 Zophiel the scout to EF’s angels

Warnings: arm for battle

547 rattling storm of arrows barbed with fire

548-554 Raphael as narrator to Adam and Eve

553-554 EF’s angels see cannons as “devilish enginry,” but numbers of

Cannons hidden

555-567 Satan to Michael and opposing forces

558-560 Satan pretends to offer peace. (all lies)

569-607 Raphael as narrator to Adam and Eve

572 triple-mounted row of pillars on wheels

576-577 mouths with hideous orifices gaped

578 portending hollow truce

579ff Satan’s angels manning cannons—flame, roar, disgorging foul and

devilish glut; chained thunderbolts and hail of iron globes

593ff EF’s angels fall when hit by cannonballs

600-605 what to do? Repeat? Be laughed at by foes?

607-629 Satan to EF’s angels: derision

609-619 Satan vaunts, great sarcasm

620-627 Belial to Satan and rebels

Lots of puns and sarcasm—remember that Belial did not want

another fight when he spoke in Book 2)

628-677 Raphael as narrator

629 Satan’s angels scoffing, smug

635 EF’s angels enraged

639-659 EF’s angels discard weapons, pick up mountains and pile them

On cannons, on Satan’s angels—crush and bruise them

660-661 Satan’s angels now ugly from sinning

663-665 Satan’s angels now tear up more mountains and fling them

Great disorder ending Battle Day 2

667-675 EF to honor Son no matter what

680-718 EF to Son

681-682 face invisible and beheld visibly

684 Second Omnipotence

689 EF left the angels all to themselves, no interference

690-691 equal at first—till some by sin became impaired

695 war wearied

700 the third day is thine, glory will be thine

705 thy power above compare, thee worthiest to be Heir

711ff chariot, bow, thunder, sword

719-745 Son to Eternal Father

748 third morning

752-753 chariot conveyed by cherubim with bodies and wings covered in

Eyes

759 sapphire throne with amber on chariot

760ff Son with Victory in right hand (see statues of Athene); bow, quiver,

thunderbolts; 10,000 saints; 20,000 chariots of God

775 Son as EF’s ensign; great joy among angels

781-784 order restored: Son speaks and all return to proper places

785-788 Satan and his force obdurate; they rally and resume hope

801-823 Son to EF’s angels: the Son’s epipolesis

824-912 Raphael as narrator

824-825 Son’s severe countenance

834 everything shaken except EF’s throne

836 10,000 thunders

838-848 resistance lost, throw down weapons—rebels routed

850-852 withered all their strength

855 root them out of Heaven

856-866 epic simile: rebel angels throw themselves into hell

871 rebel angels fall for nine days; Chaos roars, confusion everywhere

874-875 hell receives them and closes; fire, woe, pain

878 heaven rejoices

881 Son returns in triumph, met by all the saints

886 songs of triumph and praise

892-912 Raphael as narrator to Adam and Eve: warning

893 at thy request; thou may’st beware

900 Satan envies thy state and may seduce thee from obedience;

You will be beraved of happiness and have only misery

909 Warning: warn Eve; learn from terrible example of Satan’s

Disobedience

911-912 firm they might have stood, yet fell: remember