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BUGANDA, THE GREAT LAKES
EAST AFRICA.

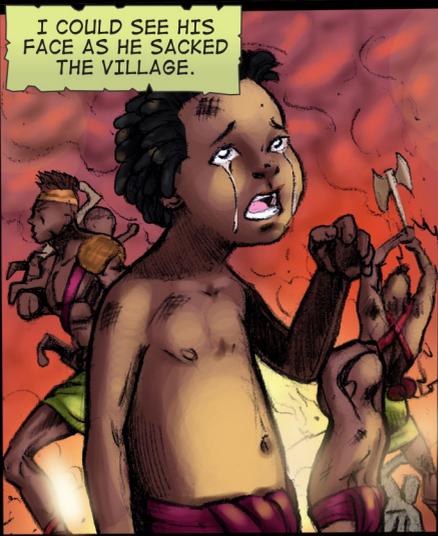
BLOOD AND TERROR
REIGNED THAT NIGHT.

NO MERCY... ONLY DEATH,
CHILDREN WERE TORN
FROM THEIR FAMILIES
FOREVER.

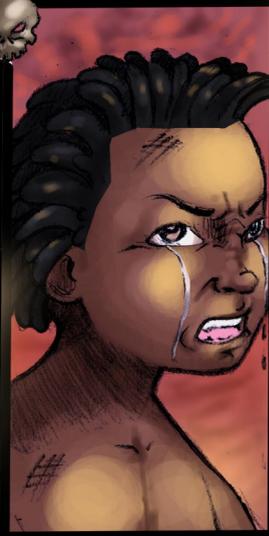
THEN I SAW
HIS FACE...

KILL THEM
ALL! TAKE THE
CHILDREN.





I COULD SEE HIS FACE AS HE SACKED THE VILLAGE.



NO CHILD SHOULD WITNESS SUCH DESTRUCTION AND CARNAGE THAT TOOK PLACE THAT DAY.



IT HAS BEEN 20 YEARS SINCE MY HEART WAS RIPPED FROM MY CHEST.



20 YEARS I HAVE BEEN TORMENTED BY THESE MEMORIES...



ARAALI... MY CHILD...



YOUR HEART IS LIKE A TEA CUP FILLED WITH SALT WATER.

IT CAN'T CONTAIN TEA BECAUSE THE EMPTINESS OF A TEA CUP IS ITS USEFULNESS.



I KNOW YOUR EXPERIENCES HAVE BEEN BITTER.

BUT DO NOT LET THEM HOLD YOU BACK OR STOP YOU FROM FULFILLING YOUR DESTINY.

MASTER KIN GOL. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MEAN?



REVENGE WILL ONLY BRING TEMPORARY RELIEF.

ARAALI MY CHILD, YOU ARE DESTINED FOR A HIGHER PATH.

BELIEVE ME, I KNOW.



BUT HOW DO I FIND THIS PATH, MASTER?



IT WILL FIND YOU, YOUNG MONK.

PREPARE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE MORE TRAINING TO UNDERGO.



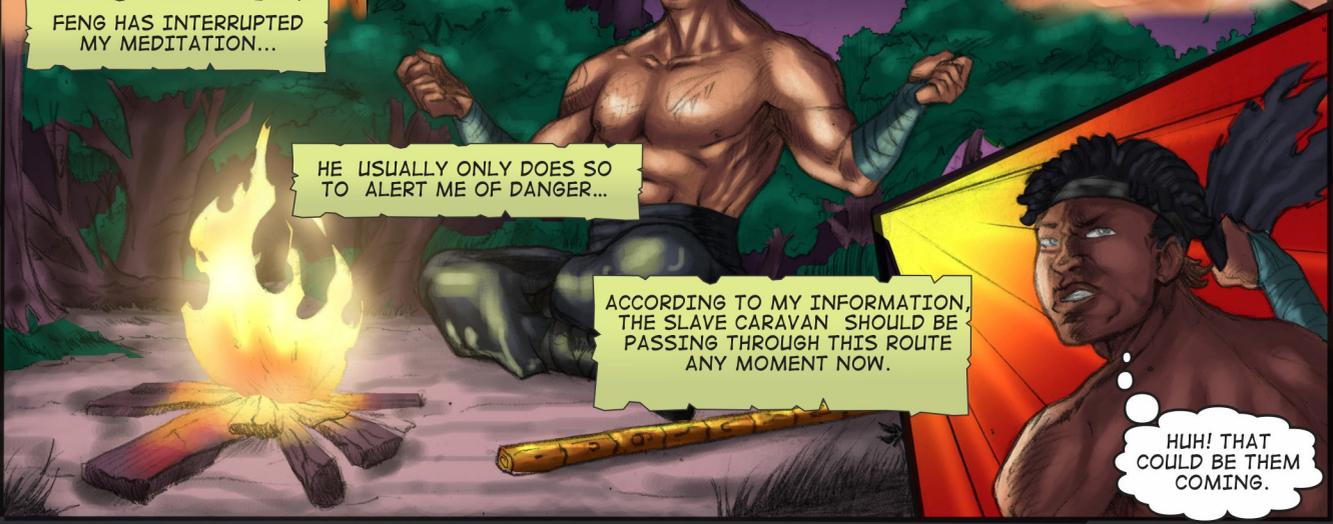
ARAALI, ARAALI!



HUH! FENG?



ARAALI, WAKE UP!



FENG HAS INTERRUPTED MY MEDITATION...

HE USUALLY ONLY DOES SO TO ALERT ME OF DANGER...

ACCORDING TO MY INFORMATION, THE SLAVE CARAVAN SHOULD BE PASSING THROUGH THIS ROUTE ANY MOMENT NOW.

HUH! THAT COULD BE THEM COMING.



HEY, BANZO.

WHAT?

WHY DO WE KEEP MOVING THE SLAVES AT NIGHT THESE DAYS?

THE REGULAR ROUTES WERE FASTER THAN THESE BUSHY, SMELLY PATHWAYS.

STUPID RAT FACE, HAVEN'T YOU HEARD OF THE SHADOW MAN?

SHADOW MAN? WHO IS HE?

SOME SAY HE IS A GHOST, OTHERS SAY HE IS A MYTH, BUT HE HAS MADE BUSINESS BAD FOR US.

IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE BOSS, I'D FOLLOW THE REGULAR PATH.

THIS SHADOW MAN SHOWS UP, I'D LET HIM HAVE A TASTE OF BANZO'S FISTS.



YOU TWO, SHUT YOUR MOUTHS.

YOUR AIMLESS BICKERING COULD WAKE THE DEAD!



I SWEAR IF I HEAR ONE MORE WORD...

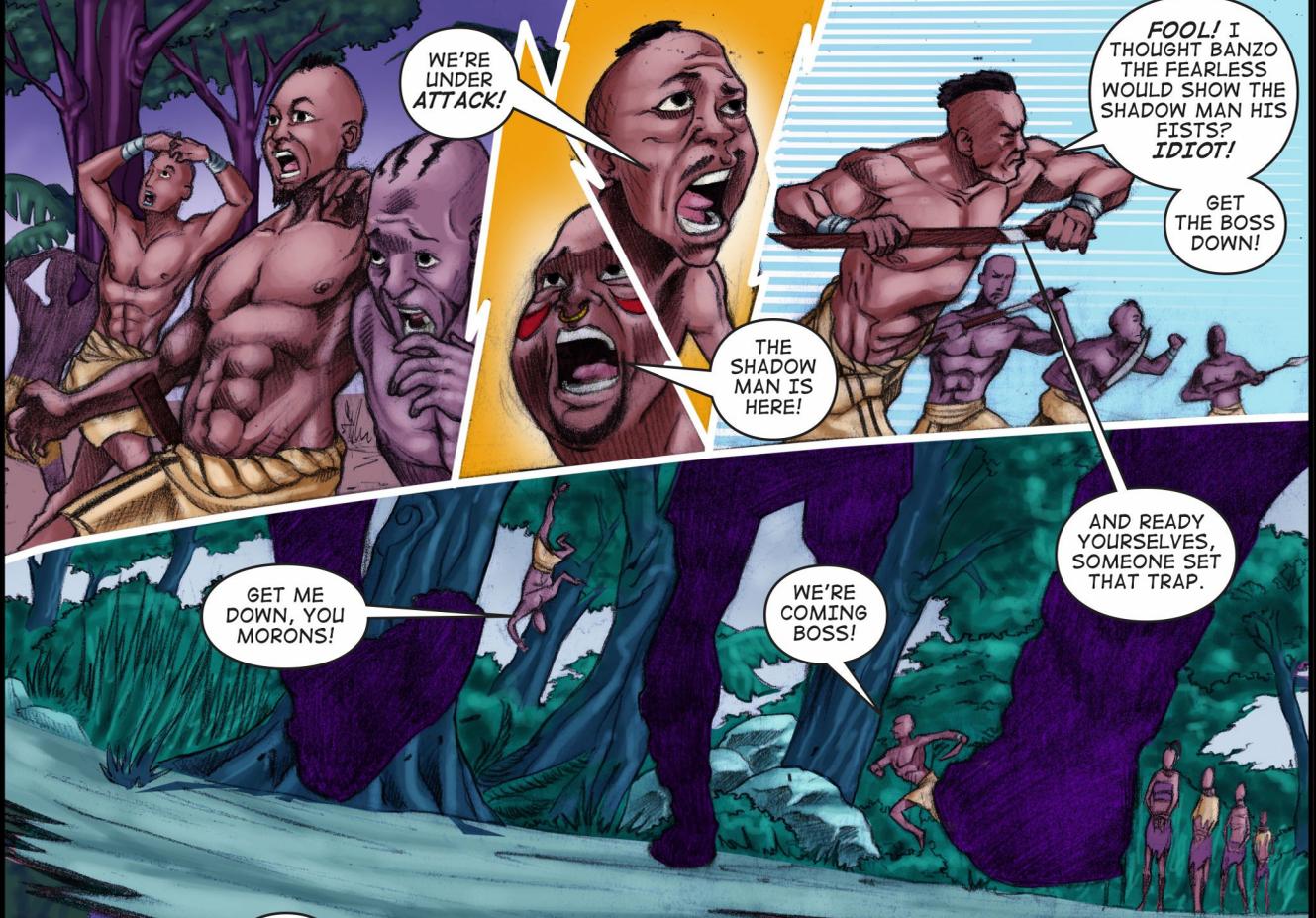


HUH?

