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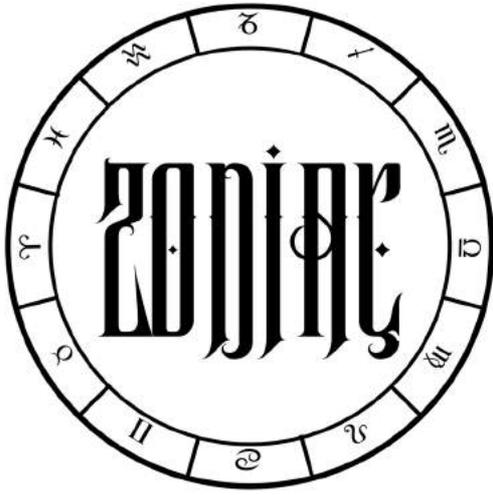
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ISSUE ONE

“WRITTEN IN THE STARS”





WE MEET AGAIN BOY.

NOW HAND ME MY BIRTHRIGHT.

MUHAAAAH! ARROGANT BRAT! HOW DARE YOU RUN YOUR MOUTH IN THE PRESENCE OF THE GOD-KING.

OH, SHUT UP ALREADY YOU FAT-HEADED EGOMANIAC! THE COMEX BELONGS TO THE SONS OF MALI.

WRONG. I AM THE ZODIAC AND THE LIGHT OF LIBRA REVEALS YOUR INJUSTICE.

TO BRING BALANCE TO THE WORLD I MUST END YOUR OPPRESSION. GIVE UP NOW AND THE PENALTY WILL BE JUST. RESIST AND FACE THE WRATH OF A CELESTIAL WARRIOR.



THE CHOSEN OF RAP! SOON ALL THE EARTH WILL HAIL MY NAME! COMPARED TO ME YOU ARE NOTHING!



RAAAARRGH!!!

NO ONE THREATENS A GOD!

CELESTIAL WARRIOR OR NOT, I WILL DESTROY YOU!



KA-THOOOOM



RAAAWHH!



ARRHHHHH!





LEO



ARIES



LIBRA



CANCER



VIRGO



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PISCES



SCORPIO



AQUARIUS



GEMINI



SAGITTARIUS



TAURUS

CENTURIES AGO THE DOGON TRIBE DISCOVERED THE ANCIENT SCROLL OF TIMBUKTU WHICH ITS MYSTICAL POWERS UNLOCK THE WONDERS OF THE ZODIAC TO THE CHOSEN CHILDREN.

AFTER CENTURIES OF WAR FOR THIS POWER WITH THE DYNASTIES OF THE EGYPTIAN EMPIRE, THE DOGON TRIBE ALMOST A MYTH HAVE DISSAPPEARED ONLY TO RESURFACE WHEN THE ONE TRUE ZODIAC IS READY.

THIS IS THE STORY OF DANKARAN KIETA. THE JEWEL OF MALI. THE PROTECTOR OF THE STARS. THE LAST ZODIAC.





MY PRS-ETA-NIOTN FRO TEH YNUGO ATS---- DID YOU HIT YOUR HEAD?

WHAT'S ALL THIS GIBBERISH YOUR WRITING? SEE, THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DON'T SLEEP.

GIVE IT BACK OR I'LL MAKE YOUR MAKE UP KIT VANISH!

I'D HATE TO SEE YOU HAVE ANOTHER NERVOUS BREAKDOWN.



MORNING, YOU TWO.

GOOD MORNING AUNT KOFO.



YOU MISS THEM, DON'T YOU?

EVERY DAY.

DO YOU KNOW WHY HE LEFT, YOUR DAD?

IS IT BECAUSE MOM DIED OR

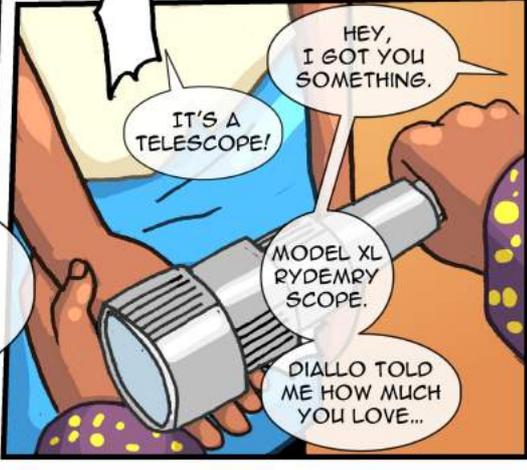


IT'S SIMPLE, HE JUST DIDN'T WANT US ANYMORE.

THAT CAN'T BE TRUE.

I'M VERY NEW TO ALL THE PARENTING STUFF BUT I CAN TELL YOU AND YOUR SIS ARE GOOD KIDS. THAT'S WHY TOOK YOU IN.

THANKS AUNT KOFO.



HEY, I GOT YOU SOMETHING.

IT'S A TELESCOPE!

MODEL XL RYDEMRY SCOPE.

DIALLO TOLD ME HOW MUCH YOU LOVE...



THANK YOU MUM!

MOM ... ME--MOM?



DANKA, IT'S BEEN 3 MONTHS NOW, DO YOU LIKE IT HERE?

VERY MUCH.

GREAT. SO, HOW'S YOUR PREP FOR THE ASTRONOMY COMPETITION GOING ---YARD RIGHT?

YOUNG ASTRONOMY RESEARCHER'S DEGREE FUND AND IT'S NOT REGULAR A COMPETITION. I HAVE TO PRESENT A THREE-PAGE REPORT ON NEW FINDINGS IN ASTRONOMY.

YOU ARE A SMART BOY AND WILL GET IT RIGHT, I'M SURE.

IF I WIN, I GET SOME KINDA CERTIFICATE AND A FUND TO STUDY ASTRONOMY IN MALI. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR YEARS AND NOTHING SEEMS TO BE NEW ANYMORE.



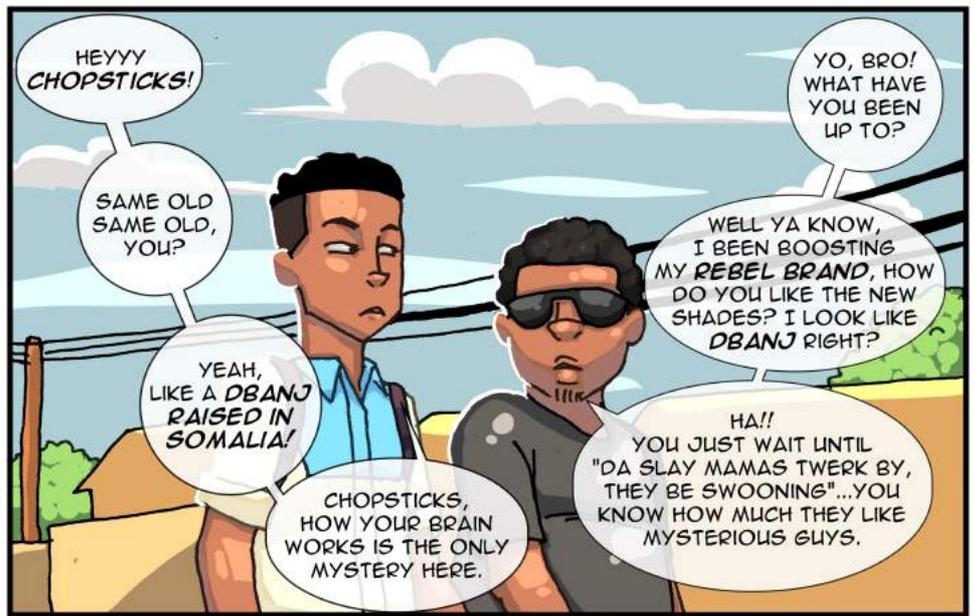
WHY DON'T YOU LET DIALLO DRIVE YOU?

NO THANKS, SHE'S SUICIDAL.

LAST TIME SHE WAS USING HER SELFIE STICK WHILE DRIVING AT 40 MILES PER HOUR! SEE YOU LATER!



LATER...



HEYYY CHOPSTICKS!

