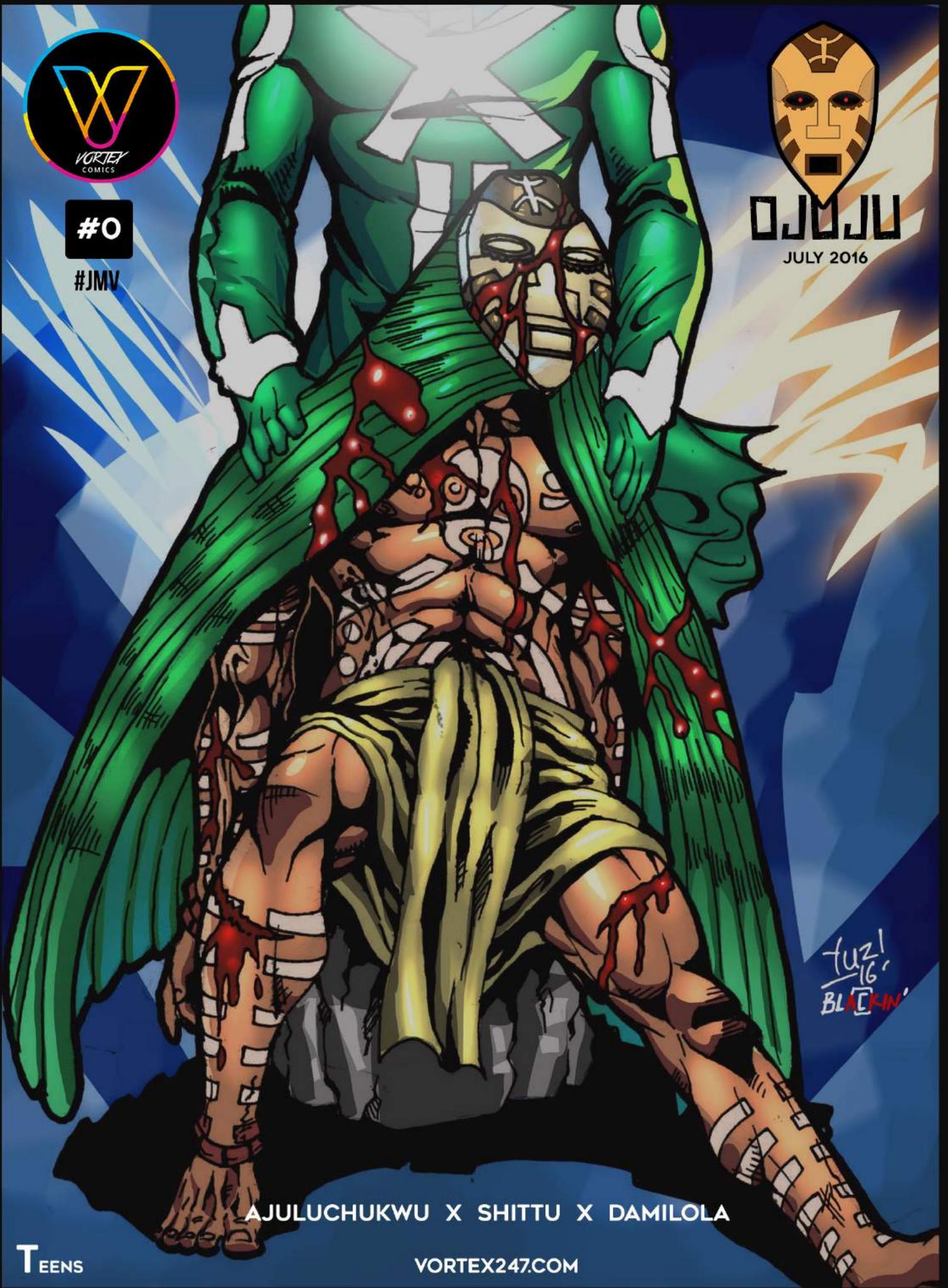




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3 DAYS ...NO SLEEP ...
RUN ... KILL ...
RUNNING ...



I'M TIRED



ARA HAS SEEN TOO MUCH
DEATH ... I'VE BEEN THE
WORST WARDEN, SHE HAS
BEEN STRONG.



I MUST PROTECT HER
... BOTH HER LIFE AND
MIND ...

I'M OKAY YOU THIS
MASQUERADE... HAVE
YOU FORGOTTEN I CAN
HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS .
.. LET'S LEAVE THIS
PLACE

YES ... BUT I MUST
DO SOMETHING TO
THIS SHADOW ALLISI
FIRST ... CLOSE YOUR
EYES

LAALU DIDN'T INFLUENCE THIS ...

BUT THIS DEAD DESERVE NOT TO LIVE

EVIL BATTLES EVIL FOR GOOD....?

