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THE YEAR 2220; AFRICA HAS RISEN TO THE APEX OF WORLD AFFAIRS AFTER A NUCLEAR WAR IN THE WEST CRUMBLING CIVILIZATION, AFRICAN NATIONS HAVE UNITED TO FORM MOOR REPUBLIC STANDING TOGETHER AS A BEACON OF LIGHT TO THE WORLD AND NEW AGE OF CIVILIZATION.



DEDICATED TO THE AFRICAN REVOLUTION
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MANDALA FOREST
YEAR 2220

DARKNESS... MAN'S ONLY
NATURAL PREDATOR

ALL THE CREATURES SUBJECTED TO
MAN'S BRUTALITY DURING THE DAY...

GROWL

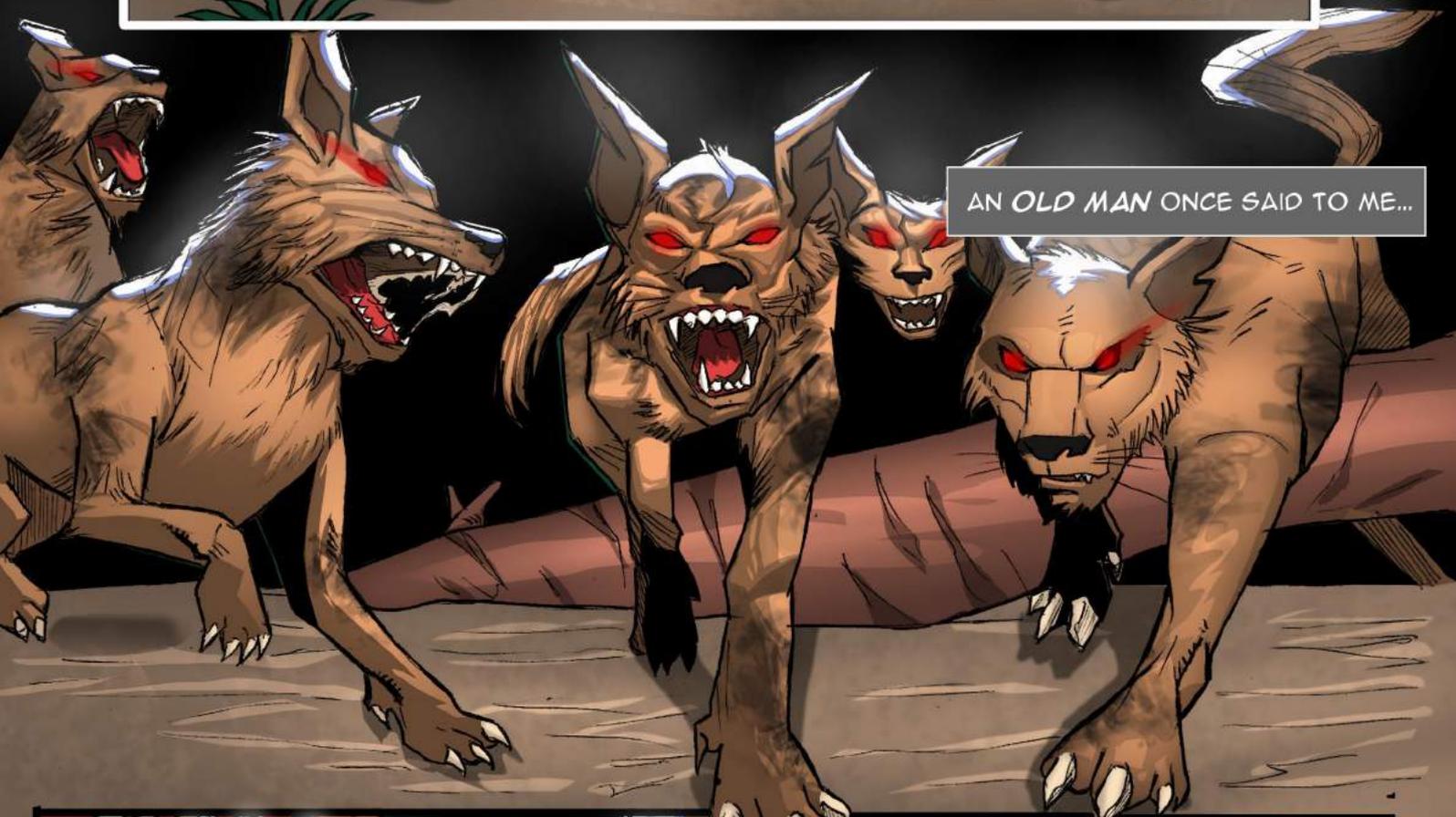
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FINALLY STAND A CHANCE.