I'LL-
WHAAAAAAAAA!!!

CHOI!

HEEEELP!!!--
GET ME DOWN FROM HERE, YOU FOOLS!



WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!

FOOL! I THOUGHT BANZO THE FEARLESS WOULD SHOW THE SHADOW MAN HIS FISTS? IDIOT!

GET THE BOSS DOWN!

THE SHADOW MAN IS HERE!

AND READY YOURSELVES, SOMEONE SET THAT TRAP.

GET ME DOWN, YOU MORONS!

WE'RE COMING BOSS!

STAY WHERE YOU ARE!



RELEASE THE CAPTIVES!



IS THAT HIM?

I AM SURE IT IS THE SHADOW MAN

BANZO WAS RIGHT.



IDIOTS TAKE HIM OUT, ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU ARE PAID FOR!

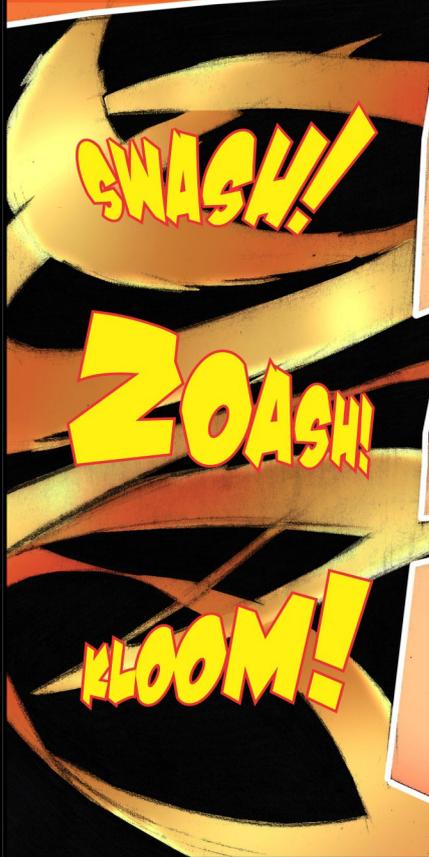


SUBDUE HIM MEN. HE IS ALONE.

AAAAAAAAA!



THEY NEVER COMPLY



AAAAAAAAA!



WHAT DOES THIS MARK MEAN?

DON'T HURT US, PLEASE. WE ONLY DO IT FOR THE MONEY.

SHUT UP AND LISTEN! I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU AND YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT.

WE WILL TELL YOU ALL WE KNOW.

PLEASE MASTER, ANYTHING FOR YOU.

WHAT? AHH— YES, I KNOW IT WE WILL TELL YOU ALL, JUST PLEASE DON'T HURT US.

LATER.



THANK YOU SO MUCH.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

YOU HAVE SAVED US FROM DEATH.



USE THE OLD PATH BACK TO RED VALLEY. FROM THERE YOU SHOULD FIND YOUR WAY HOME.

THANK YOU, STRANGER. BECAUSE OF YOU WE WILL BE ABLE TO PROTECT OURSELVES AGAINST THESE SLAVERS AND BANDITS.



FAREWELL!



FAREWELL,
LITTLE ONE.



GOOD
BYE.



LATER STILL.



FINALLY,
SOME REAL
INFORMATION
OKPONDO, I
KNOW WHO
YOU ARE—

THE
MAKAZI.



SLAVERY. IT
MUST BE PUT TO
AN END...

...THEIR
WRONGS MUST
BE AVENGED!

...OKPONDO,
I AM COMING
FOR YOU.



ARAALI...

WHAT— WHO GOES THERE?

A GREATER TASK LIES BEFORE YOU.

ARAALI, CEASE THIS SELFISH QUEST FOR VENGEANCE



WHAT IS THIS! WHO ARE YOU?



HUH! WHERE DID HE GO?

WHO ARE YOU? SHOW YOURSELF!





I AM **OIN**, FIRST SENTIENT OF THE MLEZI, GUARDIAN OF THE REALM OF EARTH.



YOU ARE A GUARDIAN SPIRIT. YOUR DUTY IS TO PROTECT HUMANITY.

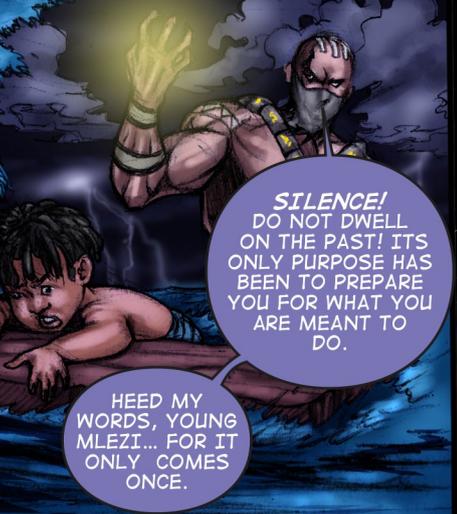
DROP YOUR GUARD, I AM NOT HERE TO HURT YOU, BUT TO PREPARE YOU.

PREPARE ME FOR WHAT?



YOUR ENTIRE EXISTENCE AMOUNTS TO THIS CALLING.

DO NOT TRY TO STOP ME FROM DESTROYING THOSE WHO WOULD ENSLAVE OTHERS!



SILENCE! DO NOT DWELL ON THE PAST! ITS ONLY PURPOSE HAS BEEN TO PREPARE YOU FOR WHAT YOU ARE MEANT TO DO.

HEED MY WORDS, YOUNG MLEZI... FOR IT ONLY COMES ONCE.

FOLLOW THE EAST WIND AND IT WILL GUIDE YOU TO YOUR DESTINY.



I WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU AT THE TEMPLE OF THE MLEZI.



GO NOW!

NO, WAIT!

THE FATE OF LIFE ITSELF RESTS IN YOUR HANDS!

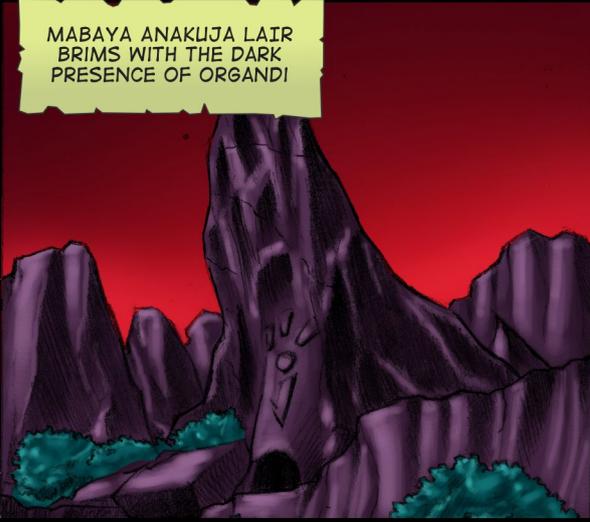


WHO COULD THIS BE?

IS THIS WHAT MASTER KIM MEANT, WHEN HE SAID MY DESTINY WILL FIND ME?

HOW DOES HE EXPECT ME TO FOLLOW THE WIND?

MABAYA ANAKUJA LAIR
BRIMS WITH THE DARK
PRESENCE OF ORGANDI



KING TAJI RECONVENES WITH
HIS LORD AND MASTER.



HIS SOUL YEARNES EARNESTLY TO BE
IN THE PRESENCE OF ORGANDI.



MY LORD.



NOW THAT
YOU HAVE
CONQUERED
ZAGHAWA
I HAVE ANOTHER
TASK FOR YOU.



YOUR WILL
IS MY COMMAND,
FOR YOU HAVE MADE ME
A POWERFUL KING.
NAME THE TASK, MY
LORD, AND IT IS DONE.

FOOLISH
MORTAL!

WHAT
DO YOU KNOW
OF POWER?
I COULD MAKE
YOU A GOD IF
I CHOOSE.



ME A
GOD? BUT
HOW?

