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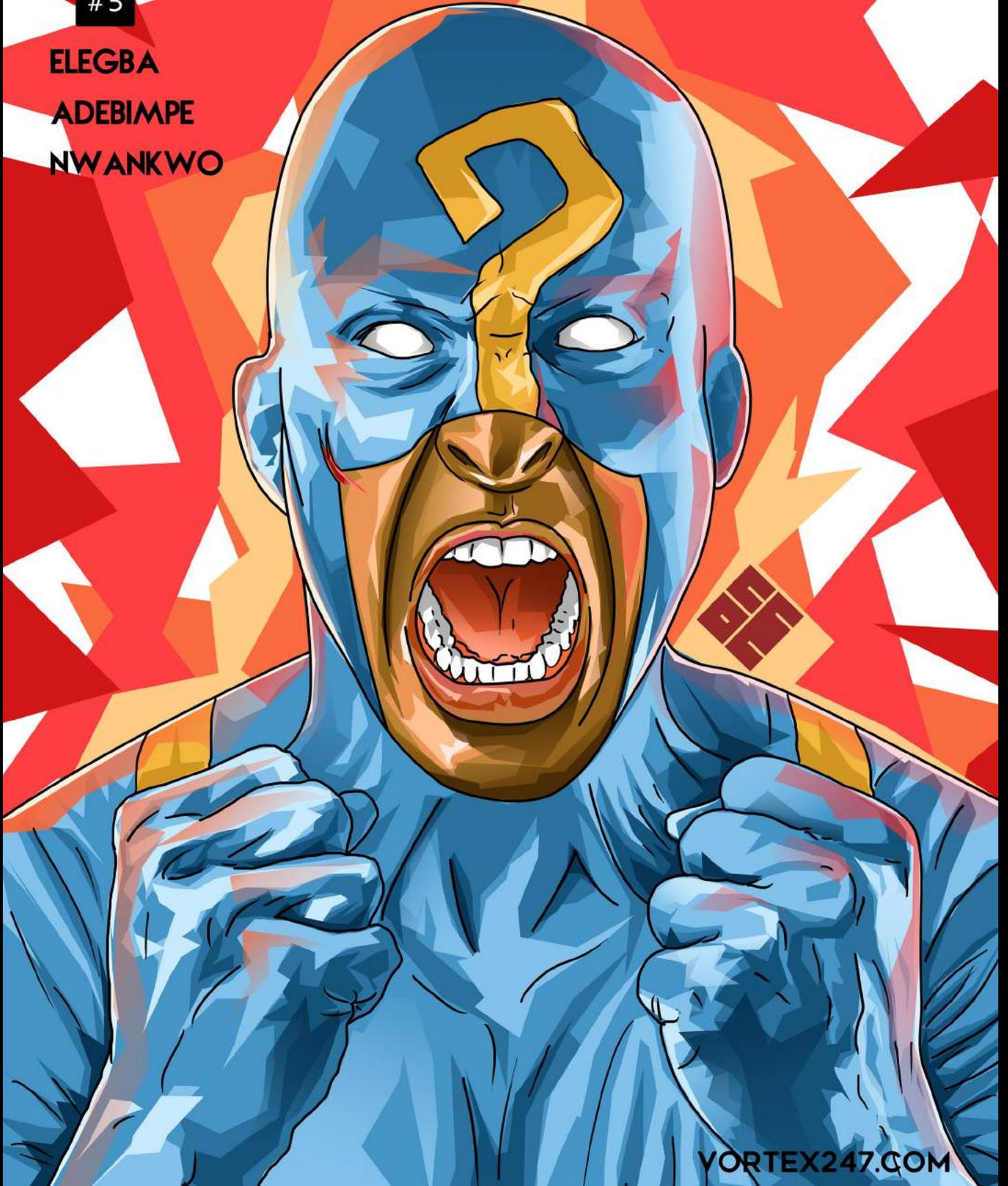
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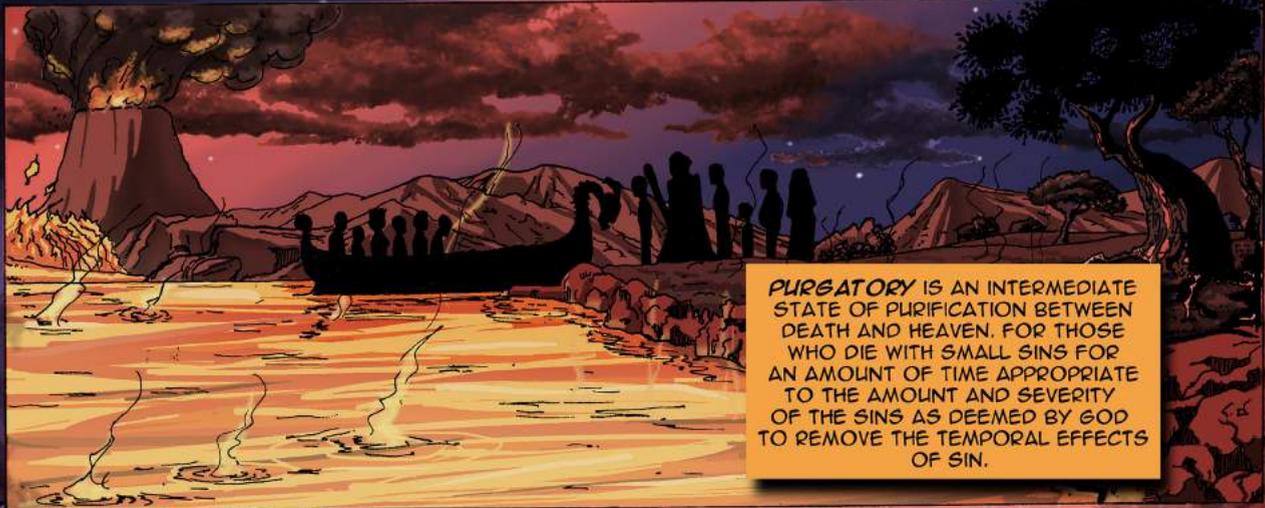