YO, BRO! WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

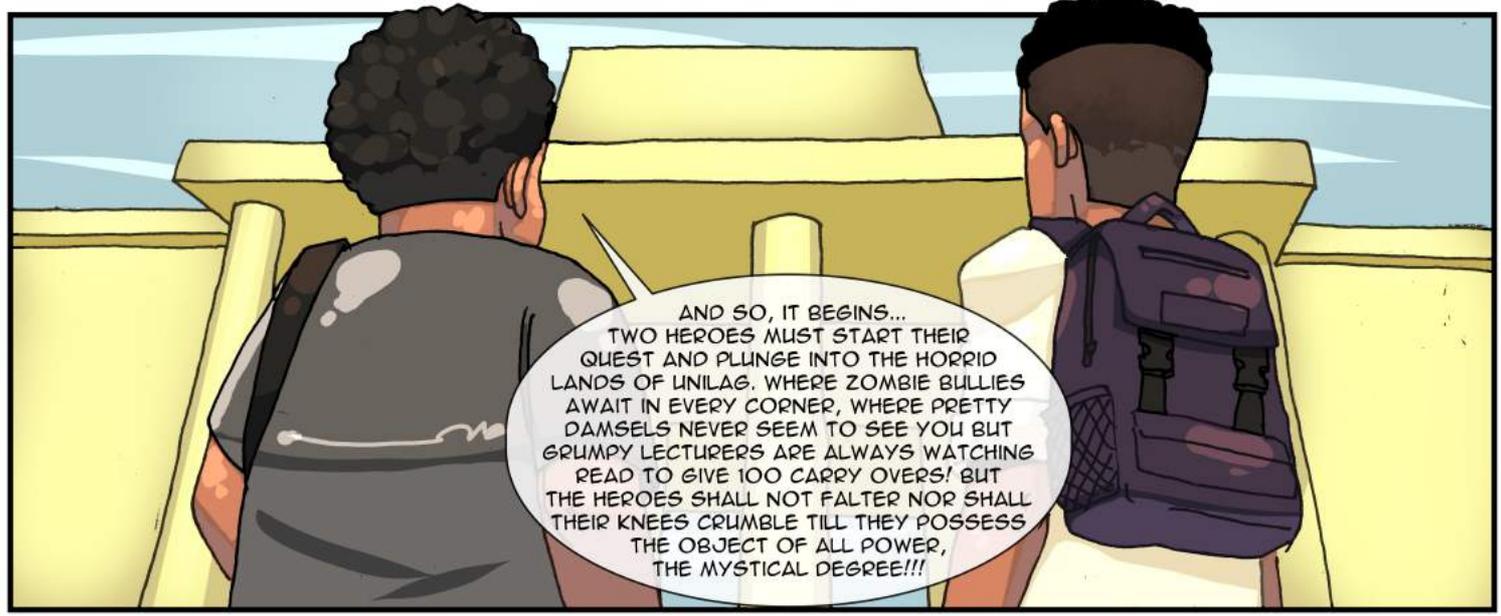
SAME OLD SAME OLD, YOU?

WELL YA KNOW, I BEEN BOOSTING MY REBEL BRAND, HOW DO YOU LIKE THE NEW SHADES? I LOOK LIKE DBANJ RIGHT?

YEAH, LIKE A DBANJ RAISED IN SOMALIA!

HA!! YOU JUST WAIT UNTIL "DA SLAY MAMAS TWERK BY, THEY BE SWOONING"...YOU KNOW HOW MUCH THEY LIKE MYSTERIOUS GUYS.

CHOPSTICKS, HOW YOUR BRAIN WORKS IS THE ONLY MYSTERY HERE.



AND SO, IT BEGINS... TWO HEROES MUST START THEIR QUEST AND PLUNGE INTO THE HORRID LANDS OF UNILAG. WHERE ZOMBIE BULLIES AWAIT IN EVERY CORNER, WHERE PRETTY DAMSELS NEVER SEEM TO SEE YOU BUT GRUMPY LECTURERS ARE ALWAYS WATCHING READ TO GIVE 100 CARRY OVERS! BUT THE HEROES SHALL NOT FALTER NOR SHALL THEIR KNEES CRUMBLE TILL THEY POSSESS THE OBJECT OF ALL POWER, THE MYSTICAL DEGREE!!!



DON'T BE SO DRAMATIC. WE SURVIVED FRESHMAN YEAR, WHAT'S THE WORST THAT COULD HAPPEN?



THIS IS A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WE'RE GONNA BE LATE.

I'M DEAD SERIOUS! YOU SEE THOSE THUGS OVER THERE?

STOP FOOLING AROUND...STICK TO POETRY DRAMA ISN'T YOUR THING.

NO, DON'T LOOK! WHATEVER YOU DO DON'T LOOK AT THEM OR LET THEM NOTICE US.

SIGHS CHOPSTICKS, WHAT DID YOU DO THIS TIME?

I'LL EXPLAIN WHEN OUR LIVES AREN'T IN MORTAL DANGER



EEISSSE STOP THERE MUTHAFUCKA, I SABI YOU NOW! UNA OWN DON FINISH, YOU ONE SLY J-D! I GO GRIND YOUR BONES TO SNUFF TODAY!

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT YOUR POEMS WHERE AN OMEN! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE THIS TIME?!

I NEEDED SOMETHING EXTRA-REBELLIOUS SO I MIGHT HAVE SOLD THEM GROUNDED CHALK MIXED WITH COCAINE.

YOU DID WHAT?!



REBELS RULE!! DANKA? YOU COMING?

NO WAY! WHY WOULD I RISK BREAKING AN ARM? IT'S ILLOGICAL!

BUT STANDING THERE AND LETTING THEM SPILL YOUR BRAINS IS LOGICAL?

GOOD POINT.



SO IS THIS HOW IT ENDS?

MY FIRST REAL GANGSTER CHASE.

THIS IS AWESOME. IT'S ONLY THE BEGINNING.



THEY ARE COMING, I CAN'T MAKE IT IN TIME.

NO WORRIES, PADDI MI, CHOPSTICKS GOT YA BACK!



BULL'S-EYE!!



OH BOY YOU GO DIE OOO!

DUDE, WHERE DID YOU GET A TASER?!

SAME WAY I GOT THE DRUGS.

I'M THE KING OF REBELS!! YA THINK I WALK ABOUT UNARMED? THERE'S DANGER IN EVERY CORNER!

THIS IS WHAT I GET FOR BEFRIENDING SOMEONE WHO NAMES HIMSELF AFTER ASIAN CUTLERY.



I THINK WE LOST THEM. THAT WAS AWESOME.

WHERE DID YOU REALLY FIND DRUGS?

NOT. FUNNY. AT. ALL.

IS THIS WHAT ALL THIS IS TO YOU? SOME KINDA OF THRILL GAME?

WE COULD HAVE GOTTEN HURT! ENOUGH OF THE REBEL STUFF ALREADY!

WELL, IT ISN'T ANYMORE.

LETS GET OUTTA HERE.

WHEN YOU HAVE CONNECTIONS, YOU CAN FIND ANYTHING... EVEN A GIRLFRIEND FOR A HOPELESS GEEK LIKE YOU.

WHY ARE YOU SO UPTIGHT? DIDN'T YOU FEEL THE ADRENALINE RUSHING THROUGH YOUR VEINS?!

BUT WE DIDN'T AND BEING A REBEL ISN'T STUFF. IT'S A LIFESTYLE!

WHY YOU SO PISSED OFF? WE USED TO GET INTO ALL SORTS OF TROUBLE LAST YEAR. IT WAS FUN!



DANKA, HELLO? I SAID SORRY.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

IT'S THAT SPIRIT AGAIN. AM I LOSING MY MIND?



DANKA, LOOK OUT!



IT'S ALRIGHT, ENNY. I SHOULD HAVE...

I'M SO SORRY. I WAS BEING CLUMSY.

WAIT, HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?



UH OH.

OF COURSE, HE KNOWS YOUR NAME.

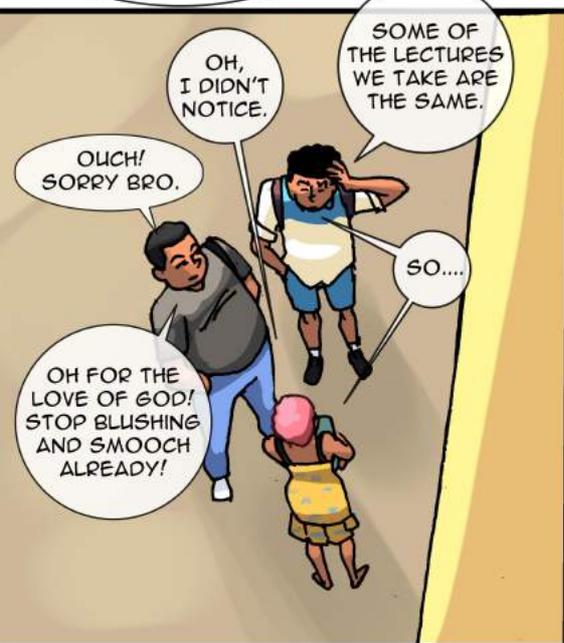
HE'S BEEN WRITING IT ON HIS NOTEBOOKS SINCE YEAR 1, NOT TO MENTION THE STALKER-PICS, IN FACT---



OOOOFF!!

DON'T MIND MY FRIEND-- I MEAN WE AREN'T REALLY FRIENDS PER SAY---WE ---SEE YOU AROUND.

YEAH, SEE YOU AROUND



OH, I DIDN'T NOTICE.

SOME OF THE LECTURES WE TAKE ARE THE SAME.

OUCH! SORRY BRO.

SO....

OH FOR THE LOVE OF GOD! STOP BLUSHING AND SMOOCH ALREADY!



CORRECTION, SHE THINKS WE ARE CREEPS.

CHOPSTICKS!! NOW SHE THINKS I'M FRIENDS WITH A CREEP.

DAMMIT!! IS EVERYTHING A FREAKING JOKE TO YOU?

OH, SO YOU DO LIKE HER? WELL, YOU MIGHT BE IN LUCK.

WHAT ARE YOU YAPPING ABOUT?

YOU KNOW THAT Y.A.R.D FUND CONTEST YOU HAVE BEEN PREPPING FOR ALL HOLIDAY??