AN OLD MAN ONCE SAID TO ME...



GROWL



'CHILD, *LIGHT* WOULD NOT EXIST
IF NOT FOR *DARKNESS*,
DARKNESS IF NOT FOR *LIGHT*.'



AS IF EVERYTHING IS THE WAY IT IS
FOR A REASON, PERFECTLY BALANCED.



AS IF THE TRUTH NEEDS THE LIES IN
THE SAME WAY THE IMPALA'S CUB
NEEDS THE HYENAS.





I GUESS IT WAS SUPPOSED TO COMFORT ME...



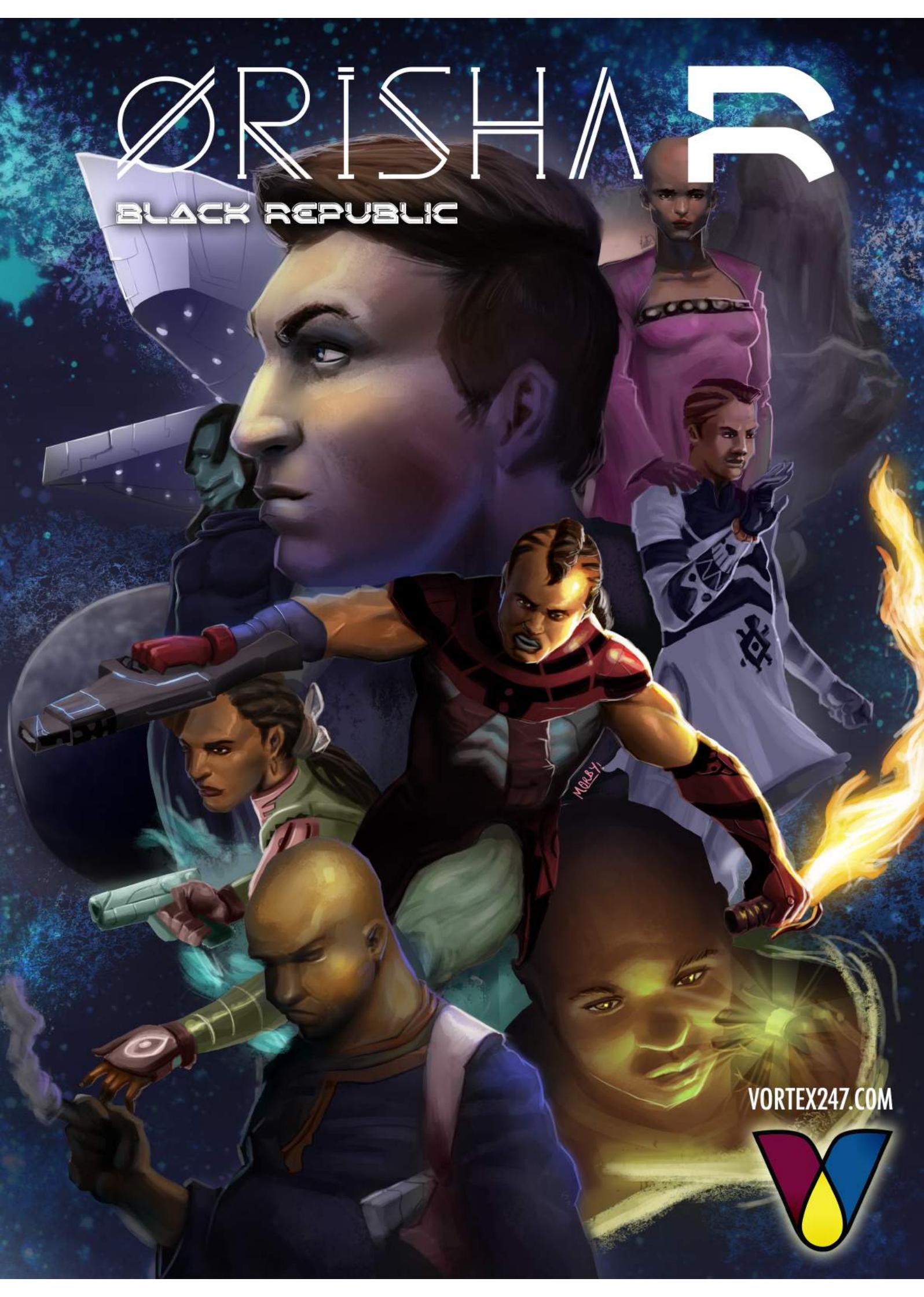
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THE THINGS WE TELL OUR CHILDREN
TO HELP THEM FALL ASLEEP AT NIGHT.