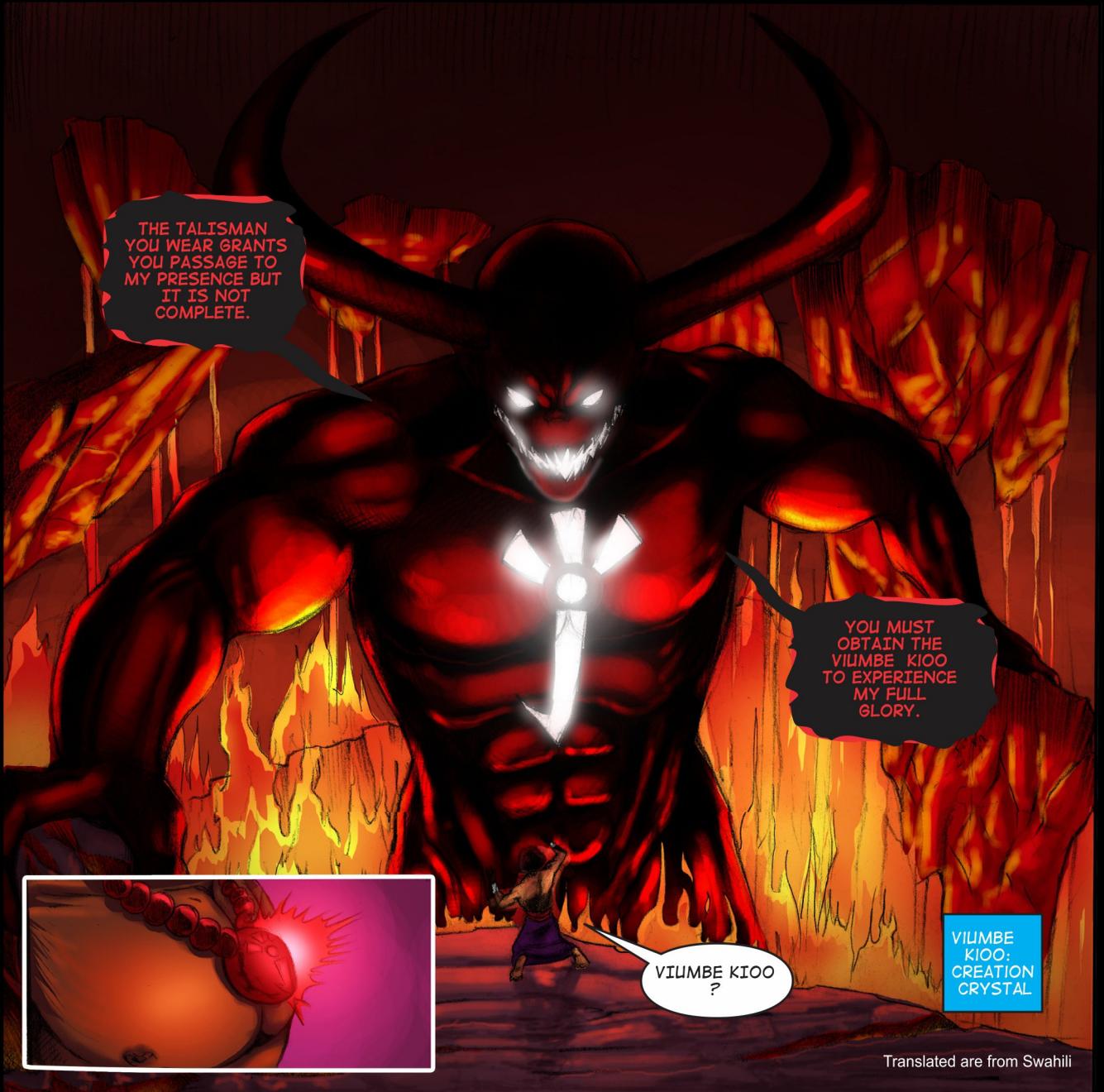




HAAA!,
MY LORD!

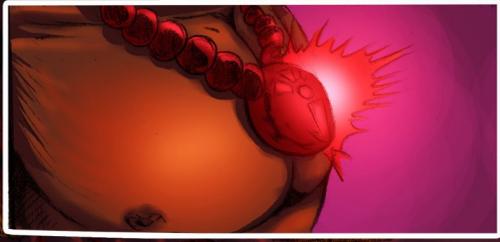


YOU TREMBLE
MORTAL! WHAT YOU
BEHOLD IS NOTHING
BUT A SHADOW OF
MYSELF.



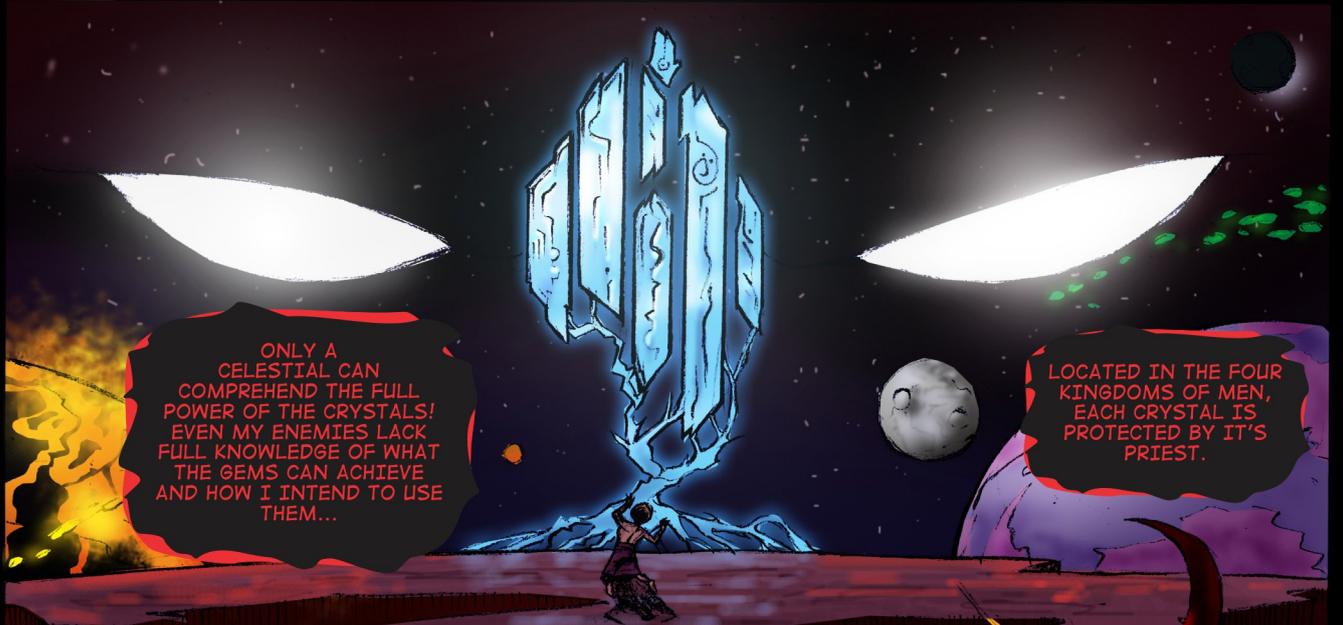
THE TALISMAN
YOU WEAR GRANTS
YOU PASSAGE TO
MY PRESENCE BUT
IT IS NOT
COMPLETE.

YOU MUST
OBTAIN THE
VIUMBE KIOO
TO EXPERIENCE
MY FULL
GLORY.



VIUMBE KIOO
?

VIUMBE
KIOO:
CREATION
CRYSTAL



ONLY A CELESTIAL CAN COMPREHEND THE FULL POWER OF THE CRYSTALS! EVEN MY ENEMIES LACK FULL KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT THE GEMS CAN ACHIEVE AND HOW I INTEND TO USE THEM...

LOCATED IN THE FOUR KINGDOMS OF MEN, EACH CRYSTAL IS PROTECTED BY IT'S PRIEST.



...YOUR PREDECESSOR FAILED ON THIS MISSION, GOT CARRIED AWAY BY HIS BLOOD LUST.

NOW THE TASK FALLS ON YOU...



...OBTAIN THE CRYSTALS, FOR IT HAS THE POWER TO FREE ME FROM THIS CHASM I INHABIT.



WHEN I AM UNITED WITH THE CRYSTALS, YOU SHALL BE MY HERALD OF CHAOS TO USHER IN A NEW ERA UNDER ME.



MY MEETING WITH YOU IS LIMITED DUE TO THIS UNRIGHTEOUS CAPTIVITY.

YOU MUST FULFIL THIS DUTY QUICKLY, BEFORE MY ENEMIES LEARN OF IT AND SEEK TO PREVENT IT.

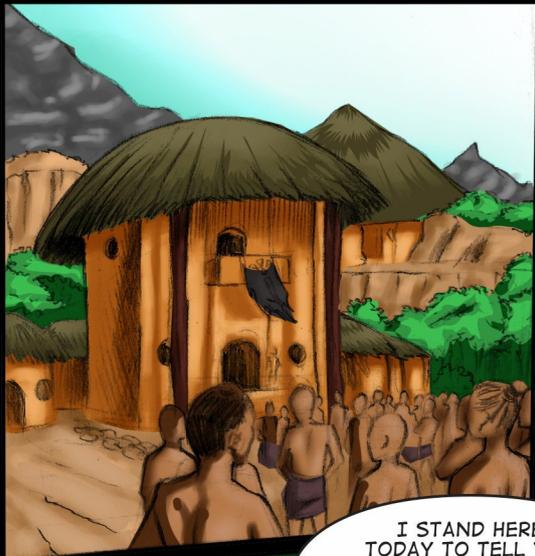
YES LORD, YOUR WILL IS MINE TO UPHOLD.



WITH THE COMBINED KNOWLEDGE OF PRIESTESS MCHAWI, YOU WILL OBTAIN THE GEMS.

YES LORD.

YES LORD, IT IS DONE.



MY PEOPLE OF ZAGHAWA, WE ARE AWARE OF THE TRAGEDY THAT HAS BEFALLEN US.

THE RECENT ASSASSINATIONS OF MY FATHER THE KING AND MY BROTHERS, THE HEIRS TO THE THRONE.



I STAND HERE TODAY TO TELL YOU, GOOD PEOPLE OF ZAGHAWA! WE HAVE APPREHENDED THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS TRAGEDY

ELDER ZOKA AND CHIEF JOBA WERE BEHIND THE MURDERS OF OUR GREAT KING AND HEIRS TO THE GLORY OF ZAGHAWA.

I AM INNOCENT, MY LORD, I AM INNOCENT!



THIS HEINOUS CRIME MUST BE FACED WITH THE ULTIMATE PUNISHMENT.

I AM INNOCENT MY LORD, PLEASE SPARE MY FAMILY.

THEY CONSPIRED WITH ZAGHAWA'S ENEMIES, EVEN AFTER MY FATHER BROUGHT PEACE TO THE LAND OF MEN.



KILL THEM!



NOOOOO!!!
WHAAAA!!!