YEAH, SO?

WELL THIS IS A FLYER OF THE CONTEST AND IT FELL OUT OF HER BOOKS WHICH COULD ONLY MEAN?

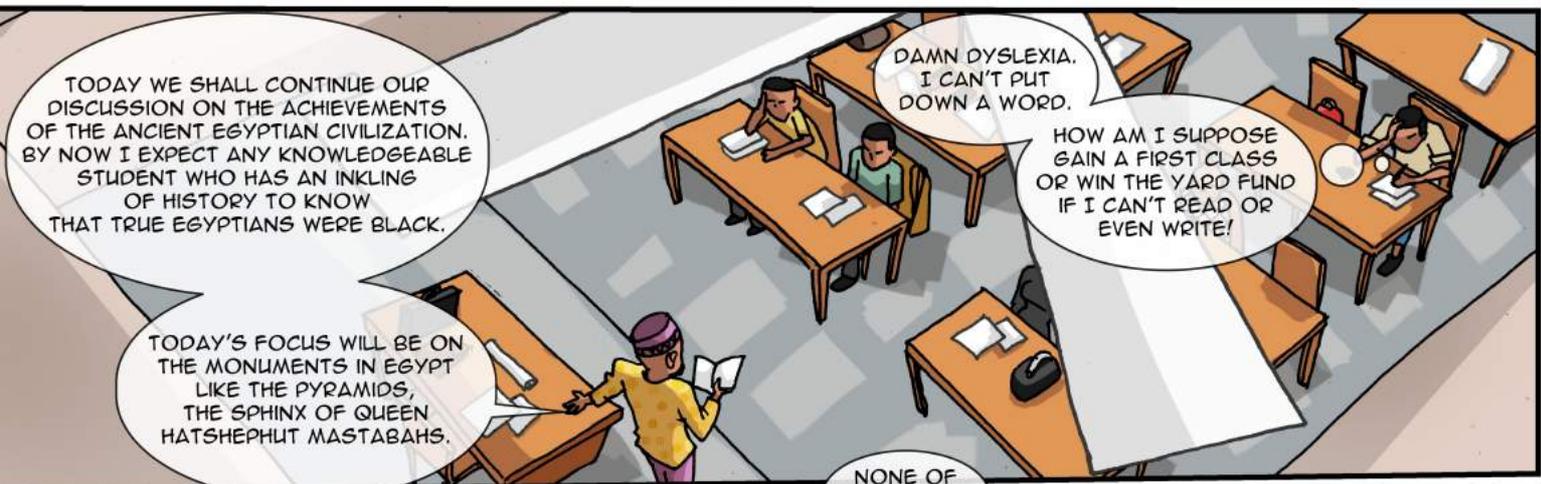
SHE'S GONNA BE THERE...

WHEN YOU WIN!! SHE'S GONNA FALL HEAD AND HEELS!! ISN'T THAT GREAT?



YEAH... GREAT.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM ALL OF A SUDDEN? IS THIS EVEN DANKA?



TODAY WE SHALL CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSION ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ANCIENT EGYPTIAN CIVILIZATION. BY NOW I EXPECT ANY KNOWLEDGEABLE STUDENT WHO HAS AN INKLING OF HISTORY TO KNOW THAT TRUE EGYPTIANS WERE BLACK.

TODAY'S FOCUS WILL BE ON THE MONUMENTS IN EGYPT LIKE THE PYRAMIDS, THE SPHINX OF QUEEN HATSHEPHT MASTABAHS.

DAMN DYSLEXIA. I CAN'T PUT DOWN A WORD.

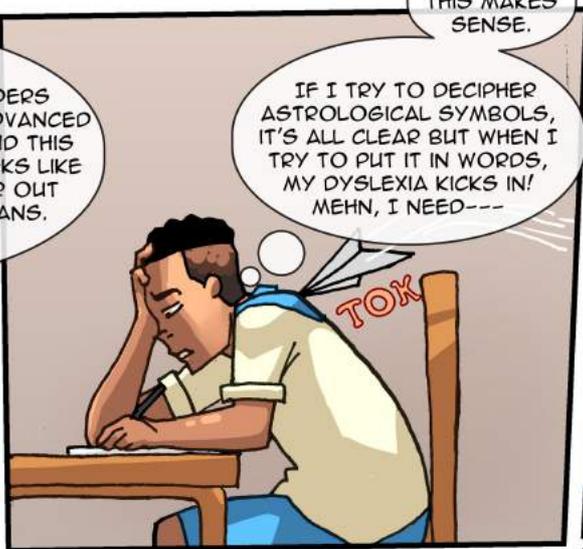
HOW AM I SUPPOSE GAIN A FIRST CLASS OR WIN THE YARD FUND IF I CAN'T READ OR EVEN WRITE!

NONE OF THIS MAKES SENSE.



THESE ARCHITECTURAL WONDERS CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THEIR ADVANCED KNOWLEDGE OF GEOMETRY AND THIS CAN BE ATTESTED BY THE GREEKS LIKE THALES WHO CAME FROM FAR OUT TO LEARN FROM THE EGYPTIANS.

FROM GEOMETRY TO THE ACROPHONICAL PRINCIPLES OF LANGUAGE AND EVEN SPIRITUALITY AND PHILOSOPHY, ANCIENT AFRICAN CIVILIZATIONS PROVIDED THE BASIS FOR WORLD KNOWL---



IF I TRY TO DECIPHER ASTROLOGICAL SYMBOLS, IT'S ALL CLEAR BUT WHEN I TRY TO PUT IT IN WORDS, MY DYSLEXIA KICKS IN! MEHN, I NEED---

SOME KINDA NOTE..IS THAT A LOVE SYMBOL?!

MR. KEITA, IS IT? UP

...GREAT THE LETTERS ARE PLAYING "HARD TO GET" AGAIN...DOESN'T MATTER ANYWAY IT PROBABLY WASN'T MEANT FOR ME. I MEAN WHO WOULD GIVE GEEKY DAN



IT SEEMS YOU HAVE FOUND SOMETHING MUCH MORE INTERESTING, THAN MY LECTURE. CARE TO SHARE?

UM, I HAD RATHER NOT SIR.

BY ALL MEANS, PLEASE DO. AFTER ALL, WE ARE ALL LEARNERS HERE.

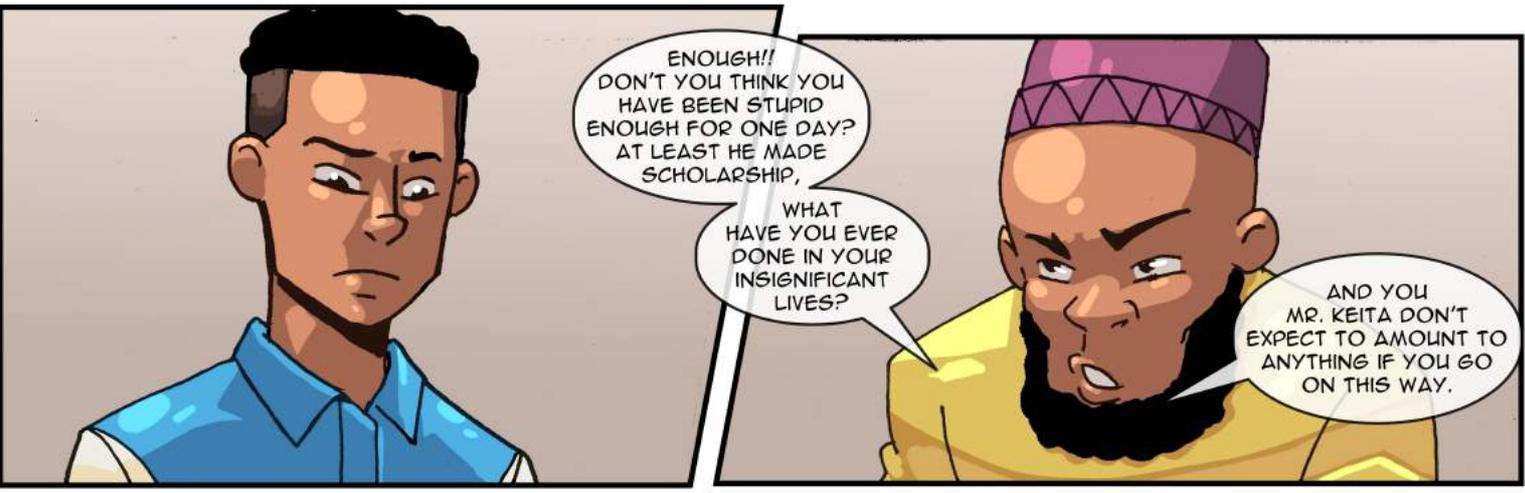
OKAY, UM IT SAYS, HI DANKA, UM DANKA. I GUESS I HVEA NEBE EN--YE--MEN--MAE--MENAAGIN!!! TO UHHH... I--I CAN'T SIR.