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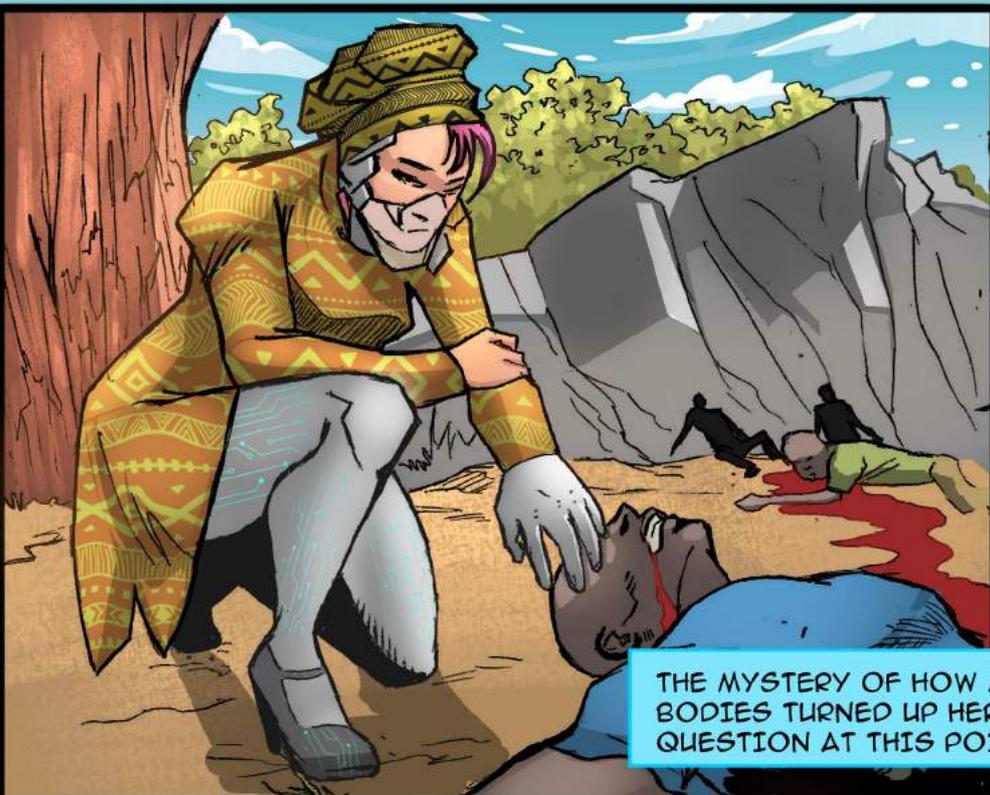


MANDALA FOREST
CRIME SCENE
SUNRISE

STATUS REPORT



REPORT SAYS THAT THEY
WERE LAST SEEN IN LOCATIONS
MILES AWAY FROM THIS FOREST.



THE MYSTERY OF HOW ALL THESE
BODIES TURNED UP HERE IS THE BIG
QUESTION AT THIS POINT, NOT THE KILLER.



WELL, DETECTIVE,
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY
LOST INTEREST IN CIVILIAN
TARGETS. WE SHOULD
TAKE COMFORT IN THAT.

EVEN IF
THEY ARE
MESSING
WITH US.



WITH NO LEADS
OUR ONLY OPTION
IS TO WAIT FOR THEM
TO MAKE A MISTAKE...

THEY'RE
MAKING THEM
AS PUBLIC AS
POSSIBLE.