AHHHHHHHH!!!



SHUNK!



THIS SERVES AS A WARNING TO ALL WHO MAY OPPOSE ME AS KING. MY FATHER WAS WEAK, THAT IS WHY THIS TRAVESTY OCCURRED, BUT NO MORE. I SHALL RID THIS WORLD OF ANY WHO OPPOSE MY RULE!



DURING MY TRAVELS TO NEIGHBORING KINGDOMS, I LEARN'T OF THE HATRED AND ENVY THE OTHER KINGDOMS HAVE FOR ZAGHAWA.

THEY DISCOVERED MY KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR TREACHERY AND SOUGHT TO KILL ME.

BUT I SURVIVED. I TRIED WARNING MY FATHER, BUT HIS NEED FOR PEACE GOT THE BETTER OF HIM.



NO MORE! WE MUST INVADE AND VANQUISH OUR ENEMIES FOR THEY HAVE BROKEN THE PEACE ACCORD MY FATHER MADE MANY YEARS AGO!

WE MUST EXPAND OUR BORDERS, TAKE CONTROL OF THE SILK ROAD! PEOPLE OF ZAGHAWA PREPARE YOURSELVES AND EMBRACE OUR DESTINY TO RULE ALL. WE SHALL CLAIM ALL LANDS UNDER ZAGHAWA.

WITH THE HELP OF OUR NEW ALLIES THE MAKAZI, WE HAVE INFINITE POWER TO CLAIM OUR ENEMY'S TERRITORIES AND CLEANSE THIS WORLD OF THE EVIL THAT SEEKS TO DESTROY THE GLORY OF ZAGHAWA!

YEEAAAHH!
YEEAAAAHH!



GLUGA, READY THE MABAYA ANAKUJA.

KARVBA IS IN HASTE TO RALLY THE REST OF THE MABAYA ANAKUJA, MY LORD.

WE ARE READY.



SUMMON THE PRIESTESS AND THE REST OF THE MAKAZI!

YES, MASTER!

THE OUTSKIRT OF
LIMBA WEST AFRICA.

THE RUINE
STONE LEADS
ME THROUGH
THESE PARTS...



LIMBA, A PLACE OF
MERCHANTS, PEOPLE
FROM ALL OVER GATHER
TO TRADE.

WELCOME,
MY LADY!

OHH.
THANK YOU,
GOOD MAN!

MANGOES!
GET YOUR FRESH
MANGOES
HERE!

COME TRY MY
WONDERFUL
PEARS!

RED PEPPERS!
TASTY AND
DELICIOUS!

WOW.
THIS MARKET IS
OVERWHELMING, BUT
THE STONE HAS
BROUGHT ME HERE FOR
A REASON. ANOTHER
MLEZI SPIRIT MUST
BE HERE.



DUKAT, DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?

YES BARKU, SHE IS LADEN WITH RICHES.



YES BOSS, THEN WE WILL HAVE A GREAT FEAST!

AND SURELY ASKING US TO HELP OURSELVES.

EVEN HER BRACELETS AND TRINKETS ARE INVITING.



HELLO HANDSOME. WHAT A CUTE KID, WHERE ARE YOUR PARENTS?



LA ZUBIM KI WA.



YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND A WORD I'M SAYING, DO YOU?





OHH...WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE ?

NOT ANOTHER GROUP OF BANDITS THIS IS THE SECOND LOT ON THIS JOURNEY.

AND WHAT IF I DON'T?

I WILL JUST HAVE TO TEACH THEM A LESSON.

YES, YOUNG LADY.

FIRST OF ALL, YOU ARE IN OUR TERRITORY AND THAT IS TOO MUCH GOLD FOR A STRANGER TO CARRY.

SO, IT WOULD BE KIND OF YOU TO DROP THE GOLD AND LEAVE LIMBA IMMEDIATELY.

MAY I HELP YOU GENTLEMEN?

LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF.

I AM BARKU, LORD OF THIEVES IN THIS PROVINCE.

I THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT I DESPISE THREATS.

NO ONE DARES DEFY ME. I TAKE WHAT I WANT WHEN I WANT.

THAT IS NO CONCERN OF MINE. OK, MEN, RELIEVE HER OF THE GOLD.



RIGHT BOYS, IT'S TIME SOMEONE TAUGHT YOU A LESSON!

WOOF!

CRACK!

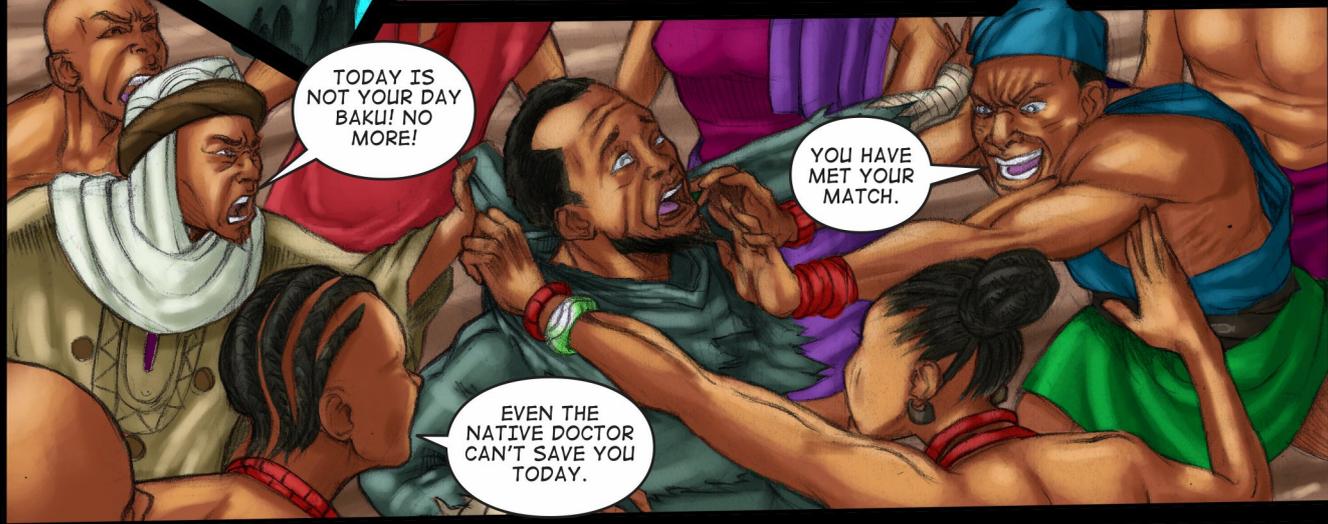


SHE TOOK OUT
DUKA... IN A
SINGLE STRIKE!

MUST GET
OUT OF HERE
AND RE-GROUP!

BARKU HAS
BEEN
SHAMED!

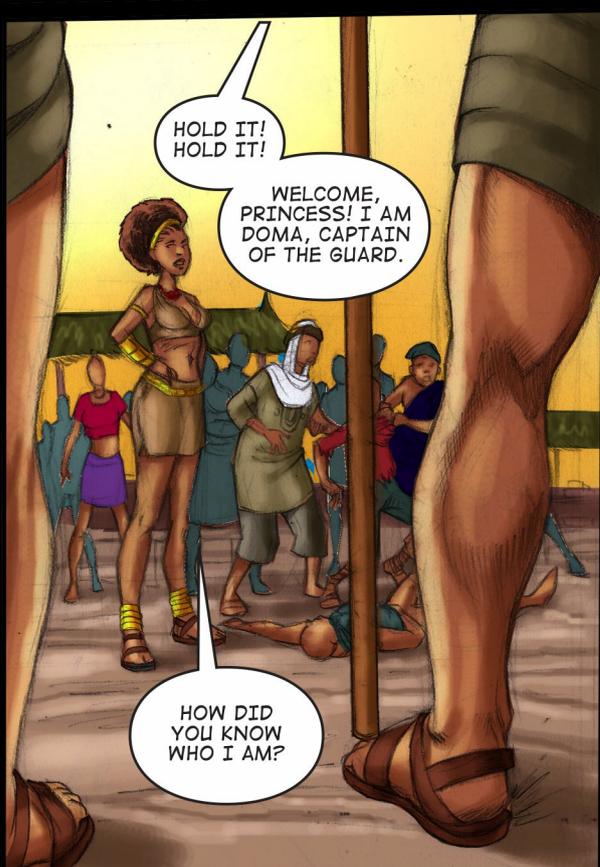
QUICK, THIS
IS OUR CHANCE,
SEIZE HIM!



TODAY IS
NOT YOUR DAY
BAKU! NO
MORE!

YOU HAVE
MET YOUR
MATCH.

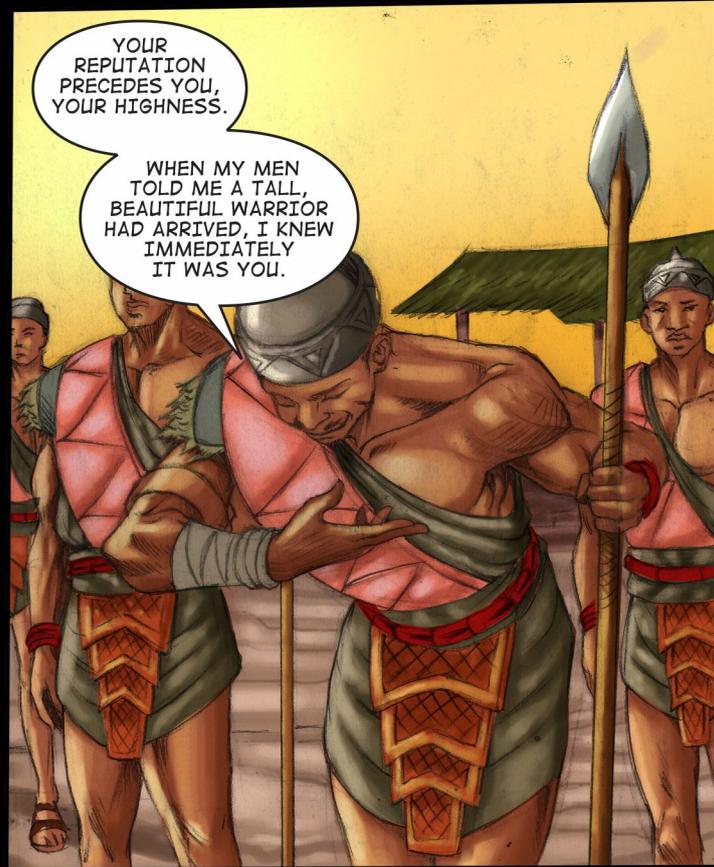
EVEN THE
NATIVE DOCTOR
CAN'T SAVE YOU
TODAY.