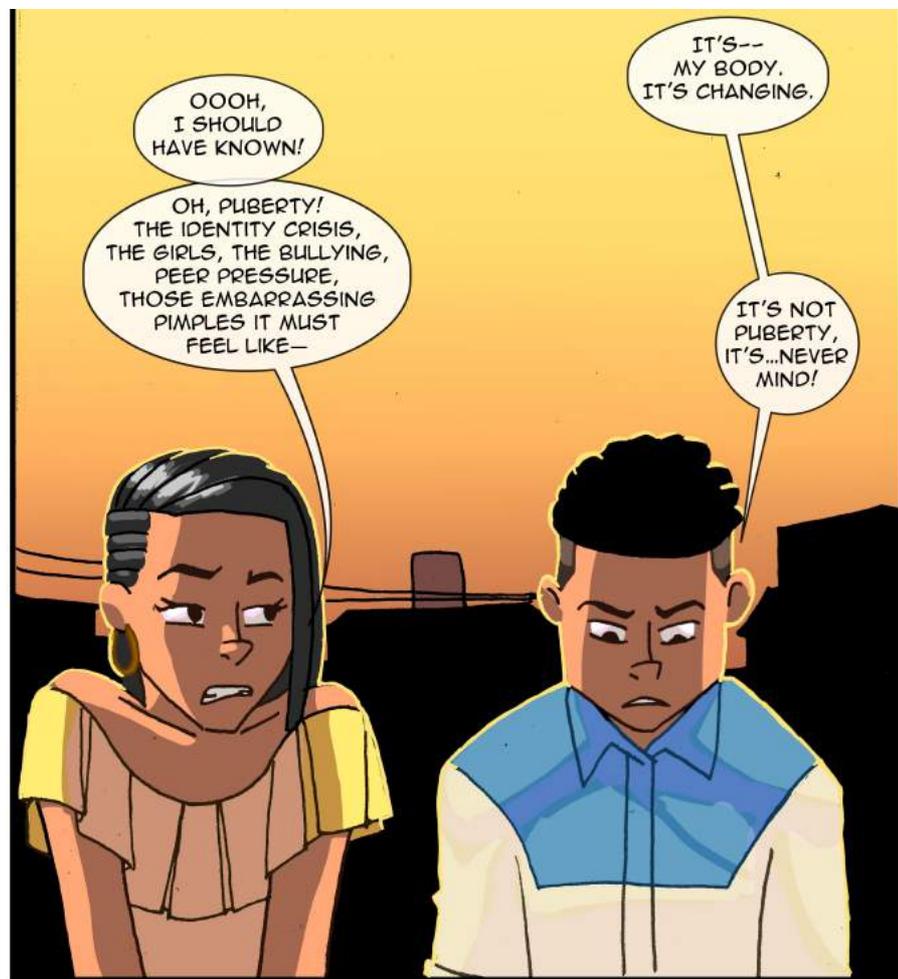
WHAT'S HE SAYING? ISN'T HE SUPPOSED TO BE A GENIUS OR SOMETHING?



YEAH, HE'S PROBABLY PRETENDING TO HIDE THE DETAILS

MAYBE IT'S A LOVE LETTER! EEEEE!!







MMĀ

DOGON PRIESTESS



LATER





SOMETHING'S BOTHERING DANKA BUT HE WON'T TELL ME WHAT IT IS, I NEED YOU TO HELP ME FIND OUT, WHAT'S WRONG... YOU ARE THE CLOSEST FRIEND HE HAS ..PLEASE.

DANKA'S MY BRO, THERE'S NO NEED TO PERSUADE ME, ALSO I CAN'T HAVE MY FUTURE BROIN-LAW DYING OF DEPRESSION..

URGH!!, YOU ARE ONE MESSED UP KID *HISS*



LATER

HOLD ON! HOROLOGIUM?...

IS THAT EVEN A REAL CONSTELLATION NAME OR YOUR JUST TRYING TO BE RAH-BELLIOUS.

CYGNUS, AQUILA, CANIS MAJOR, VULPECLA, ANDROMEDA, ORION, COMA BERENICES, HOROLOGIUM ---

LAUGHS CHOPSTICKS YOU HAVE GOT TO STOP SAYING THAT, IT COULD LITERALLY DESTROY YOUR SOCIAL LIFE, WAIT DOESN'T MATTER,

YOU CAN'T LOOSE WHAT YOU DON'T HAVE!



LOOK WHO'S TALKING, YOU'RE SO GEEKY, YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE SOCK!

I'M GOING TO KILL YOU IF ANYONE HEARD THAT!.. YOUR GONNA BE IN HOT SUSHI!! GET IT?

OH RIGHT CUZ MY NAMES CHOPSTICKS, DUDE THAT'S A TERRIBLE JOKE!!



IT'S LIKE YOU HAVE REVERSE TALENT FOR JOKES!!

HOT SUSHI, WHO SAYS THAT HAHAHA!!

HAHAHAHA!!...



WHY DON'T YOU ASK THE QUESTION YOU HAVE BEEN ITCHING TO ASK.

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU BRO?

... I'M FALLING APART, MY DYSLEXIA IT'S GOTTEN WORSE, AS IF THAT WASN'T BAD ENOUGH, I CAN SEE GHOSTS TOO.

YOU'RE KIDDING RIGHT?

I WISH I WAS BRO.. AS IF BEING A TIMID TEEN WASN'T BAD ENOUGH.

LIFE OF A TEENAGER..



WELL, WHY DON'T YOU JUST TELL DIALLO ABOUT IT?

LIKE "HEY SIS, YOUR FAVOURITE BROTHER'S LIFE JUST HIT BED ROCK, BELIEVE IT OR NOT HIS EYES ARE NO USE FOR BOOKS BUT ITS GREAT FOR GHOST HUNTING!!"

I WISH IT WAS THAT EASY..

IT IS!!.. JUST KEEP OUT THE GHOST PART, IT TAKES CHOPSTICKS KIND OF CRAZY TO BELIEVE THAT.



IT STILL ISN'T, I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M SAYING THIS, BUT BEFORE WE GOT A FOSTER HOME, DIALLO WAS KINDA MY MUM, SHE'S THE ONLY REASON WE SURVIVED,

SHE'S BEEN THROUGH A LOT, AND NOW SHE'S GRADUATE, HER LIFE'S BACK ON TRACK, I DON'T WANT TO BURDEN HER LIFE WITH MY PROBLEMS..



WELL, GRADUATING WITH A FIRST CLASS IS OUT OF THE QUESTION NOW ISN'T IT?

OH, SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW BRO..

THAT'S WHY YOU WANT TO WIN THE YARD SCHOLARSHIP FOR ASTRONOMY...

IT'S MY LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL, OR WAS..

YOU CAN'T PUT TOGETHER A PROPER PUBLICATION CAN YOU? DANKA: ...

I MIGHT HAVE AN IDEA....

YOU HAVING IDEAS IS LIKE AN OSTRICH FLYING, SOMETHINGS AREN'T JUST MEANT TO BE.

CURSES! ... HEAR ME OUT THOUGH, WHAT IF WE SNEAK INTO A BALA'S OFFICE! HE MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING IN HIS SECRET LIBRARY.

SECRET LIBRARY? ... THEIR JUST RUMOURS CHOPSTICKS.



NO.

MAN, IT WON'T HURT TO TRY.

OH COME ON, WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE SO BORING, THE CHANCES OF YOU HAVING FUN IS LESSER THAN THAT OF AN OSTRICH LAYING AN EGG!

OSTRICHES DO LAY EGGS.. GOODNIGHT CHOPSTICKS...



YAAAHH!!

DANKA ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!

ITS THE POINTING GHOST AGAIN!!

WELL THEN JUST GO WHERE HE POINTS ABI?..

ARE YOU CRAZY, YOU WANT ME TO FOLLOW A GHOST?!

NO WAY!

DO YOU WANT TO BE STARING AT A GHOST WHEN YOU GRADUATE?, YOU WANT TO SEE A GHOST WHEN YOU STAND AT THE ALTAR? WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUR OLD AND GRAY?!

OKAY! I GET IT.. I'LL FOLLOW.



WHERE'S HE POINTING TO?..

THERE ARE OTHERS, THEY SEEM TO BE LEADING ME SOMEWHERE ... LET'S GO.

WELL ITS PROBABLY GOING TO KEEP HAUNTING TILL YOU DIE ANYWAY SO WHY DON'T YOU FACE IT ONCE AND FOR ALL, DON'T YOU THINK?

I KNOW THIS IS CREEPY AND ALL, BUT IT'S FRIGGIN' DOPE!



SERIOUSLY?! AM I JOKE TO YOU NIP? I SUGGEST THE LIBRARY BUT YOUR TOO GOOD FOR MY IDEA, THEN! A FEW MINUTES LATER GHOSTS APPEARS AND LEAD YOU TO THE EXACT PLACE.

YOU COULD HAVE JUST EAT SOME HUMBLE PIE AND SAY MY IDEA WAS BADASS.

I WASN'T LYING AND IT'S STILL ISN'T A GOOD IDEA.

NAH-WAH!! ALL THIS DRAMA SO THAT YOU WON'T ADMIT? YOU SHOULD JUST GO AND ACT A YORUBA FILM, YOUR POOR ACTING FITS IN.

SIGH, THERE'S ANOTHER ONE BY THE ENTRANCE..

SURE THERE IS, ODE BOY ... LET'S JUST GO INSIDE..