THEY WANT ALL
OF MOOR REPUBLIC
TO SEE.

TO SEE HOW
WE CAN BARELY
EVEN PROTECT
OURSELVES...

THE BIG GUY
WON'T LIKE
THAT PLAN.
AND WE KNOW
WHO -

KNOWING ISN'T
GOOD ENOUGH.
BESIDES, THIS
ISN'T THEIR M.O.

HE'LL
WANT
MORE.

UNDERSTOOD.
BUT I'M
QUESTIONING
MATAMA.

I DON'T CARE
HOW POWERFUL
THAT KID IS.
HIS MINES -

I'M SORRY CHUBA,
CREED, BUT THERE'S
SOMETHING WE
THINK YOU SHOULD
SEE.

CHUBA.

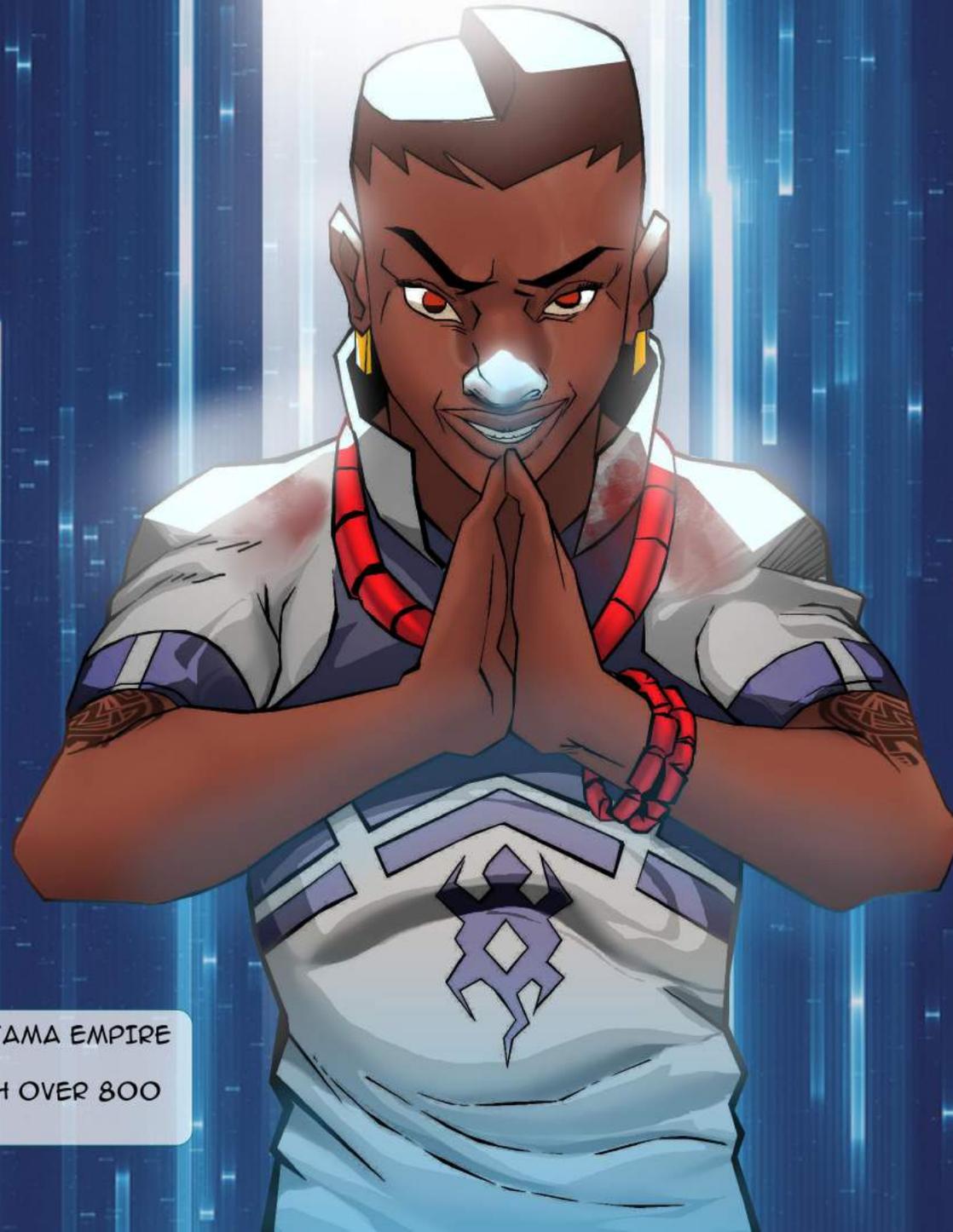
DETECTIVE SERGEANT OF THE
MOOR CIVIL SECURITY.
CHRONIC SMOKER, FATHER OF 2.