HOLD IT!
HOLD IT!

WELCOME,
PRINCESS! I AM
DOMA, CAPTAIN
OF THE GUARD.

HOW DID
YOU KNOW
WHO I AM?



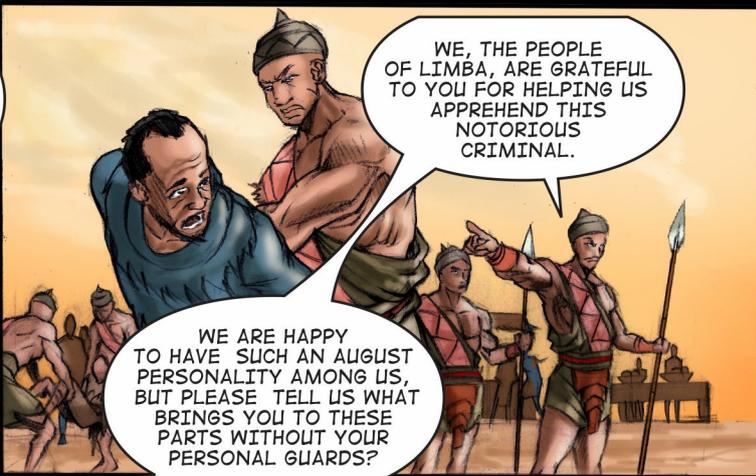
YOUR
REPUTATION
PRECEDES YOU,
YOUR HIGHNESS.

WHEN MY MEN
TOLD ME A TALL,
BEAUTIFUL WARRIOR
HAD ARRIVED, I KNEW
IMMEDIATELY
IT WAS YOU.



WE HAVE HEARD OF YOUR MANY VICTORIES IN BATTLE WITH YOUR FATHER, THE OSETUTU 1 OF ASANTE, WE ARE GREAT ADMIRERS OF YOUR FIGHTING SKILLS.

INDEED.



WE, THE PEOPLE OF LIMBA, ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR HELPING US APPREHEND THIS NOTORIOUS CRIMINAL.

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE SUCH AN AUGUST PERSONALITY AMONG US, BUT PLEASE TELL US WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THESE PARTS WITHOUT YOUR PERSONAL GUARDS?



PLEASE, DO NOT BOTHER, CAPTAIN. LIKE I SAID, I WON'T BE STAYING LONG.

WE HAVE HEARD OF YOUR HUMILITY, BUT TO WITNESS IT IS TRULY A MARVELOUS EXPERIENCE. WE WOULD BE GLAD TO SHOW YOU AROUND.



IN FACT, I MUST SEND WORD TO OUR CHIEF TELLING OF YOUR ARRIVAL.

PLEASE DO NOT BOTHER. I WILL NOT BE HERE FOR LONG.

I CAME LOOKING TO PURCHASE SOME ITEMS. I HEAR YOU CAN GET THE VERY BEST SILK FROM LIMBA, SO I THOUGHT I WOULD COME SEE FOR MYSELF.



THANK YOU, YOUNG LAD. HERE, TAKE THIS TO YOUR PARENTS AND TELL THEM YOU SAVED MY LIFE.

WELL... ALRIGHT, YOU COULD HELP GET ME SOME FRESH WATER FOR MY CARRIERS, AND FOR MY HORSE. BUT FIRST, WHERE IS MY LITTLE FRIEND?



AS YOU CAN SEE, LIMBA IS A VERY...

WHAT IS THAT SOUND?

OH... IT IS THE FIGHT FESTIVAL. IT TAKES PLACE EVERY FIFTH MARKET DAY.

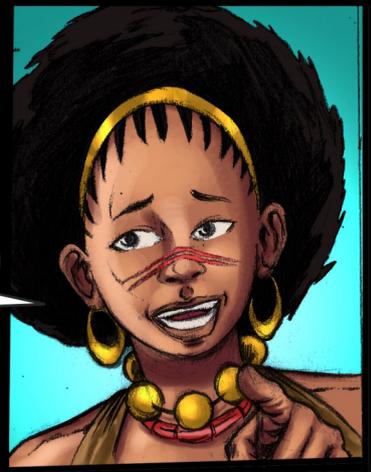


PLEASE TAKE ME THERE. I WOULD LOVE TO SEE SOME SPORT.



MAKE WAY,
MAKE WAY!

THIS IS
AMAZING AND
EXCITING! WHO
IS THAT BIG
FELLOW?



HE REALLY
KNOWS HOW
TO PUT ON A
SHOW.

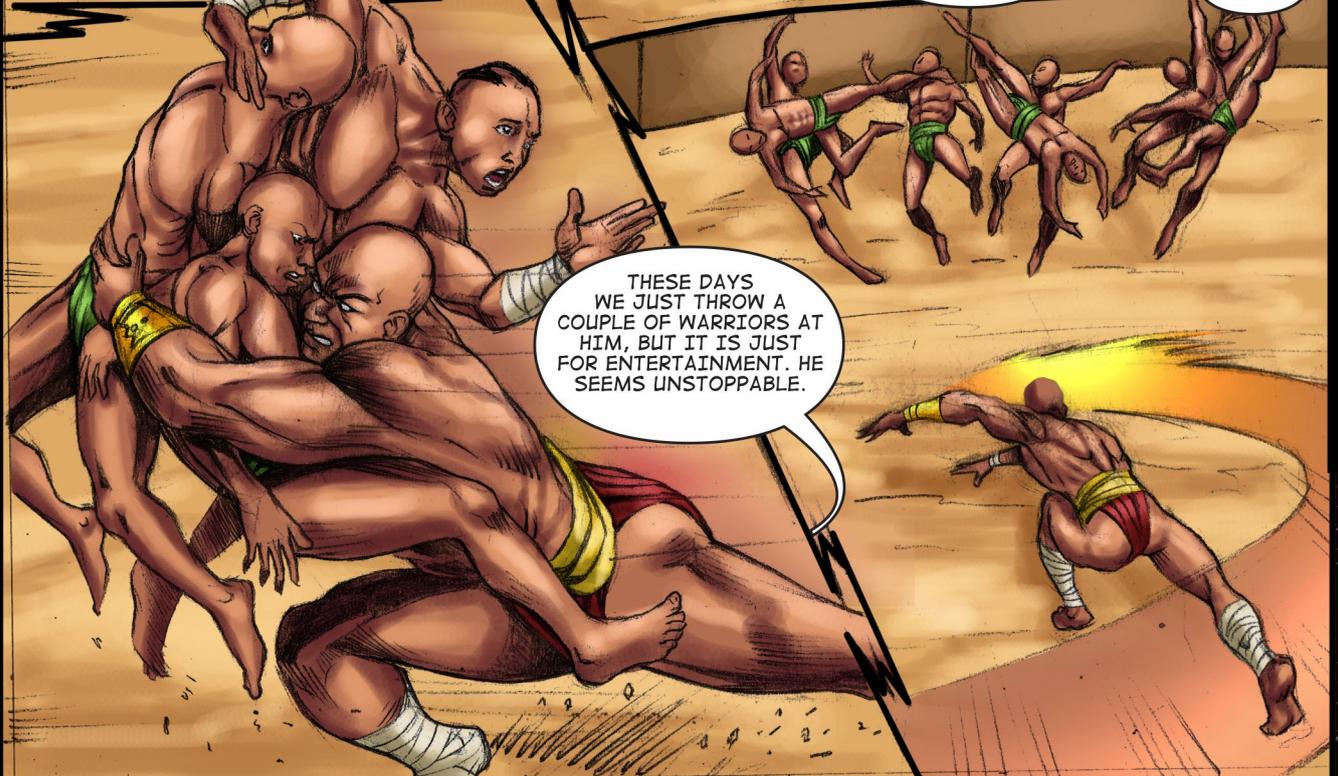
THAT IS
BAMAGA, WHICH
MEANS 'A MAN WITH
STRENGTH'.

YES HE
LOOKS THE
PART!

THAT IS
WHAT WE CALL
HIM SINCE HE
WON'T TELL US
HIS REAL
NAME.

HE HAS NEVER
BEEN DEFEATED
SINCE HE CAME
TO LIMBA.

REALLY?



THESE DAYS
WE JUST THROW A
COUPLE OF WARRIORS AT
HIM, BUT IT IS JUST
FOR ENTERTAINMENT. HE
SEEMS UNSTOPPABLE.



HMMMM!
SEEMS LIKE A
WORTHY
OPPONENT.

I WOULD
LIKE TO HAVE A
GO IN THE RING
WITH HIM.

WELL,
PRINCESS,
I'M NOT SURE,
BUT IF YOU
INSIST...