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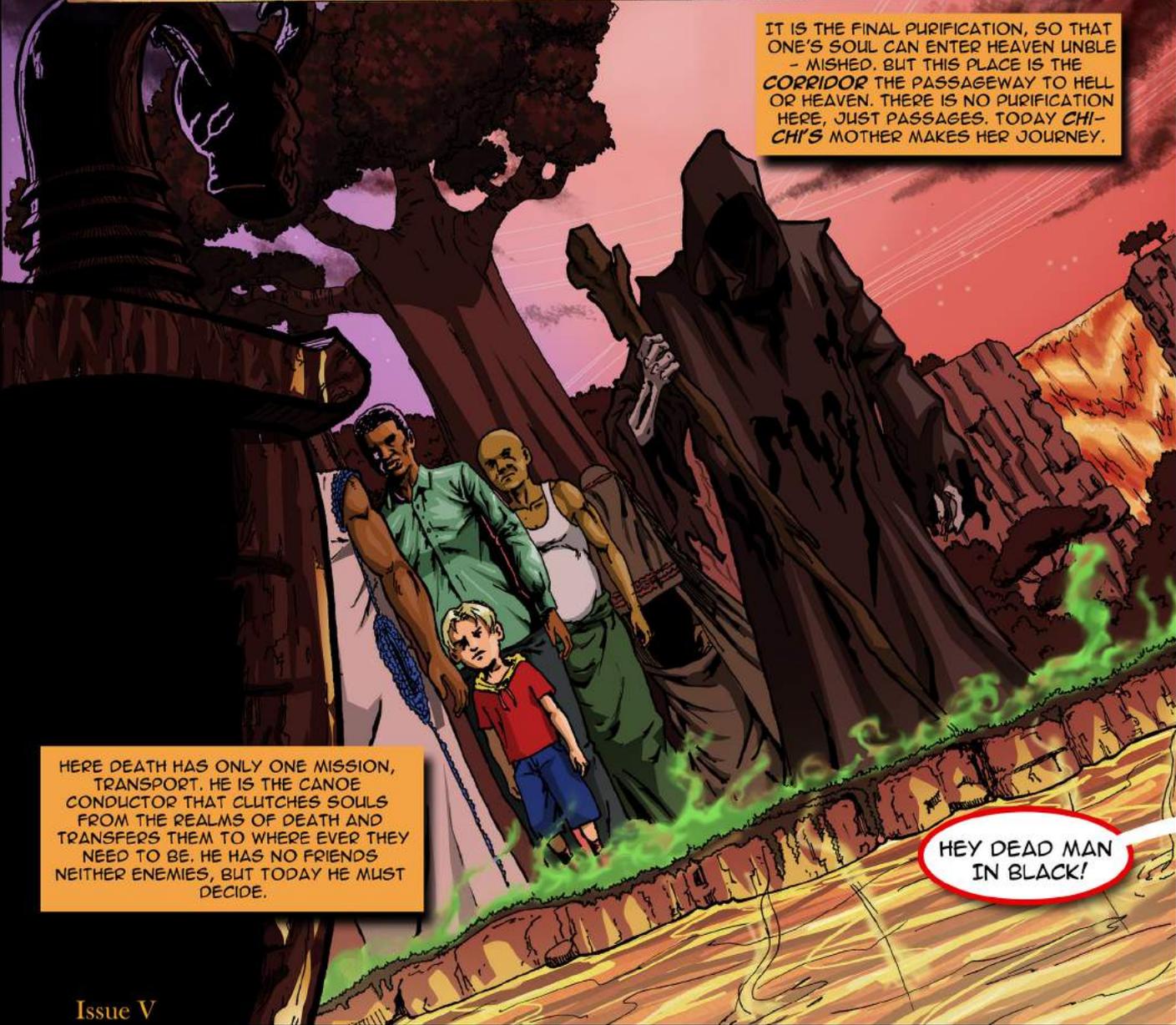
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PURGATORY IS AN INTERMEDIATE STATE OF PURIFICATION BETWEEN DEATH AND HEAVEN. FOR THOSE WHO DIE WITH SMALL SINS FOR AN AMOUNT OF TIME APPROPRIATE TO THE AMOUNT AND SEVERITY OF THE SINS AS DEEMED BY GOD TO REMOVE THE TEMPORAL EFFECTS OF SIN.