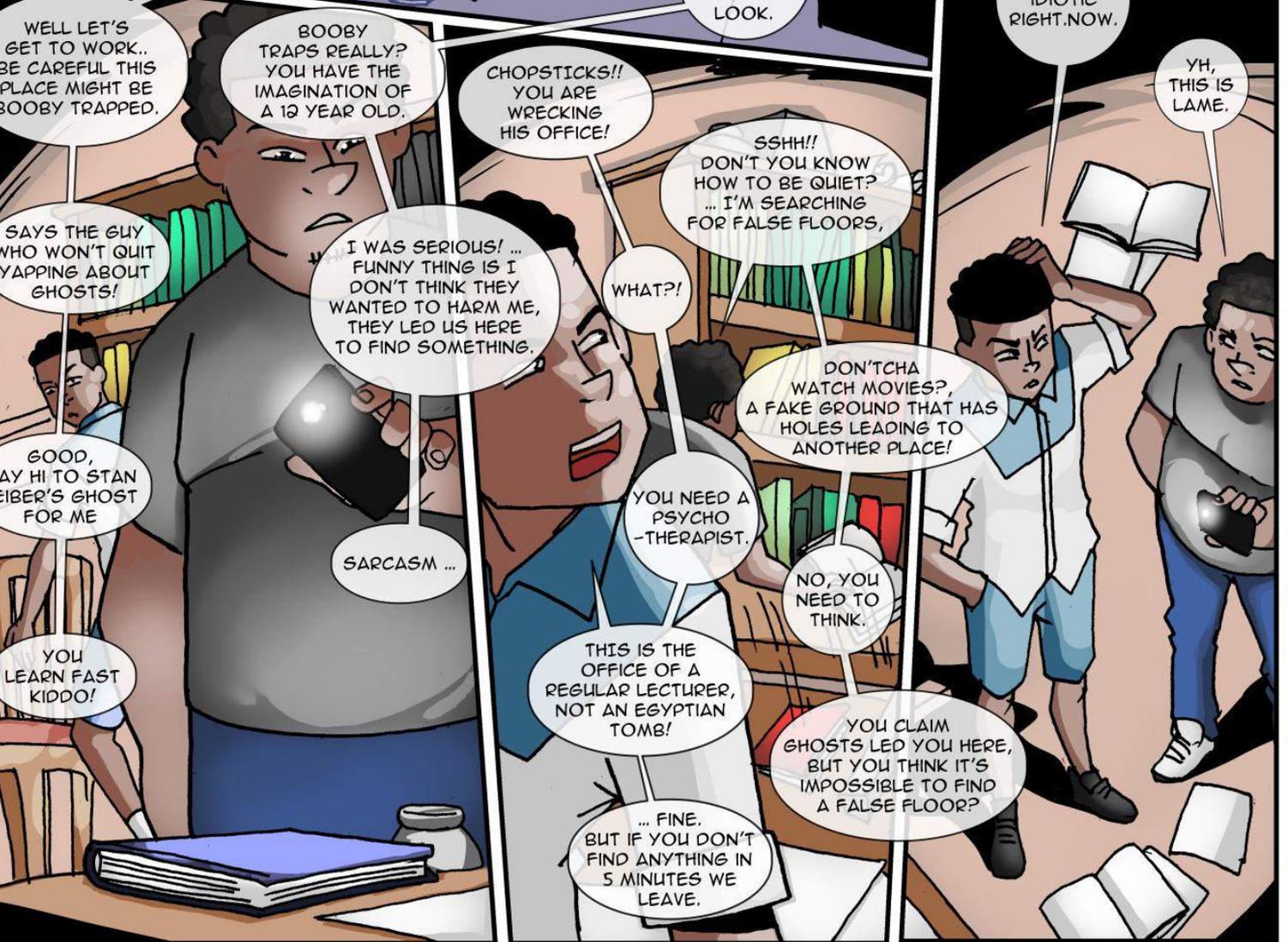
CLASSIC DANKA, CHICKENING OUT AGAIN, UNDERSTANDING HOW A FEARLESS REBEL DESTINED TO RULE NIGERIA! LIKE ME BECAME FRIENDS WITH YOU IS BEYOND IFA!

YOU KNOW WHAT?, I CHANGE MY MIND, THE FUND ISN'T THAT IMPORTANT ANYWAY..

GHOSTS LEAD US INTO AN EMPTY OFFICE AND YOU THINK IT'S A SANE IDEA?

GOD! YOU ARE STRONGER THAN YOU LOOK.

CUT. THE. ACT.



WELL LET'S GET TO WORK.. BE CAREFUL THIS PLACE MIGHT BE BOOBY TRAPPED.

BOOBY TRAPS REALLY? YOU HAVE THE IMAGINATION OF A 12 YEAR OLD.

CHOPSTICKS!! YOU ARE WRECKING HIS OFFICE!

SSHH!! DON'T YOU KNOW HOW TO BE QUIET? ... I'M SEARCHING FOR FALSE FLOORS,

I FEEL IDIOTIC RIGHT NOW.

YH, THIS IS LAME.

SAYS THE GUY WHO WON'T QUIT YAPPING ABOUT GHOSTS!

I WAS SERIOUS! ... FUNNY THING IS I DON'T THINK THEY WANTED TO HARM ME, THEY LED US HERE TO FIND SOMETHING.

WHAT?!

DON'TCHA WATCH MOVIES?, A FAKE GROUND THAT HAS HOLES LEADING TO ANOTHER PLACE!

GOOD, SAY HI TO STAN LEIBER'S GHOST FOR ME

SARCASM ...

YOU NEED A PSYCHO-THERAPIST.

NO, YOU NEED TO THINK.

YOU LEARN FAST KIDDO!

THIS IS THE OFFICE OF A REGULAR LECTURER, NOT AN EGYPTIAN TOMB!

YOU CLAIM GHOSTS LED YOU HERE, BUT YOU THINK IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND A FALSE FLOOR?

... FINE. BUT IF YOU DON'T FIND ANYTHING IN 5 MINUTES WE LEAVE.

5 MINUTES LATER



KRAASH!

I THINK I JUST BROKE THE SHELF AND MY PHONE... YEH! EYIN MI O! (MY BACK) ... HELP ME UP.

YOU JUST THRASHED A LECTURER'S OFFICE, YOU THINK I'M WORRIED ABOUT WHAT YOUR TRAPPED UNDER?



DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE DARKNESS, MY EYES ARE KEENER THAN A LEOPARD'S

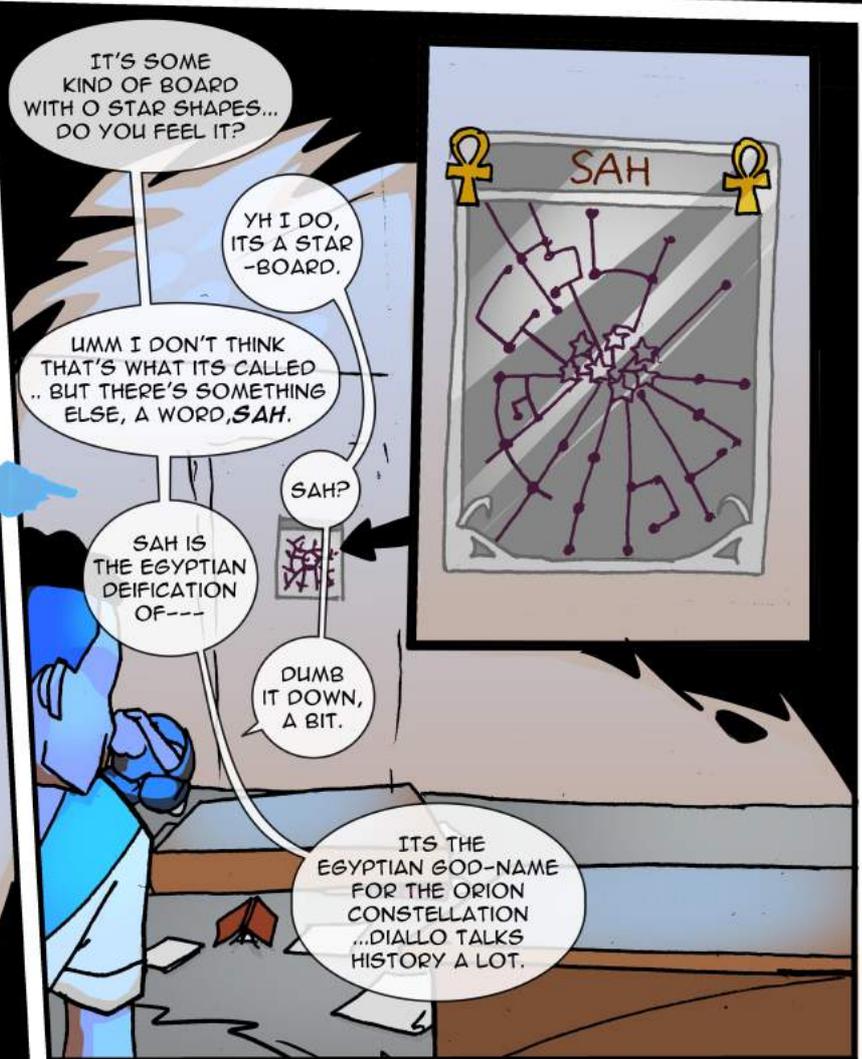
WE DON'T NEED YOUR FAKE EYES, I CAN SEE THE ROOM CLEARLY.