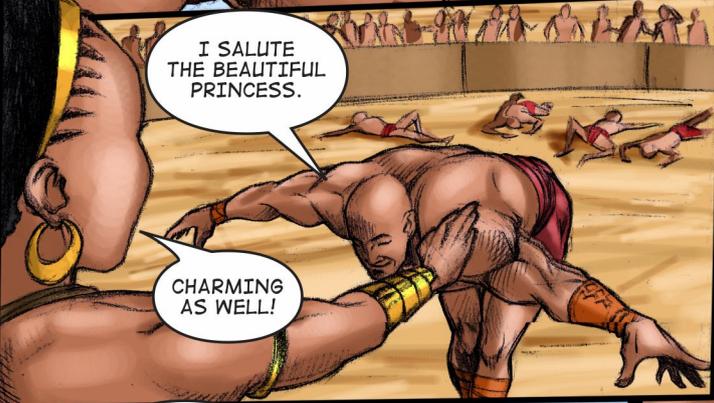


OYA!
HOLD IT,
HOLD THE
FIGHT!



HUH!

FUNNY,
I SUDDENLY FEEL
STRANGE.



I SALUTE
THE BEAUTIFUL
PRINCESS.

CHARMING
AS WELL!



THE STONE,
IT'S GLOWING
BRIGHTER THAN
BEFORE. WHICH
MEANS?



PRINCESS,
WHAT IS THE
MATTER?

CAN I BE OF
ASSISTANCE,
CAPTAIN?

NO,
IT'S NOTHING.
I PROBABLY NEED
SOME REST AFTER
MY LONG
JOURNEY.



PLEASE,
I WOULD LIKE TO
MEET WITH
BAMANGA LATER.

SEEMS THE
PRINCESS HAS
TAKING A LIKING
TO OUR
CHAMPION.



AHH!
PRINCESS,
I WILL HAVE MY
MEN TAKE YOU TO
THE NEAREST
INN.

HE
IS A MLEZI
SPIRIT.



LATER, ON THE
OUTSKIRTS OF LIMBA.



YOU CAN COME OUT NOW.



WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I WAS HIDING? I KNOW YOU FELT MY PRESENCE.

YES, BUT... I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY THIS... WE ARE KINDRED SPIRITS, YOU AND I.

I AM SURE IT WAS DUMA THAT LED YOU TO ME.



LADY, IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SOME TIME WITH A HANDSOME MAN AS MY SELF, ALL YOU NEED DO IS ASK.

YOU ARE ONE OF THE MLEZI, A SPIRIT DESTINED TO DEFEND HUMANITY WHEN A CELESTIAL EVIL ARISES. THAT TIME IS NOW. YOU HAVE TO GO BACK WITH ME, TO MEET WITH THE CHIEF PRIEST.

HA! HA! ME? THE ONLY DESTINY I HAVE IS TO BEAT UP GUYS IN THE RING AND DRINK MYSELF TO HAPPINESS.

LOOK, BAMANGA, OR WHATEVER YOUR NAME IS, THERE IS A WAR COMING, A WAR THAT WON'T MAKE YOU DRINK TO HAPPINESS ANYMORE.

MY REAL NAME IS KROMOR.



OHHH I KNOW YOU FELT SOMETHING, KROMOR, BECAUSE I FELT IT TOO.



MAYBE THIS WILL HELP.



THIS IS A RUNE STONE. IT IS SUPPOSED TO GUIDE ME TO A MLEZI SPIRIT, AND IT TOOK ME STRAIGHT TO YOU.



IT GLOWS.



YES, AND EVEN BRIGHTER WHEN KINDRED SPIRITS ARE TOGETHER.

PAAAAH! I AM NOT NEW TO MAGIC.

YES, IT IS MAGIC, VERY POWERFUL MAGIC, AND IT CONFIRMS WHAT THE PRIEST TOLD ME ABOUT US.



EVEN IF I AM THE SO-CALLED SPIRIT YOU TALK ABOUT, I AM BEYOND REDEMPTION.

WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?

I KILLED SOMEONE. HE WAS INNOCENT AND I MURDERED HIM!



WHATEVER YOU DID IN THE PAST DOESN'T DEFINE YOUR FUTURE.

I UNDERSTAND THE GUILT, BUT THE FUTURE IS NOT WRITTEN YET. YOU HAVE TO WRITE IT YOURSELF.

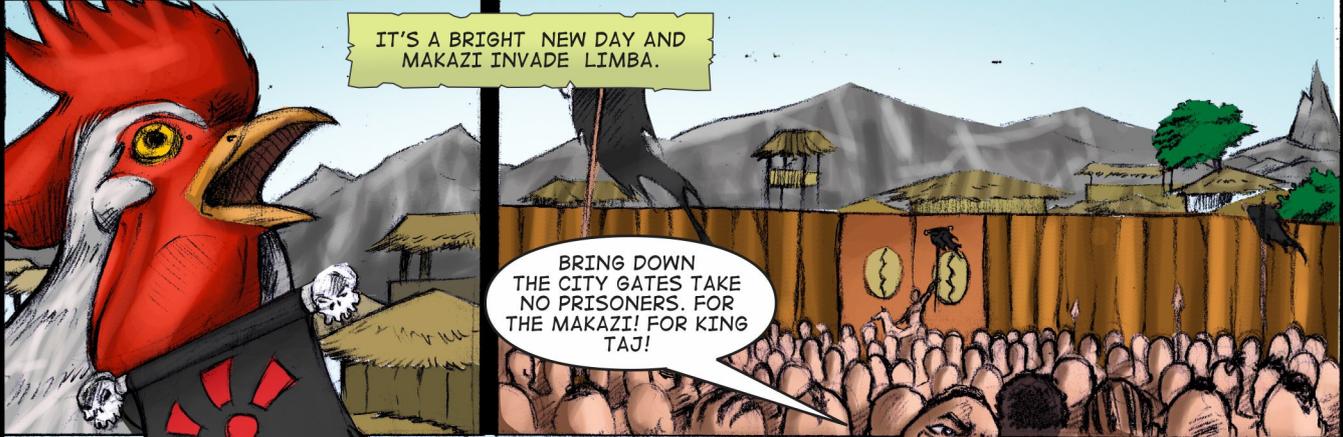


YOU HAVE TILL DAWN TO DECIDE. IF YOU HAVE NOT COME TO A DECISION BY THEN, I WILL DECIDE FOR YOU.

REMEMBER, THE FATE OF THE WORLD RESTS IN OUR HANDS. GOODNIGHT.

GOOD FORTUNE, WITH THAT LADY. THAT IS, IF YOU SEE ME.

I WILL.



IT'S A BRIGHT NEW DAY AND
MAKAZI INVADE LIMBA.

BRING DOWN
THE CITY GATES TAKE
NO PRISONERS. FOR
THE MAKAZI! FOR KING
TAJ!



DUMA.
WHAT IS
GOING ON?

WE ARE UNDER
ATTACK, WE HAVE
LOST THE ENTRANCE
DEFENCE.

IT'S A
MASSACRE.
PEOPLE OF
LIMBA DON'T
STAND A
CHANCE.

DOMA QUICK
GET ME YOUR
BEST MEN AND
FOLLOW MY
LEAD!

JUST FOLLOW
MY LEAD NOW!
AND WHERE IS
BAMANGA?

BUT
PRINCESS
WE ARE OUT
NUMBERED.

HE IS
PROBABLY
DRUNK SOME
WHERE?



ADD ME TO YOUR LIST PRINCESS.

KROMOR! I SEE YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION.



I DON'T KNOW IF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE PRINCESS, BUT I SURELY KNOW WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS WRONG. ATTACKING DEFENSELESS, INNOCENT PEOPLE IS WRONG AND I WON'T STAND FOR IT, NOT NOW NOT EVER...



HMMMMMM! I KNOW THE MLEZI SPIRIT WILL GET THE BETTER OF YOU AS IT DID ME.



MLEZI THIS, MLEZI THAT I JUST WANT TO BASH IN SOME HEADS.

I REMEMBER WHAT THE PRIEST SAID TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER.

TAKE MY HAND.



WHAT?

I SAID TAKE MY HAND!



HUH? WHAT IS HAPPENING?

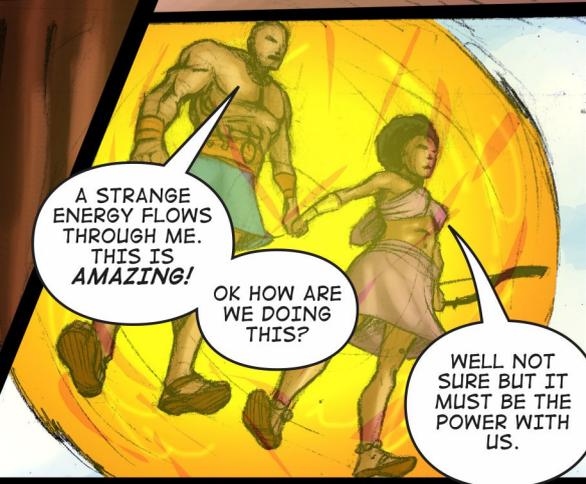
YES, I KNOW YOU FEEL IT TOO.



WOW DO YOU SEE THAT?

IS THAT BAMANGA? UNBELIEVABLE.

YEEEEH! THERE ARE GODS AMONGST US!



A STRANGE ENERGY FLOWS THROUGH ME. THIS IS AMAZING!

OK HOW ARE WE DOING THIS?

WELL NOT SURE BUT IT MUST BE THE POWER WITH US.

I HAVE NEVER FELT LIKE THIS BEFORE.

I HAD MY DOUBTS BUT THIS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMS IT.

ARE YOU THINKING WHAT AM THINKING?

YES.

KABLAMM!!!

THIS NEW FEELING MAKES ME WANT TO TRY THIS FOR SIZE.

RRRAHH!

KA-BOOM!!!

SWOOSH-SHILK! SHILK! SHILK! SHILK!



KOOM!!!!

SWOOSH!!!