IT IS THE FINAL PURIFICATION, SO THAT ONE'S SOUL CAN ENTER HEAVEN UNBLEMISHED. BUT THIS PLACE IS THE CORRIDOR THE PASSAGEWAY TO HELL OR HEAVEN. THERE IS NO PURIFICATION HERE, JUST PASSAGES. TODAY CHI-CHI'S MOTHER MAKES HER JOURNEY.



HERE DEATH HAS ONLY ONE MISSION, TRANSPORT. HE IS THE CANOE CONDUCTOR THAT CLUTCHES SOULS FROM THE REALMS OF DEATH AND TRANSFERS THEM TO WHERE EVER THEY NEED TO BE. HE HAS NO FRIENDS NEITHER ENEMIES, BUT TODAY HE MUST DECIDE.

HEY DEAD MAN IN BLACK!

Issue V

LIMBO

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YOU INSULT ME MORTAL, HOW DID YOU GET HERE?



YOU COULD SAY I HAD SOME HELP. I BELIEVE YOU

BOTH HAVE MET BEFORE. AJA - GBEJA SAY HELLO TO MR DEATH?

WE HAVE NO TIME FOR PLEASANTRY. HAND OVER THE WOMAN TO US AND WE WILL BE GONE..



A SLEEPING BEAST IS AWOKEN FROM HIS MORBID SLUMBER



YOU? YOU ESCAPED FROM MY CLUTCHES ONCE. BUT TODAY I SHALL CORRECT MY ERROR.