CREED.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR OF THE
MOOR CIVIL SECURITY.
EX ASIAN MILITIA.
LOST HALF OF HER BODY DURING
THE BATTLE OF OVUNDU CAVES.







MATAMA.

SUCCESSOR OF THE MATAMA EMPIRE
NUMBER ONE IN LUMIX.
MATAMA CORP IS WORTH OVER 800
BILLION COWRIES

A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T KNOW IT, BUT MY MOTHER WAS A WRITER. DID I EVER TELL YOU THAT?

MOST OF THE STORIES SHE WROTE FOR ME WERE TO KEEP ME AWAY FROM ALL OF THIS... TO KEEP ME PURE.

I STILL REMEMBER MY FAVORITES WORD FOR WORD...

ANENI.

HEAD OF SECURITY FOR MATAMA CORP AND PERSONAL SECURITY AND BABY SITTER FOR MATAMA.

ONCE, IN A LAND SO POOR THAT THE RICH FED ON RATS FOUND DEAD IN GUTTERS.

A LEADER WAS ELECTED.

NGUVEREN.

AMBASSADOR FROM KOTOBIA DISCUSSING TRADE OF LUMIX, HOME OF ALIEN LIFE FORM KNOWN TO CHANGE THE MATTER OF ANY MATERIAL THROUGH TELEKINESIS WHEN IN MEDITATIVE STATE



HE WAS TO GUIDE THE PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR DESTITUTION.



AND SHOW THEM HOW TO USE THE ABUNDANCE OF WHAT *OLODUMARE* HAD PROVIDED FOR THEM.



IT SEEMED HE MISUNDERSTOOD WHAT IT MEANS TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE.



HIS PEOPLE LOOKED ON IN CONFUSION AS HE GREW RICHER AND RICHER.



HIS WAX CLOTHS FINER AND HIS BELLY ROUNDER AS THEIR CLOTHES FELL APART AND THEIR STOMACH ATE AWAY AT THEMSELVES.

AS HE GREW MORE AND MORE POWERFUL

AND MORE AND MORE DISTANT FROM THE PEOPLE HE LED.



A DEEP LONELINESS GREW INSIDE HIM.



NO LONGER CAUGHT UP IN THE DAY TO DAY OF SURVIVAL.



HE WANTED TO USE HIS FREEDOM TO THINK, TO PHILOSOPHIZE.



AND TO SHARE IT WITH SOMEONE WORTHY.



AND SO HE DECIDED TO BUILD A TOWER SO HIGH IT WOULD REACH THE GATES OF THE HEAVENS.



AND THERE, HE WOULD FIND A GODDESS.

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ANY GODDESS.

SECURITY LOCKDOWN PROTOCOL
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GET
BACK
MATAMA!

ASH

AND AS HE SPOKE
HIS WISHES ALOUD.



AFTER BEING TRAINED BY THE MOOR COVERT OPS, THIS IS AMATEUR ASSASSINATION AT ITS PEAK.

SLINCH

SPLAT

THE TOWER ROSE BY THE HANDS OF HIS SUBJECTS.

click

UNTIL IT WAS SO HIGH THAT EVEN ON A CLEAR DAY HE COULD NOT SEE THE TOP.

click click

AS HE ROSE HIGHER AND HIGHER, HE NEVER CONSIDERED THAT HE WOULD GET TO THE TOP

AND UPON OPENING THE DOORS, THERE WOULD BE NO ONE THERE

BITZZZ

THE GODS WERE DEAD

AND HE WAS TRULY ALONE.

HE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE THEIR PLACE IN RULING THE WORLD.