MEN RETEAT,
RETEAT!

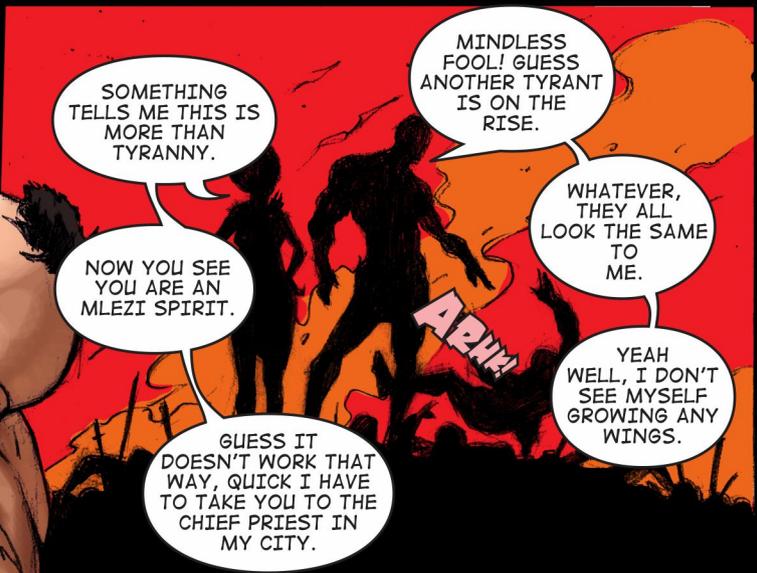
HOORAY! BAMANGA!
BAMANGA!!
THE GODS ARE WITH US.



WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

ANSWER ME, WHO ARE YOU? WHY HAVE YOU ATTACKED LIMBA? TALK!

WE ARE THE MAKAZI-WE SHALL RULE YOU ALL... YOUR END IS COMING.



SOMETHING TELLS ME THIS IS MORE THAN TYRANNY.

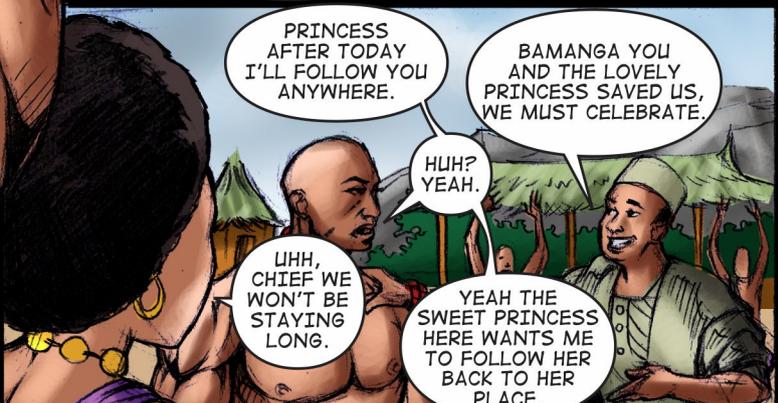
NOW YOU SEE YOU ARE AN MLEZI SPIRIT.

GUESS IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY, QUICK I HAVE TO TAKE YOU TO THE CHIEF PRIEST IN MY CITY.

MINDLESS FOOL! GUESS ANOTHER TYRANT IS ON THE RISE.

WHATEVER, THEY ALL LOOK THE SAME TO ME.

YEAH WELL, I DON'T SEE MYSELF GROWING ANY WINGS.



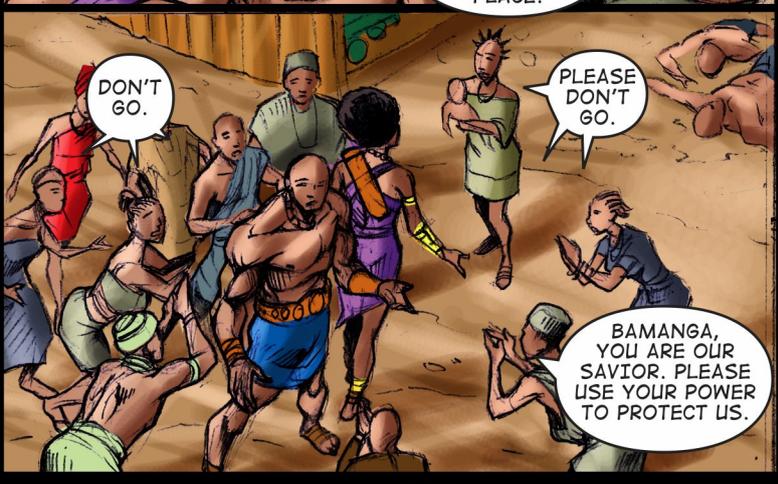
PRINCESS AFTER TODAY I'LL FOLLOW YOU ANYWHERE.

BAMANGA YOU AND THE LOVELY PRINCESS SAVED US, WE MUST CELEBRATE.

HUH? YEAH.

UHH, CHIEF WE WON'T BE STAYING LONG.

YEAH THE SWEET PRINCESS HERE WANTS ME TO FOLLOW HER BACK TO HER PLACE.



DON'T GO.

PLEASE DON'T GO.

BAMANGA, YOU ARE OUR SAVIOR. PLEASE USE YOUR POWER TO PROTECT US.



WHAT IF THEY RETURN?

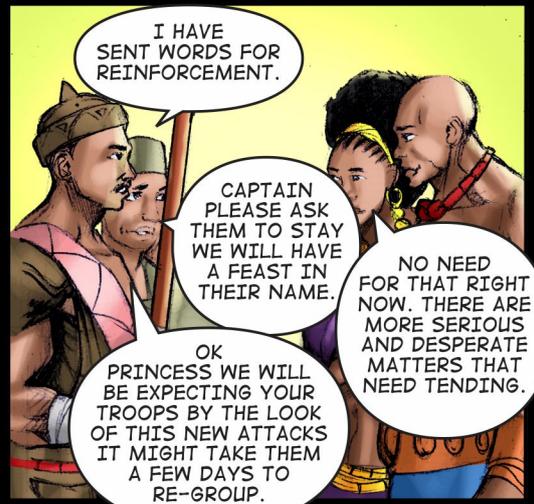
IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT HE FOLLOWS ME BACK IMMEDIATELY.

LIKE SHE SAID.

WE WILL RETURN. ONCE I GET BACK HOME I'LL SEND TROOPS TO DEFEND LIMBA.



ALRIGHT EVERYONE DISPERSE. RETURN TO YOUR HOMES, THE SOLDIERS WILL CLEAN UP.



I HAVE SENT WORDS FOR REINFORCEMENT.

CAPTAIN PLEASE ASK THEM TO STAY WE WILL HAVE A FEAST IN THEIR NAME.

NO NEED FOR THAT RIGHT NOW. THERE ARE MORE SERIOUS AND DESPERATE MATTERS THAT NEED TENDING.

OK PRINCESS WE WILL BE EXPECTING YOUR TROOPS BY THE LOOK OF THIS NEW ATTACKS IT MIGHT TAKE THEM A FEW DAYS TO RE-GROUP.

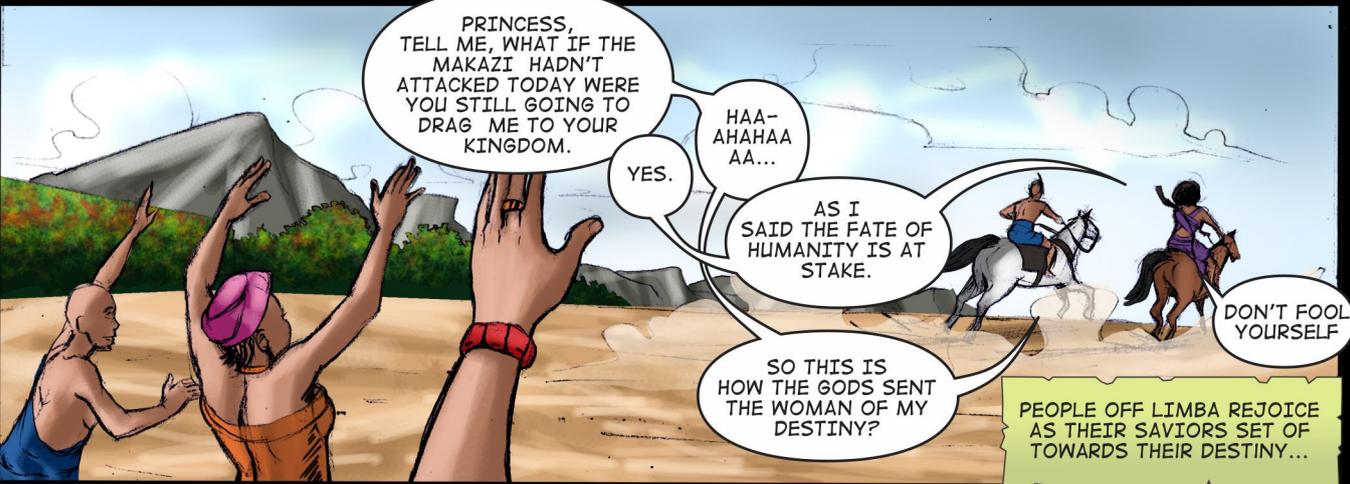


BEFORE YOU GO. BAMANGA, PLEASE TELL US HOW YOU WERE ABLE TO PERFORM SUCH MIRACLES. WE HAVE NEVER SEEN YOU DO THIS AMAZING THINGS BEFORE.

DIDN'T KNOW MYSELF, UNTIL TODAY.

DUMA PROTECT LIMBA.

YES PRINCESS, IT WAS AN HONOR FIGHTING BESIDE YOU. WE WILL BE PREPARED FOR THEM NEXT TIME.