IT WAS NO MISTAKE MESSANGER .I DEFEATED YOU ONCE AND I

ASSURE YOU THAT I WILL VANQUISH YOU AGAIN! MOVE BACK ABOLAJI!





TWO SPIRITS,
3 BLADES



ONE ETERNAL,
ONE DIETY,
WHO WINS?

WHAT DOES IT TAKE
TO LOOK *DEATH*
IN THE EYES?



YAAHHK

FOOL!

COURAGE ...



HAHAHAHAHA!
DO I SEE **BLOOD**?

IT MEANS I MAY
BECOME A
MORTAL AT THE
OTHER SIDE.

WHAT DOES HE
MEAN BY THAT?

IF YOU DIE **ABOLAJI DIES**
HERE YOU DIE AT THE
OTHER SIDE. IF I DIE HERE
, I WILL BECOME A **MORTAL**
AT THE OTHER SIDE...BORN
AFRESH AS A **BABY!**

BROS!
WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?



EWWWW!!!
THATS **CRAZY**
!!!



ARE YOU HERE TO
FIGHT OR TO MAKE
SMALL TALK. **TICK TOCK**
MY FRIENDS MY CARR
IAGE BOAT IS FULLY
LOADED AND **MUST**
MOVE.

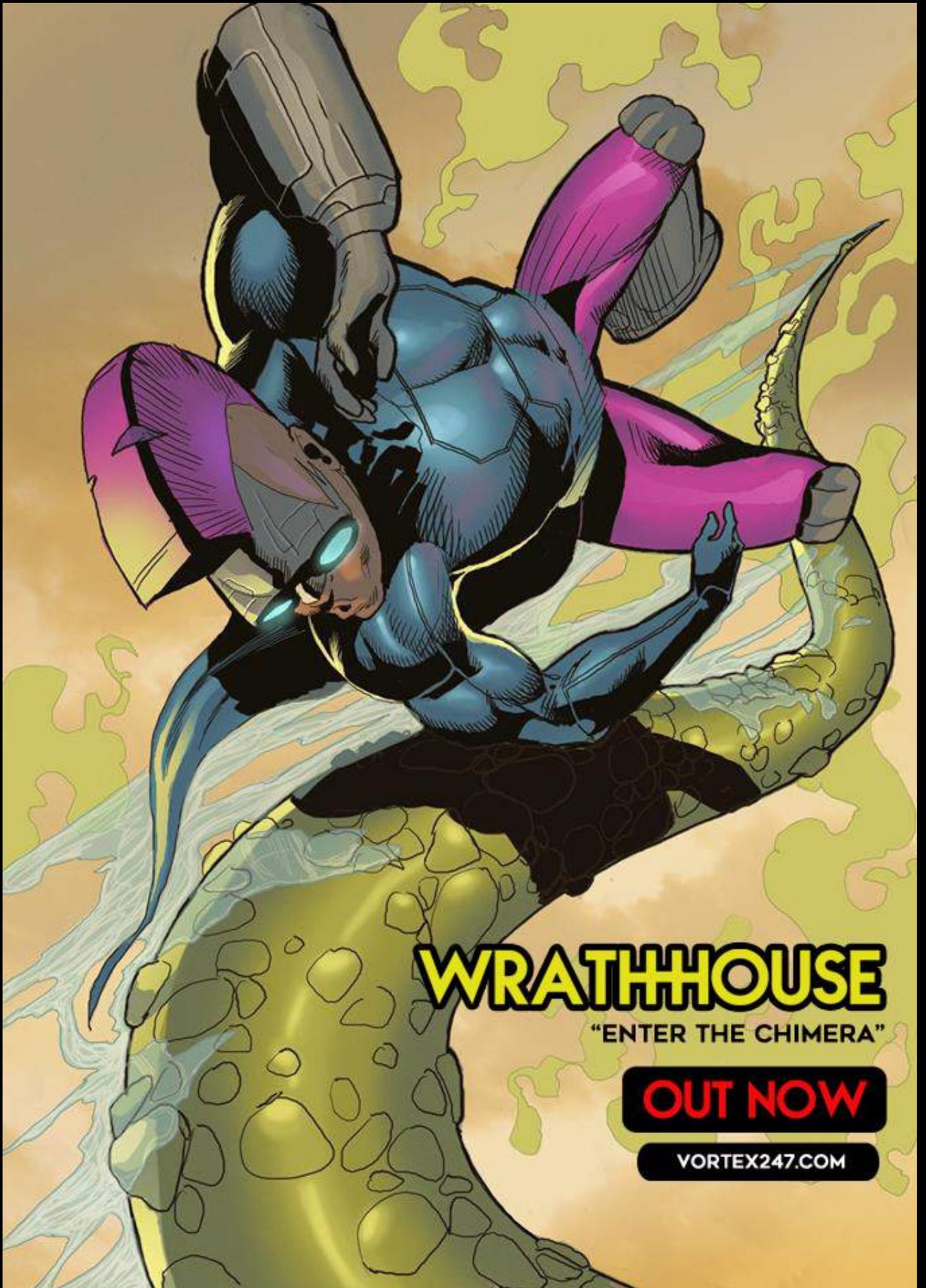


LIMBO HOLDS OUR PRE -
SENCE FOR THE WOMAN
WHOSE **SOUL** WAS DRAWN
BY YOU, WE DON'T LEAVE
TILL WE REVERSE YOUR
DOING THIS CAN BE
PEACEFUL



YOU BOTH
ARE FOOLS AND ILL ADVISED.
HOWEVER, I WILL HUMOUR YOU.
THERE IS STILL **ONE MORE**
SPACE FOR YOU. COME,
LETS DO **BATTLE!**

BUT IS THE **GREATEST**
FORM OF PEACE NOT
DEATH ?



WRATHHOUSE

"ENTER THE CHIMERA"

OUT NOW

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I SEE, I SEE
A BATTLE GOING
ON IN THE CORRI
- DORS OF
DEATH.

