A glowing sword with a red hilt and a bright white blade is positioned vertically in a dark, dense forest. The forest floor is covered with large, dark rocks and fallen branches. The trees are tall and thin, with some light filtering through the canopy, creating a mystical atmosphere. The sword is the central focus, emitting a soft glow that illuminates the surrounding area.

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Prologue

The world is divided into 15 realms: 7 realms of heavens, 7 realms of underworld and the 15th realm of Earth. Fourteen of them remain unknown to men because of their own ignorance and arrogance, although, there was a time when the knowledge of these 14 realms, was a general knowledge. During this time, most of the people held their moralities close to their chests and every god-fearing man prayed for forgiveness when he wronged anyone including himself.

But that time is long gone now. Today, in the year 2017, believers were as rare as an endangered species. All the things were happening in the way they were foretold in the ancient scriptures. Kaliyuga was a time of the dark forces, a time when the gods remained in deep slumber, a time when the daemons were at their most influential state of being.

Crafty little creatures, the daemons were. They fed on people's fears, despair, pain etc., the same way the gods fed on people's prayers, hopes and joys. Power of daemons was now fast becoming rampant because it was fueled by man's hatred, envy and greed. Some men ventured so far into their inner dark self that they forgot their very own existence as a human and became slaves to daemon kind. These were the few men chosen by the daemonic forces to lead mankind into darkness.

This was always their grand plan, and was a no secret. Everyone knew at a point in time, long forgotten, that the daemonic powers always grew stronger when they were fueled by vice of men and deterred when opposed by the virtues. But as the time passed on, science became the new religion and slowly started to disprove things that were not factual. Daemons took advantage of this situation and resorted to guerilla tactics while preying on humans, in order not to let their presence known to general populace until the right time. The time when they will strike once and for all, before the gods awakened from their sleep.

The end of Kaliyuga is near. It's now or never for the daemonic forces. The kings of the 7 realms of underworld were gathering their forces for the ultimate annihilation of Earth before gods could wake up at the end of Kaliyuga. The only force that was standing between them and the victory was a small bunch of freaks.

'Kalkian Faction', a bunch of seemingly misfits who were looked down by the society around them for their little quirks and queerness. But they were so much more than what met the eye of a commoner. They weren't just a bunch of misfits but actually the last hope of mankind. These were the people who would in the end be the shield of every living soul on the earth for they were the ones who knew the prophecy about 'Kalki'.

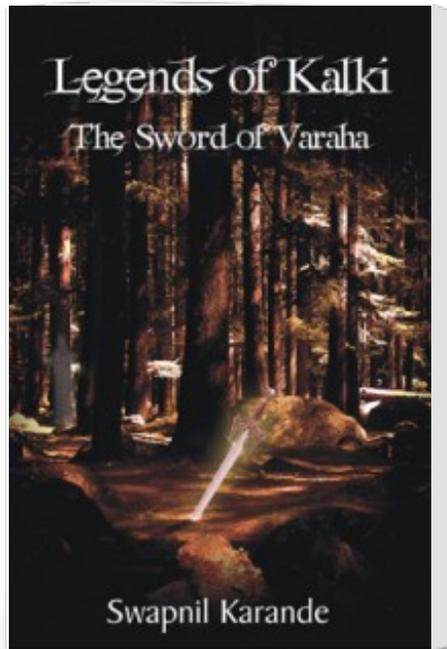
The fate of not just the mankind, but all the living beings rested on the prophesized Kalki, a savior, who would come into being on the first day of the 6th month when the moon would be at its fullest. He will lead the humans out of the darkness towards light. He will ride a white horse and brandish an array of weapons bestowed on him by Parasurama, the sixth avatar of Lord Vishnu himself.

Now-a-days, everywhere there is corruption and control of the slaves of the daemons. Unknown to common man, slowly but steadily, all the important positions of power are being controlled by either the minions or worshippers of dark forces; spreading hopelessness, greed, hatred amongst the masses further fuelling the power of daemons.

Things became so bad at one point of time in the late eighties, that even for the Kalkian Faction, the hope was almost lost. But help came when it was least expected, and most wanted. It came from the most unexpected source. The first realm of Heavens had sent their best General and he changed the very face of Kalkian Faction. He gave them a weapon. The weapon was so powerful and at the same time so volatile, that it might single-handedly win them the war against daemons or cause much more damage than just losing the war.

The Kalkian Faction stands guard against these evil forces, hiding, biding their time, and waiting for their weapon, their only hope besides Kalki, to be complete!

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