PRINCESS, TELL ME, WHAT IF THE MAKAZI HADN'T ATTACKED TODAY WERE YOU STILL GOING TO DRAG ME TO YOUR KINGDOM.

YES.

HAA-AHAHAA AA...

AS I SAID THE FATE OF HUMANITY IS AT STAKE.

SO THIS IS HOW THE GODS SENT THE WOMAN OF MY DESTINY?

DON'T FOOL YOURSELF

PEOPLE OFF LIMBA REJOICE AS THEIR SAVIORS SET OF TOWARDS THEIR DESTINY...

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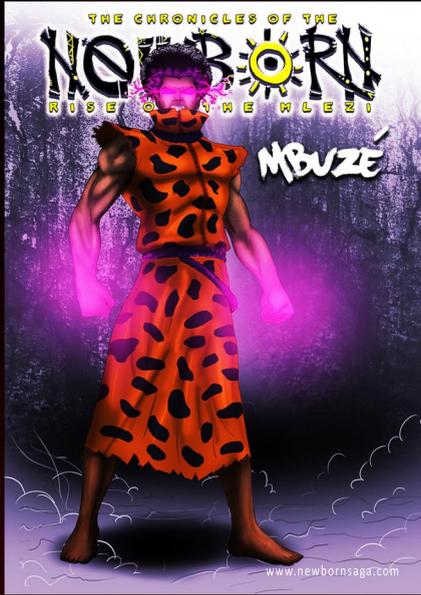


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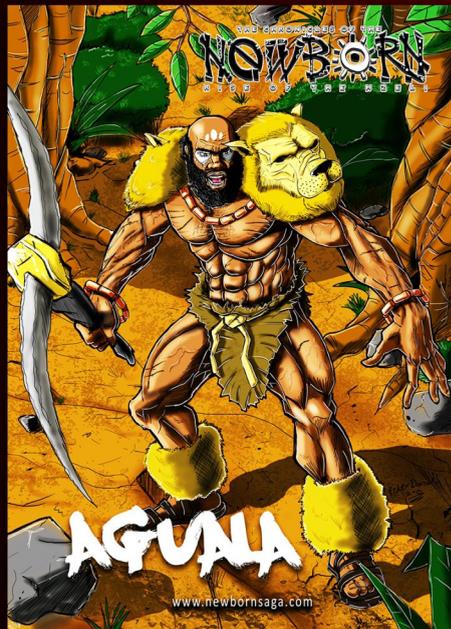
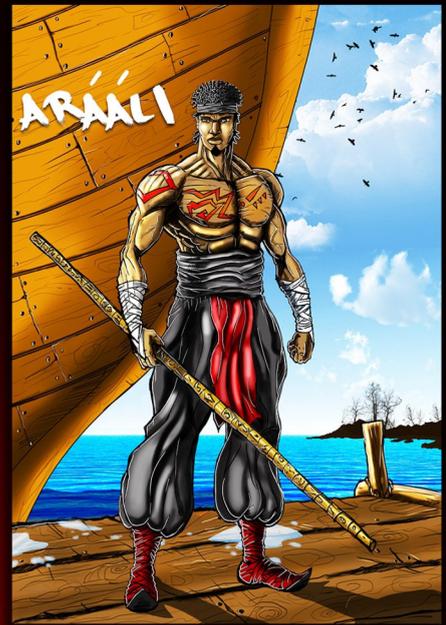
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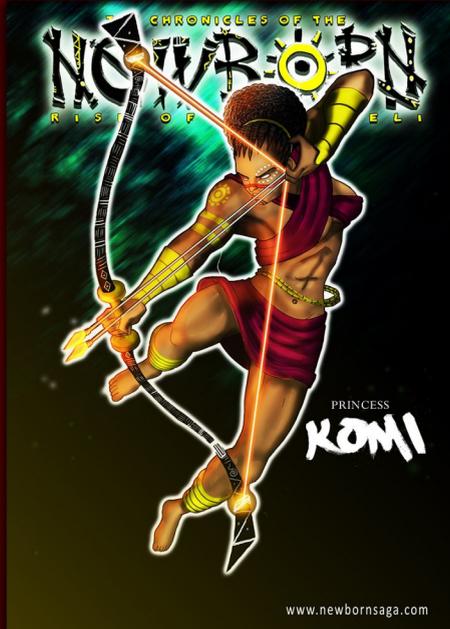
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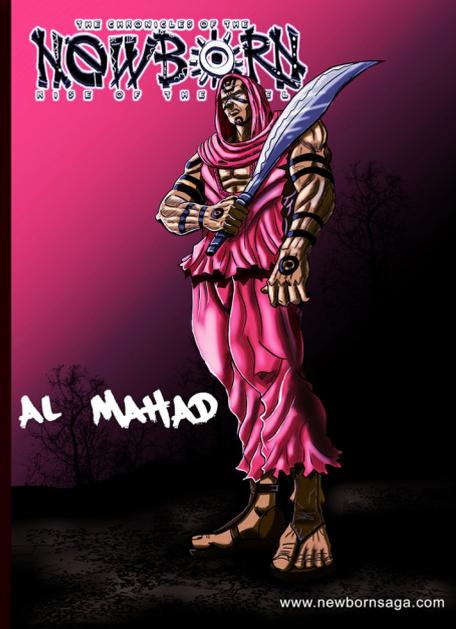
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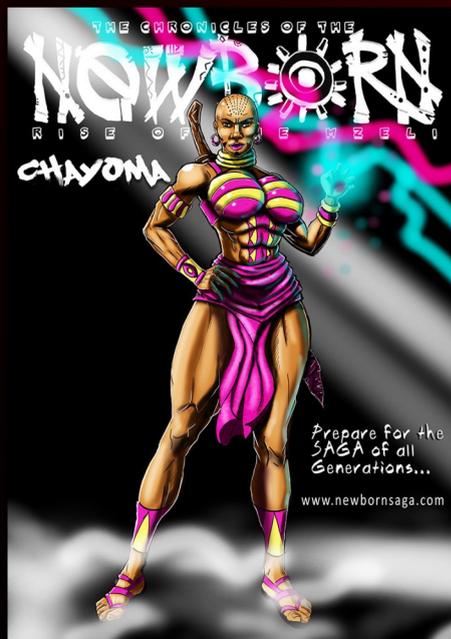
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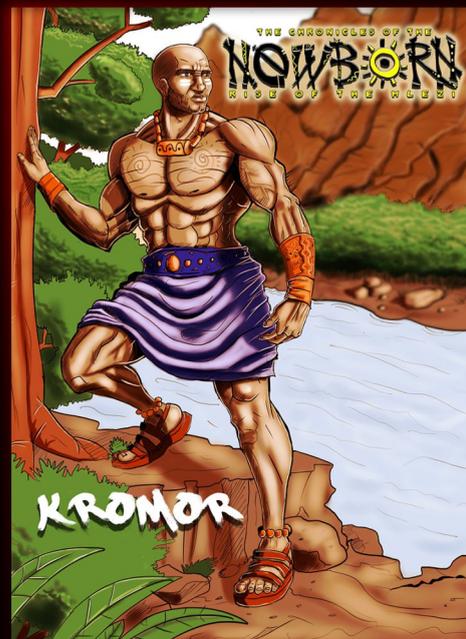
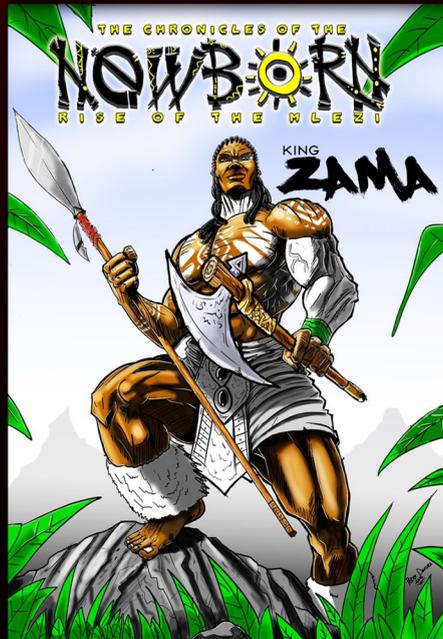


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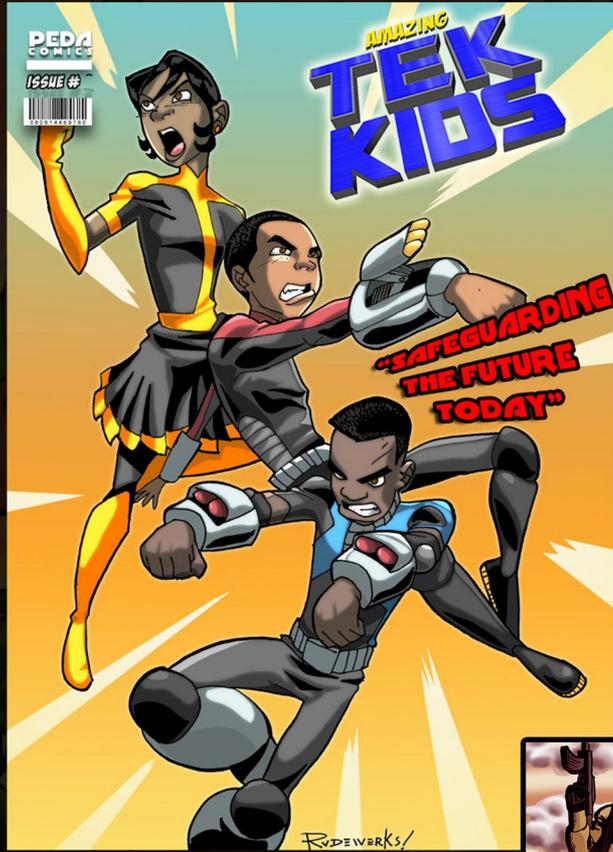


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