ANSWER TO JUSTICE MASQUERADE OF CLOUDED DARKNESS ANSWER! IHEME ...

SAME FOREST, FEW MINUTES LATER

NO ...

FROM THE IDANRE RAIN
FOREST TO AKURE
MUSEUM IN ONE HEART
BEAT

.....
ODIETE!!!



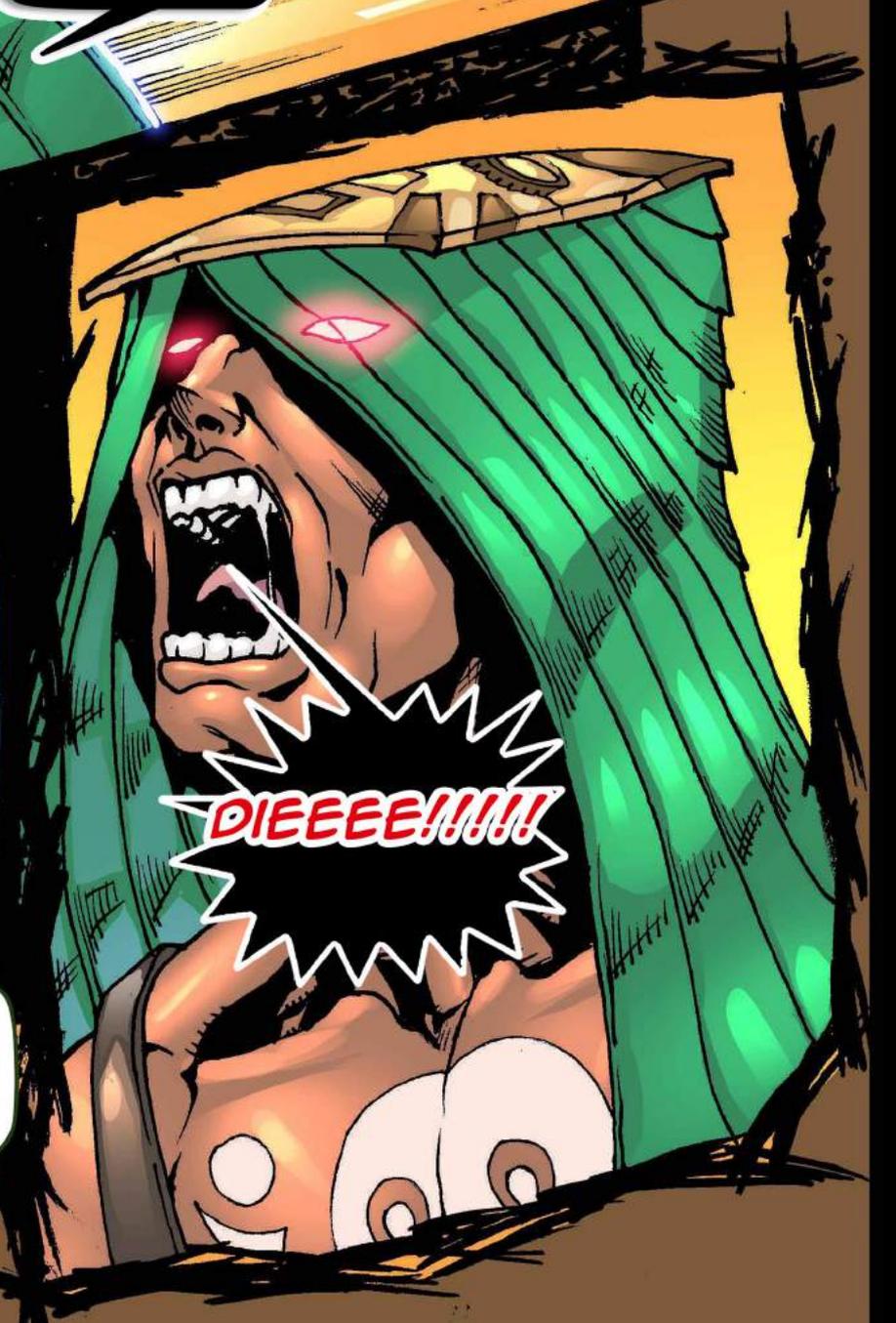


OKARA MMADU, OKARA
MMOLI, THE FIRST OF MY
NAME, ARCH LEADER OF
THE ÉGUNGUN & EKPE
MASQUERADES.

BRINGER OF
DEATH...



SHE WILL NEVER
BE SAFE WITH
YOU.



DIEEEE!!!!



TASTE THE
STEEL OF OUR
FALLEN
GODS.



I KNOW
NOT YOUR
GODS.

STEEL TO DUST
IN THE FACE OF
JUSTICE



ARKK ... YOU CAN'T
LINDERST AND... EVIL
BEYOND YOUR KNOW
- LEDGE COMES.