SHASHALABA
BABALAAAA!
ZENDE! MONDA!
SANDA!



A LOVER,
A FRIEND
FIGHT FOR
YOU



HIAN ...

I SEE TWO
BEINGS FIGHTING
FOR THE SOUL
OF YOUR
MOTHER...



DEATH AND BRO-
TERS BACK MY
MOTHER?

YES BABA! PLEASE
BABA! IS SHE
DEAD? WILL
THEY DEFEAT?

ESHU HANDS THE
INVISIBLE CALA -
BASH TO SHONPONNA



ONLY ONE CAN DEFEAT
DEATH MY DAUGHTER.
WE MUST PRAY DOWN
HELP IMMEDIATELY.
ONLY MICHAEL CAN
WIN THIS BATTLE.

SOB!
SOB!

TRANSLATION: ESHU - YORUBA DIETY OF TRICKERY AND MESSENGER BETWEEN HEAVE & EARTH
SHONPONNA - YORUBA DIETY BEARER OF ILLS (SMALL POX)
CALABASH - TRADITIONAL CONTAINER USED TO HOLD LIQUIDS / WATER / WINE



THEY BATTLED DEATH AS ONE UNIT, BUT VICTORY WAS FUTILE, EVEN FOR TWO GODS.



IN DEATHS CORRIDOR ..

WHAT THE



AT THE HEART OF LIMBO? ...



WHETHER ACIENT DEITY



DEATH

OR SUPERHUMAN



ONLY ONE VICTOR WILL EMERGE ...



HAI! HAI!
HAI! HAI!

AND THAT CHAMPION CAN ONLY BE DEATH HIM - SELF



SO ... MUCH POWER

WHO BE THIS GUY

FOOLS! WHO SENT YOU TO YOUR END? WHO LIED TO YOU THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO SNATCH A SOUL FROM ME WITHOUT A SACRIFICE OF EXCHANGE?

GRRRRRR

CALM DOWN FIRST ...



.... TIME OUT AJASBEJA. WE NEED TO THINK THIS THING THROUGH. OUR BRAIN IS NOT WORKING, MAYBE ITS TIME WE USED OUR BRAIN.

