

DISFIGURED ANGEL

SUMMARY

Adam Lucius Evans will have a troubling birth, live a hidden childhood, mature into a challenging life, then face a nightmare of a future. Father Harris and Sister Elizabeth see Luke as a disfigured angel. Others see him differently. Luke becomes a friend to the hungry and the homeless who live within the alleys of Chicago. An unexpected turn of events will make him a hero. He will answer the call when his city needs a champion. He will fall in love and eventually he will have to kill to survive. The young monk has the singing voice of an angel, yet he must stay hidden beneath hooded tunics. He was born with Hurler's Syndrome, also known as gargoylism. But something unexpected and far more hideous will enter his life. A deadly darkness will gradually inhabit Luke's consciousness. Deep within the shadows of the young man's mind a vicious beast will manifest itself. It is an ancient creature and extremely clever. Believed to have first appeared in old Romania, they were given the name of *gargoyle*. The origin of these creatures is wrapped in mystery and shrouded by deception. Many believe they roam the world to this day. The truth of these creatures is perhaps lost in history forever. Luke's physical appearance was bad enough without this entity's presence. When he allows it to take full control of his body Luke transforms into a dangerous monster. Despite this Luke feels that he truly needs this terrifying inner beast if he is to survive the dark streets of Chicago's River District. Yet he can't help but wonder, will this strange symbiote be his salvation or will it become his eternal damnation?

“In a time of crisis, let not darkness from within your soul arise.”