ASTRAL PROJECTION
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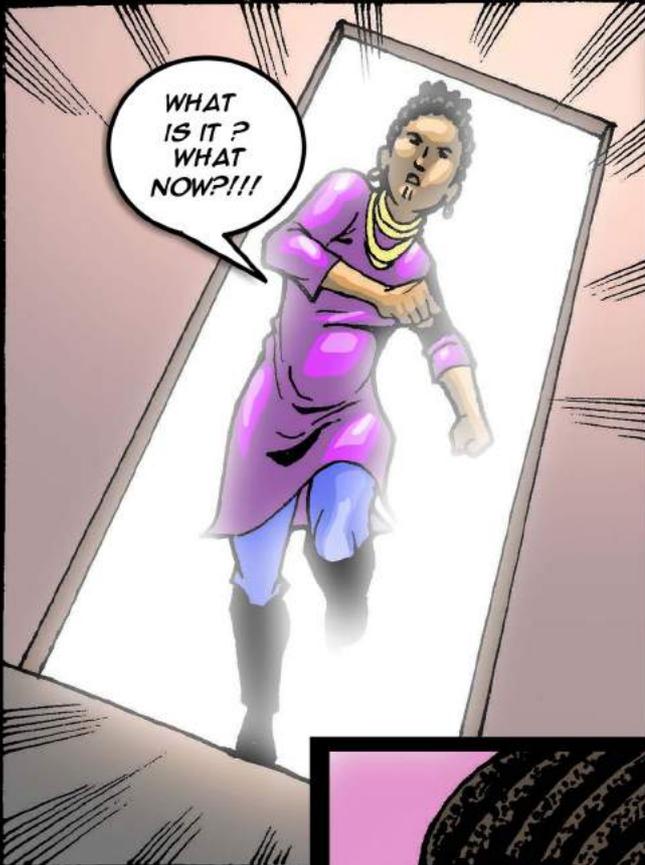
LET ME KNOW THIS
STRANGE EVIL FIRST.

JUNE
XII

DISAPPEARS IN A
PUFF OF BLACK
SMOKE



ARALIA!!!!
AFO ODU
MMON?!!



WHAT
IS IT?
WHAT
NOW?!!!



OBONGAWAN
FORGET EVERYTHING!
WE MUST MOVE NOW!



WHY ODI?

SOMETHING BEYOND MY
POWER COMES FOR US....
WE MUST MOVE

Now!

CULTURE 101

"MASQUERADES"



EGUNGUN

"EGUNGUN" REFERS TO THE YORUBA MASQUERADES CONNECTED WITH ANCESTOR REVERENCE, OR TO THE ANCESTORS THEMSELVES AS A COLLECTIVE FORCE.



EYO

THE ORIGINS OF THIS OBSERVANCE ARE FOUND IN THE INNER WORKINGS OF THE SECRET SOCIETIES OF LAGOS. BACK IN THE DAYS, THE EYO FESTIVAL IS HELD TO ESCORT THE SOUL OF A DEPARTED LAGOS KING OR CHIEF AND TO USHER IN A NEW KING.



NINZO

THESE NORTHERN MASQUERADES MAJORLY IN KADUNA ARE ONE OF THE MOST FEARED NIGERIAN MASKED DANCERS, AS THEY DUEL WITH MATCHES AND ARE POPULAR FOR SWORD SWALLOWING AND BLACK ARTS



OKOROSHI

THE OKOROSHI IS AN IGBO MASQUERADE, POPULAR IN THE EASTERN PART OF NIGERIA, THEY OFTEN COME IN PAIRS "ONYE - JUWE" AND ARE KNOWN FOR THE DANCE OF HEALING. RUMOUR HOLDS THEIR PALM FRONTS WHEN EATEN CAN CURE ALL DISEASES