UM, HELLO?, IT'S MY THING TO TALK CRAZY, THE ROOM IS COMPLETELY DARK.

ITS THE GHOST OF A WOMAN, SHE'S VERY BRIGHT LIKE AN ANGEL...SHE'S LIGHTING THE ROOM.

ONE MINUTE YOUR COMPLETELY RATIONAL NOW THEIR IS A GHOST SERVING AS NEPA?...DANKA SNAP OUT OF IT!

UM, I'M SERIOUS SHE'S POINTING TO THE WALL, LET'S CHECK IT OUT.



IT'S SOME KIND OF BOARD WITH O STAR SHAPES... DO YOU FEEL IT?

YH I DO, ITS A STAR-BOARD.

UMM I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHAT ITS CALLED .. BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE, A WORD, SAH.

SAH?

SAH IS THE EGYPTIAN DEIFICATION OF---

DUMB IT DOWN, A BIT.

ITS THE EGYPTIAN GOD-NAME FOR THE ORION CONSTELLATION ...DIALLO TALKS HISTORY A LOT.





WELL, NO HEADLESS BODIES? BORING ... I'M GUESSING YOU WANT TO LEAVE DONTCHA?

NO, THOSE SPIRITS LED ME HERE FOR A REASON, THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN EVERYDAY, I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHY



WHAT?... WAIT WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR FACE DO YOU HAVE A TUMMY ACHE?

NO, WHY?

ITS ALMOST LIKE YOU HAVE AN EXPRESSION OF SERIOUSNESS, I DIDN'T THINK YOU COULD MAKE THE IS SERIOUS FACE LIKE REGULAR DUDE ...

HEAR ME OUT, I KNOW YOU WANT TO FIND OUT, SO DO I BUT I DIDN'T DO THIS FOR ADVENTURE,

ITS ALL ABOUT HELPING YOU GET YOUR LIFE TOGETHER SO WE FIND STUFF FOR YOUR CONTEST FIRST. DEAL?

DEAL. THANKS BRO. BUT YOU ARE ALSO DOING THIS TO IMPRESS MY SISTER AREN'T YOU?

TOTALLY!!...



WAA WUU!! WAA!! WUU!!! WAWUU!! I'M BALA THE IMPALER!!...

QUIT FOOLING AROUND AND HELP ME SEARCH.

CHILLAX, WE HAVE ALL NIGHT DON'T WE?



SSHH!! DID YOU HEAR THAT?



COME OUT NOW AND DIE LIKE REAL MEN!

BZZZZ



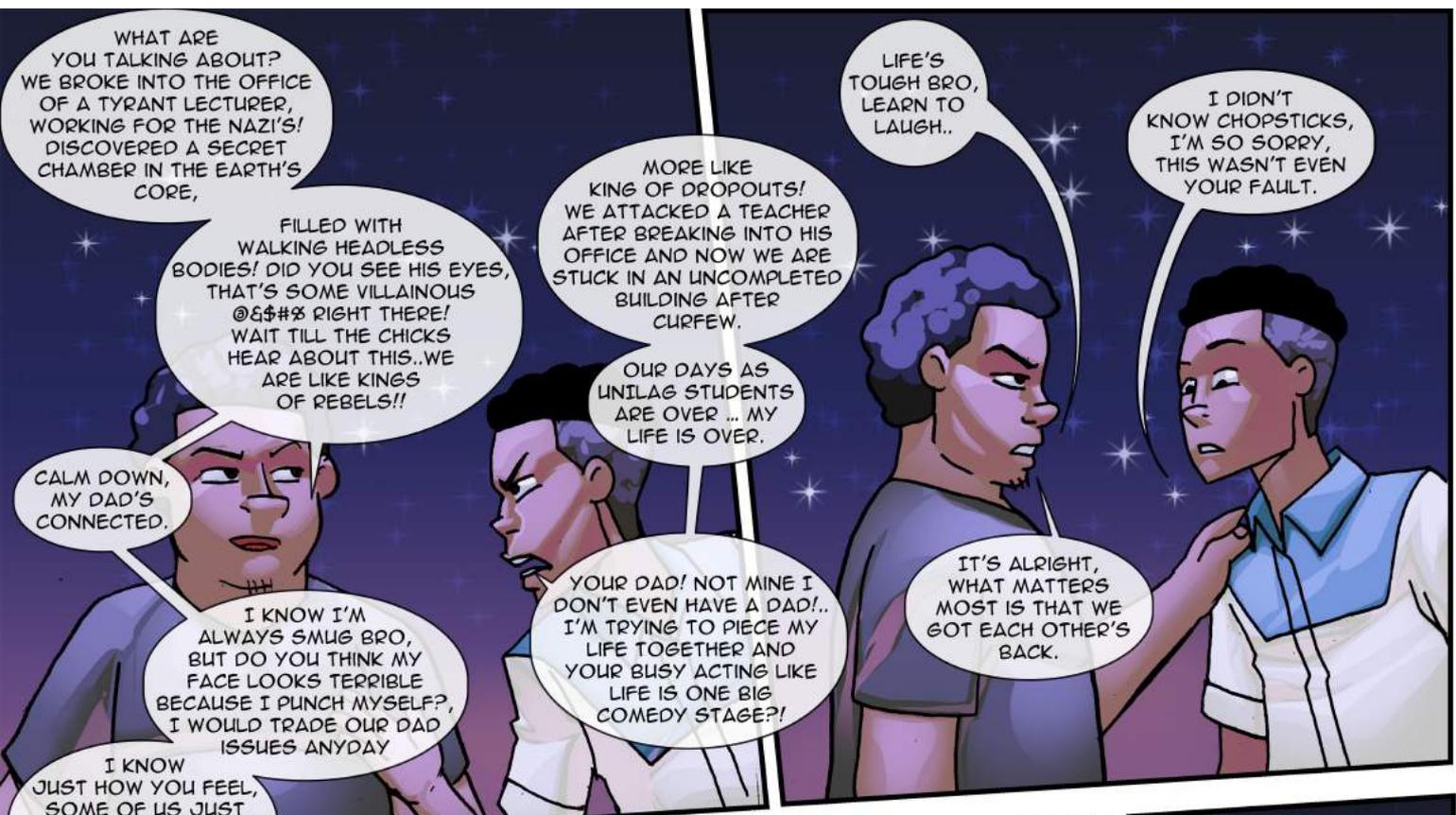


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WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WE BROKE INTO THE OFFICE OF A TYRANT LECTURER, WORKING FOR THE NAZI'S! DISCOVERED A SECRET CHAMBER IN THE EARTH'S CORE,

FILLED WITH WALKING HEADLESS BODIES! DID YOU SEE HIS EYES, THAT'S SOME VILLAINOUS @&##%\$ RIGHT THERE! WAIT TILL THE CHICKS HEAR ABOUT THIS..WE ARE LIKE KINGS OF REBELS!!

CALM DOWN, MY DAD'S CONNECTED.

I KNOW I'M ALWAYS SMUG BRO, BUT DO YOU THINK MY FACE LOOKS TERRIBLE BECAUSE I PUNCH MYSELF?, I WOULD TRADE OUR DAD ISSUES ANYDAY

I KNOW JUST HOW YOU FEEL, SOME OF US JUST LET THE BURDEN WE CARRY ROLL OF OUR BACKS WHILE WE LAUGH.

DANKA, YOU ARE STARING AT GHOSTS AGAIN?

LOOK MMA, HE GOT THE SCROLLS!

WAIT THEIR TALKING...

WOAH!

MORE LIKE KING OF DROPOUTS! WE ATTACKED A TEACHER AFTER BREAKING INTO HIS OFFICE AND NOW WE ARE STUCK IN AN UNCOMPLETED BUILDING AFTER CURFEW.

OUR DAYS AS UNILAG STUDENTS ARE OVER ... MY LIFE IS OVER.

YOUR DAD! NOT MINE I DON'T EVEN HAVE A DAD!.. I'M TRYING TO PIECE MY LIFE TOGETHER AND YOUR BUSY ACTING LIKE LIFE IS ONE BIG COMEDY STAGE?!

LIFE'S TOUGH BRO, LEARN TO LAUGH..

I DIDN'T KNOW CHOPSTICKS, I'M SO SORRY, THIS WASN'T EVEN YOUR FAULT.

IT'S ALRIGHT, WHAT MATTERS MOST IS THAT WE GOT EACH OTHER'S BACK.

SO? IT DOESN'T MEAN HE'S PREPARED.

NO ONE IS EVER PREPARED FOR THAT KIND OF POWER.

UMM.. HELLO? PREPARED FOR WHAT?