IN THE END, HE WAS HAPPY WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT HE WOULD BE THE LAST GOD MANKIND WOULD EVER KNOW



HIS PEOPLE FELT THE SAME



TWAK



AT THE BOTTOM OF THE TOWER, THEY TURNED TO EACH OTHER AND PROMISED ONE THING

THE ONLY LAW THAT MATTERED IN
A LAND WITH NO GOVERNMENT,
NO LEADER...

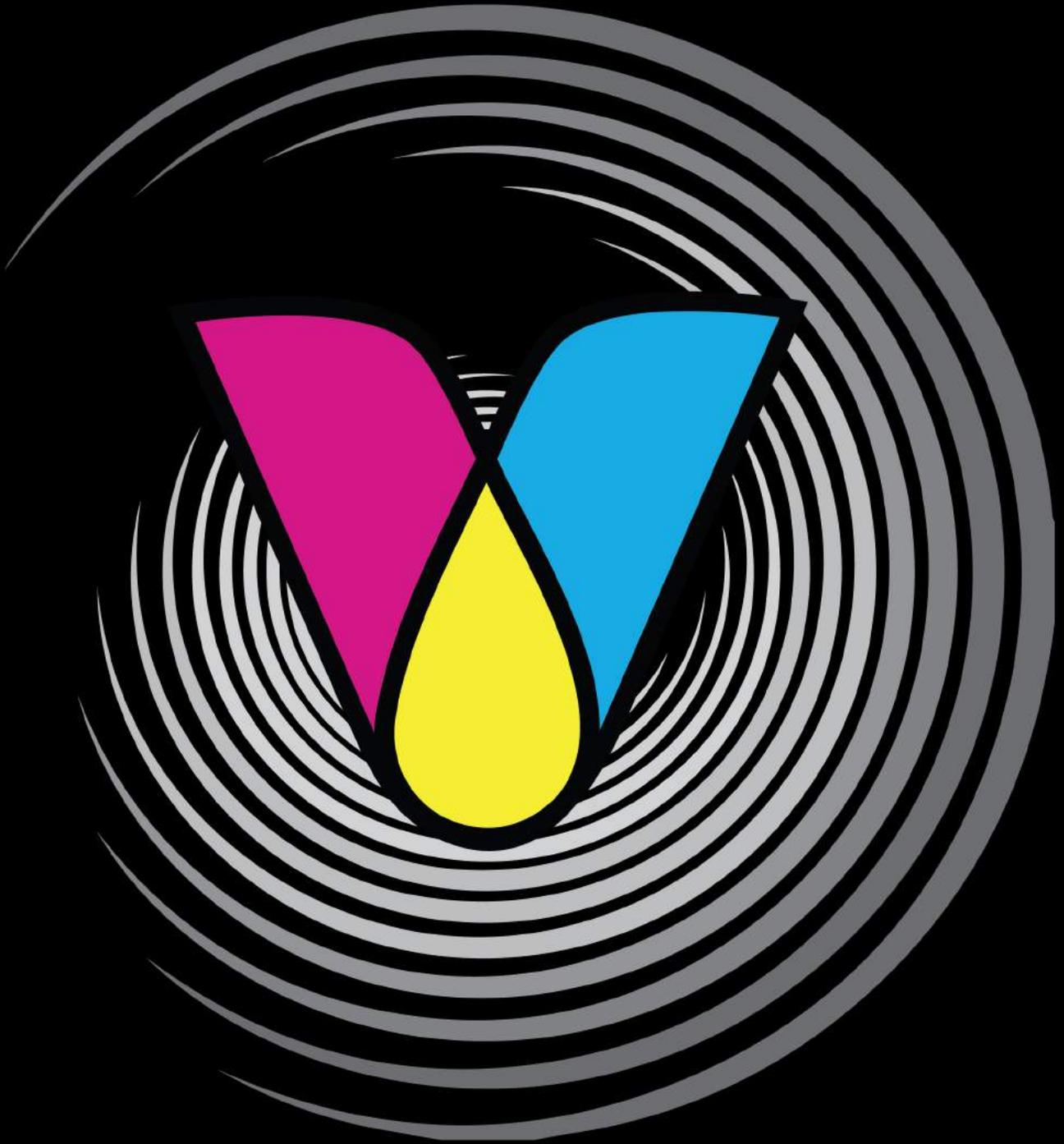




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