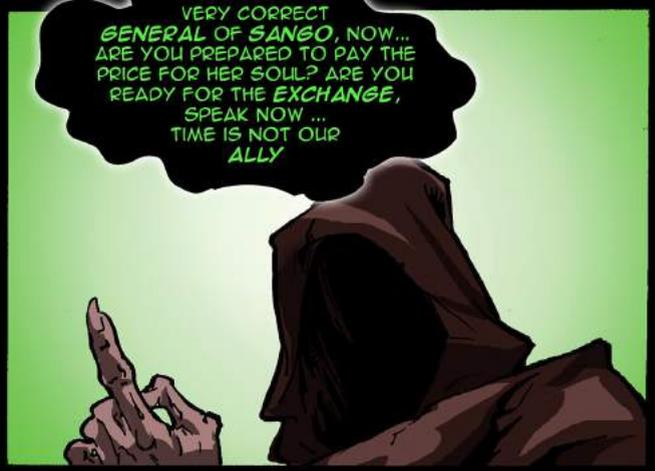
YOU CANT REASON WITH HIM. NO TRI-CKERY CAN WORK ON THIS ONE



AND YOU ARE BOTH RIGHT. NO LEVEL OF BATTLE CAN DEFEAT ME HERE. ON EARTH, YES BUT HERE, ONLY ONE POSSESSES THAT MANDATE.

SO WHAT SHOULD WE DO? YOU MENTION A SACRIFICE OF EXCHANGE.

HE IS ASKING THAT ONE OF US REPLACE THE OLD WOMANS SEAT ON THE BOAT. I AM NOT READY TO BE REBORN ABOLAJI.



VERY CORRECT GENERAL OF SANGO, NOW... ARE YOU PREPARED TO PAY THE PRICE FOR HER SOUL? ARE YOU READY FOR THE EXCHANGE, SPEAK NOW ... TIME IS NOT OUR ALLY

TRANSLATION: SANGO - AN ANCIENT YORUBA DIETY OF THE OLD OYO EMPIRE WITH THE ABILITY TO BREATH FIRE AND MANIPULATE LIGHTNING

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COMING THIS MARCH

IN THE HEAVENS



MORIACH A CELESTIAL, NOW A STENCH TO HIS FORMER COMRADES



MY CREATOR. MY LORD. I HAVE REALISED MY WRONG. REDEEM ME TODAY. I SEEK TO SERVE AT YOUR THRONE AGAIN. BEHOLD YOUR AMAZING GRACE, YOUR PRESENCE SAY SOMETHING MY LORD. I AM DYING INSIDE... I NEED YOUR LIGHT

WHAT THE **** DO YOU WANT

ELEDUMARE!



TRANSLATION: ELEDUMARE - YORUBA NAME FOR "GOD" (ALL POWERFUL)



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by Mel Ford

STRIKE FORCE SPOILERS



Spoil Light

Who will trade his soul for Chi Chi's mother, well in honesty, the council believes Chi Chi should come and trade her own soul but i guess she's not in this equation, sorry we don't have spoilers here all we can tell you is someone is about to be ... helpless.

DEATH is just the begining

Well as the Vortex Universe expands we can tell you for certain Death has a deeper role to play in the turn of events which will alter the universe and characters in more ways than we ever imagined SG 5 is a huge milestone and has inspired a new wave of creativity.

When is the collectors Edition Out

First we said on the 14th, then we said on the 29th and here we are about to give you yet another glorious date for the release of the print collectors edition, with out crossed fingers and doubt we would be bring prints to your hands by the end of March. Also look out for the cool sticker collections with each comic.



An Art diety comes after 6 years

When Babajide Adebimpe popularly known as "Briggs" resurfaced and annouced that he would be on the SG project, we were estatic, his first comic book project in the last 6 years! His lines have defined the style we would be using moving forward for the SG project. A diety amongst us.

A New era by Newman

The Vortex Comics art director has not only given the arts of Briggs life but amplified the creative juice of the team. A new season approaches us. Prepare.

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