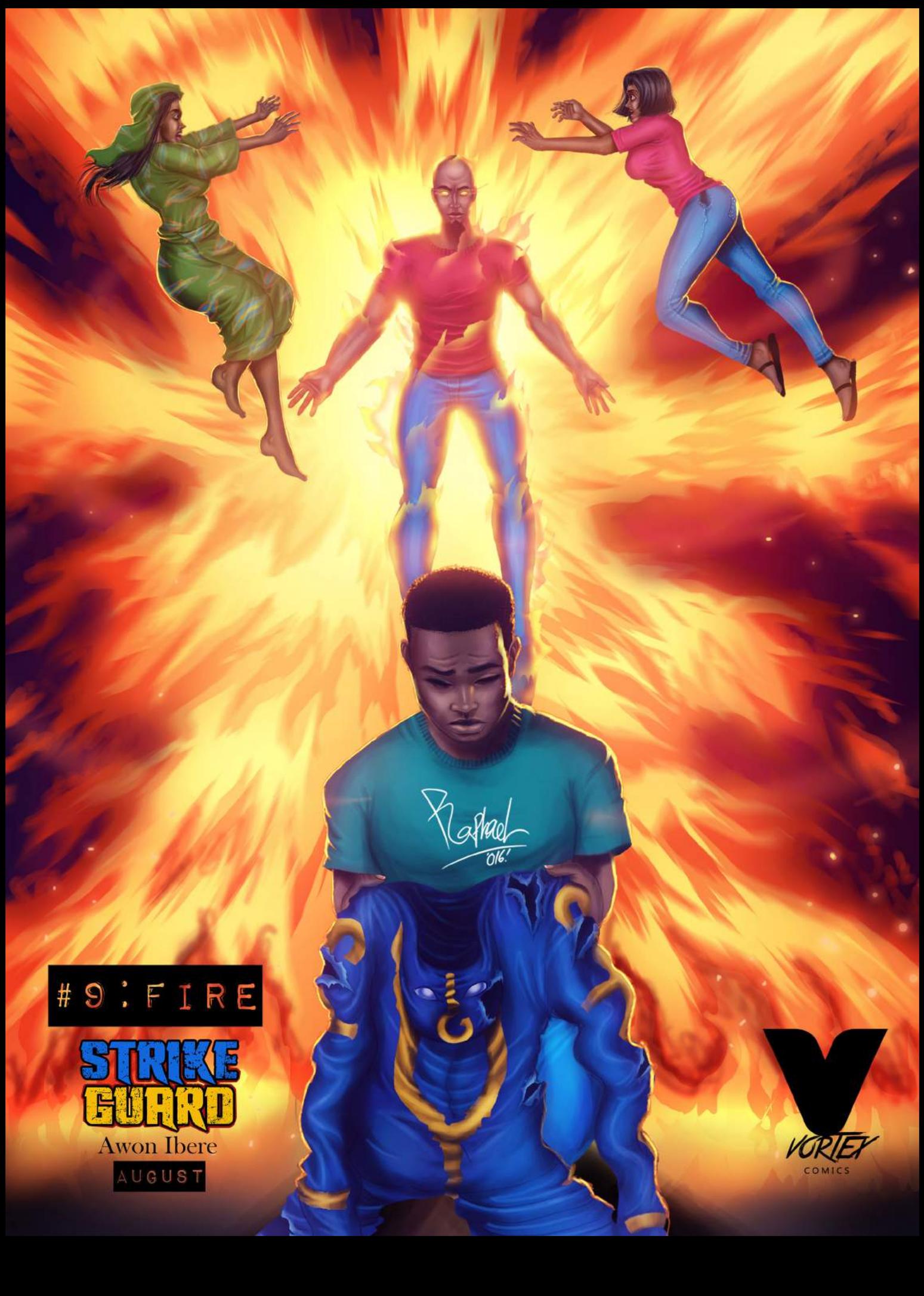


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REALM OF SPIRITS

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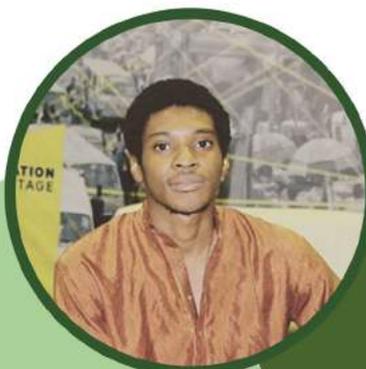


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Spirit Dance

OJUJU SPOILERS

Aralia Ufot



VILLIAN OR HERO

So! there seems to be a tad bit of confusion on this new palm font character with a mask for a cap, i mean why didn't he just wear the mask and not balance it on his head like a street hawker, oh why?!

Well we can tell you for sure that he isn't on either side i.e good or bad, his judgement is purely situational, he could have been worse but there's the little girl... yeah the one who can hear his thoughts ... she puts him in check (the best she can)

WHATS OJUJU'S STORY - RUNNING? FROM WHAT?

Well we can tell you for sure its not June XII, J-Baba just happened to find his mess when looking for someone else in his spare minutes from keeping the sanity of his people together against the raging Laalu, who for the longest time has been LOW KEY (Incognito). Well we can start by telling you he is a Masquerade (lol); from another time line and he is deeply connected with Aralia who is calabar royalty (Thats enough now).

WHAT ARE HIS POWERS?

Truth be told the creative team is still placing that under the microscope we want it to feel natural to the culture of Africa and the masquerades as well, we want African masquerades to be as references as the Japanese Samurai or Ninja! PREPARE your mind - Somto Ajuluchukwu

"The assignment to design Ojuju came when i got into university at ile-ife, i was pretty lucky to get immersed in traditional art around me. it was quite clear how i wanted the character to look"
- Toyin Ajetunmobi



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