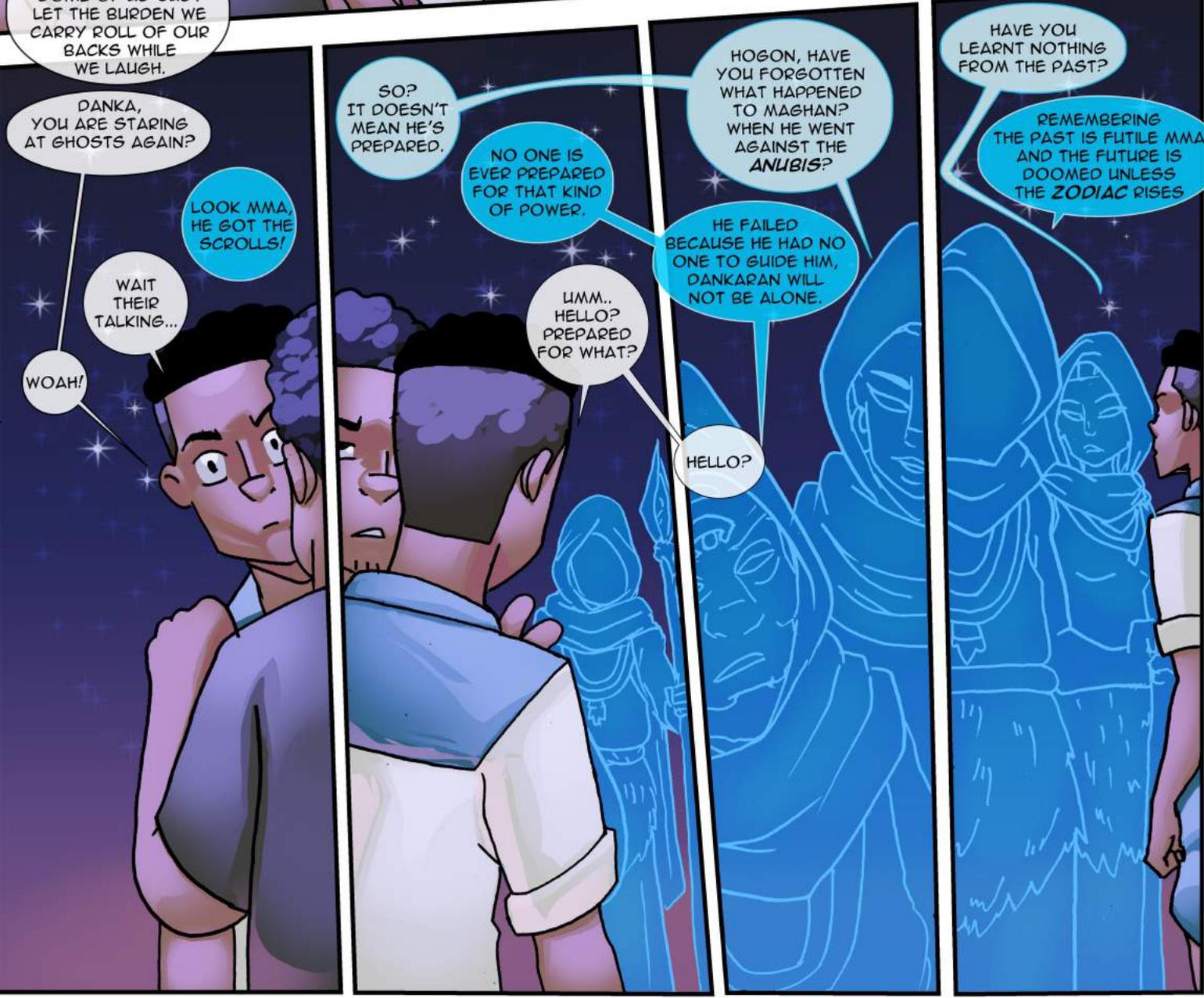
HELLO?

HOGON, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN WHAT HAPPENED TO MASHAN? WHEN HE WENT AGAINST THE ANUBIS?

HE FAILED BECAUSE HE HAD NO ONE TO GUIDE HIM, DANKARAN WILL NOT BE ALONE.

HAVE YOU LEARNT NOTHING FROM THE PAST?

REMEMBERING THE PAST IS FUTILE MMA AND THE FUTURE IS DOOMED UNLESS THE ZODIAC RISES



ALRIGHT!
BOTH OF YOU ARE
TALKING TO ME KNOW!
WHY ARE YOU ALL HAUNTING ME?
WHY DID YOU LEAD ME THERE?!
WHO'S MASHAN? AND
WHAT'S A ZODIAC?!

WELL
THIS IS WEIRD,
DANKA! ASK THEM IF
THEY WOULD BE
INTERESTED IN
POSSESSING ME?!

THE
ANSWERS
YOU SEEK
DANKARAN
ARE IN THAT
BAG...

...DON'T BE
AFRAID CHILD.



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT,
IT'S THE LONG LOST
ANCESTRAL CODEX
OF TIMBUKTU..

NO ONE'S
HEARD OF IT
SINCE THE FALL
OF DOGON!!,
.MORE THAN
5 CENTURIES
AGO..

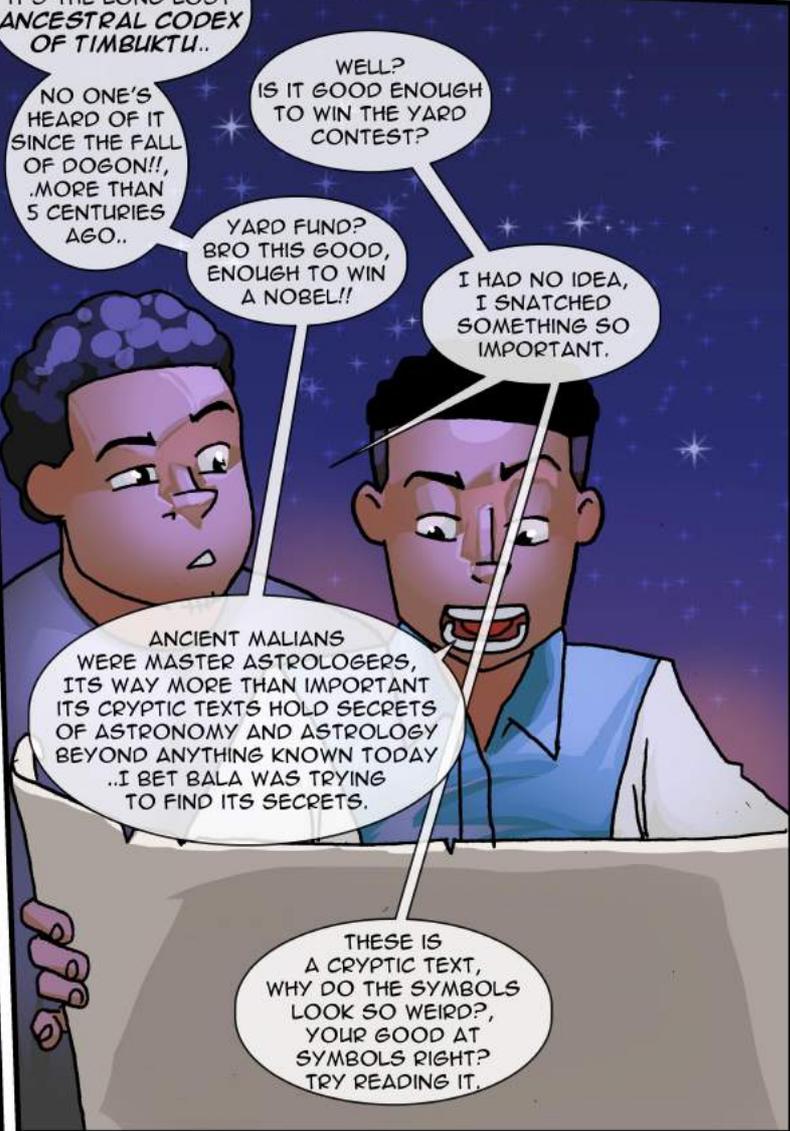
WELL?
IS IT GOOD ENOUGH
TO WIN THE YARD
CONTEST?

YARD FUND?
BRO THIS GOOD,
ENOUGH TO WIN
A NOBEL!!

I HAD NO IDEA,
I SNATCHED
SOMETHING SO
IMPORTANT.

ANCIENT MALIANS
WERE MASTER ASTROLOGERS,
ITS WAY MORE THAN IMPORTANT
ITS CRYPTIC TEXTS HOLD SECRETS
OF ASTRONOMY AND ASTROLOGY
BEYOND ANYTHING KNOWN TODAY
..I BET BALA WAS TRYING
TO FIND ITS SECRETS.

THESE IS
A CRYPTIC TEXT,
WHY DO THE SYMBOLS
LOOK SO WEIRD?,
YOUR GOOD AT
SYMBOLS RIGHT?
TRY READING IT.



ME?
I DON'T
THINK I CAN

... WOAH ...
I SEE--

DANKARAN?!

MY MIND
CANT TAKE THIS
... ITS TOO MUCH,
I CAN'T!

NIIIIIYYAARGH!!

MY MIND, THE THINGS I CAN SEE,
ITS AMAZING, ITS ALMOST LIKE THE UNIVERSE,
SHOWED ME ALL ITS SECRETS..

WOAH!
WHAT ARE
THOSE DANKA?,
WHAT'S
HAPPENING?





I TOLD YOU, THE CHILD WASN'T READY.

HAVE SOME FAITH..

WAKE UP BRO!... WAKE UP NOW OR I'M GOING TO KNOCK YOU OUT!



WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE? WHY DO THEY LOOK LIKE YOU TWO?, CAN'T THEY SEE US, OH MY GOD! LOOK AT MY SKIN I'M FRIGGIN DEAD! ... I'M DEAD!



WHERE AM I?I HAVE TO GET HOME

ANCIENT DOBON IN MALI, WELCOME HOME DANKARAN.

WAIT I'M IN MALI NOW?!...



YOU ARE NOT DEAD DANKARAN, YOUR BODY IS IN A STATE OF SLEEP.

ASTRAL PROJECTION! WILL I BE ABLE TO RETURN TO MY BODY?

YES, SOON ... I AM HOGON, THE ALL-SEEING AND THIS IS MMANI, OUR CHIEF PRIESTESS AND ARCH ASTROLOGER.

FOR NOW WE WILL GIVE THE ANSWERS YOU SEEK.

WHY DID THE CODEX DO THAT WHEN I TRIED TO DECIPHER IT?, WHY DID YOU-- AND HOW ARE WE HERE!

CALM DOWN, YOUNG ONE, WE SHALL GET THERE. LOOK AROUND YOU, WHAT YOU SEE IS AN ILLUSION, A RECREATION OF MY MEMORIES OF A FAIRLY DISTANT PAST, WHEN WE YOUR ANCESTORS WALKED THE EARTH.



WELL WHAT ARE YOU PEOPLE DOING?

SEARCHING FOR UNEARTHLY WISDOM, WE MIGHT HAVE FOUND THE 13 SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC, BUT IT WASN'T ENOUGH, WE KNEW THERE WAS MORE ... MORE SECRETS IN THE HEAVENS ABOVE.

AMAZING!! DID YOU FIND IT?!



YES, WE FOUND THE SECRETS, NO MAN KNEW BEFORE AND PUT IT ALL IN ONE SIMPLISTIC SCROLL.

THE ANCESTRAL CODEX.



DOGON OF MALI, BECAME THE CAPITAL OF WORLD KNOWLEDGE, MEN CAME FROM THE FAR AND WIDE TO TRY AND UNDERSTAND THE CODEX OF TIMBUKTI, NONE SUCCEEDED, BUT THE TRUTH IS.....



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NEITHER COULD WE ... YEARS AFTER EVERYONE GAVE UP, I NEVER STOPPED. BUT IT'S MYSTERIES TOO COMPLEX, ITS CELESTIAL EQUATIONS TOO GOD-LIKE ... EVENTUALLY I GAVE UP.

HA! SO YOU DUBBED THE CREATOR'S WORK BUT YOU COULDN'T FIGURE IT OUT? REMINDS ME OF CHOPS, HE DUBS MY CALCULUS ASSIGNMENTS WITHOUT A CLUE OF WHATS GOING ON.

AND ONCE AGAIN YOU HAVE THE ANSWERS.

WHAT?

YOU STILL DON'T SEE?

IT'S HAPPENING TO HIM TOO?

HIS NAME WAS MADOU, AT 16 HIS LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING OF ASTROLOGY RIVALLED THE MIND OF HOGON, HE WAS A PRODIGY.

THE MOMENT HE LAID HIS EYES ON THE CODEX ITS SECRETS UNRAVELLED ITSELF TO HIM.

THE SCROLLS NOT ONLY GAVE HIM UNIMAGINABLE KNOWLEDGE OF ASTROLOGY, HE BECAME A CELESTIAL WARRIOR ARMED WITH POWERS OF THE 12 STAR SIGNS,

HE WAS TRULY UNIQUE, IN TIME HE COULD EVEN STEAL GLIMPSSES INTO THE FUTURE. HE WAS THE ZODIAC ...OUR PROTECTOR

AFTER HIS DEATH, HE WAS REINCARNATED SEVERALLY ACCORDING TO THE ZODIAC CYCLE.

WAIT DO YOU MEAN...

YES DANKA WE DO.

GIVE ME THE CODEX AND I'LL LET YOU KEEP YOUR HEAD.

I'M A PRIEST OF THE ORDER OF DOGON, THE CODEX WILL NEVER BE YOURS

UNFORTUNATELY, WHAT BROUGHT US FAME, ALSO BROUGHT DOOM ...IN DARK CHAPTERS OF HISTORY,

THE PHARAOH KHUFU AND HIS BATTALION OF ELITE WARRIORS DESCENDED ON DOGON, IN SEARCH OF THE CODEX.

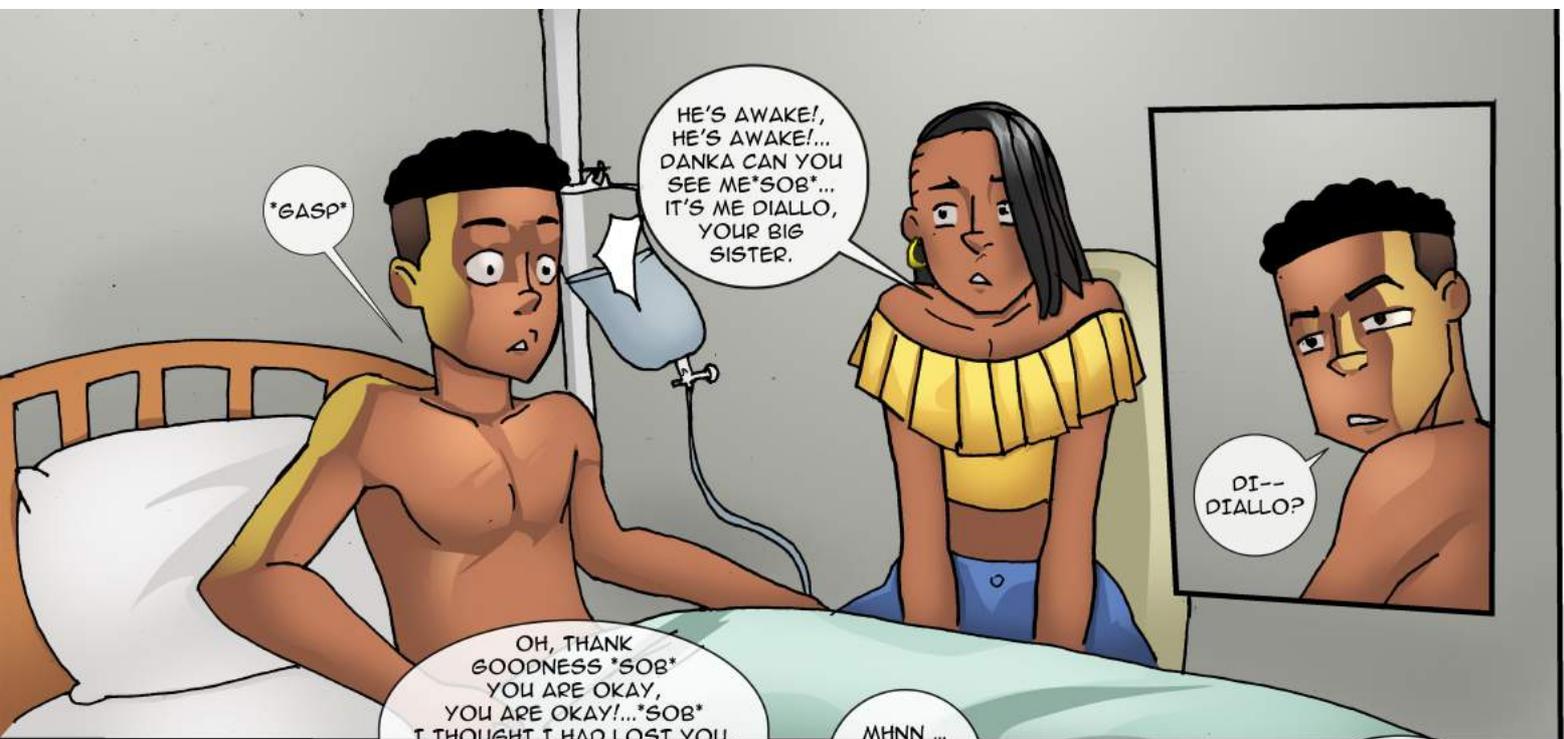
I'M SORRY FOR MAKING YOU SEE THAT, IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT'S AT STAKE IF THE POWER OF THE ZODIAC FALL IN THE HANDS OF KHUFU'S DYNASTY.

I---I CAN'T STOP HIM.

YES YOU CAN AND YOU WILL, YOU ARE THE ZODIAC.

HOGON THE ALL-SEEING IS IT?, ALLOW ME TO RELIEVE YOU OF THAT TITLE..

YAAARRRRGGH!!



GASP

HE'S AWAKE!, HE'S AWAKE!... DANKA CAN YOU SEE ME*SOB*... IT'S ME DIALLO, YOUR BIG SISTER.

DI-- DIALLO?

OH, THANK GOODNESS *SOB* YOU ARE OKAY, YOU ARE OKAY!... *SOB* I THOUGHT I HAD LOST YOU, YOU WERE---YOUR BRAIN SHOWED NO SIGN OF ACTIVITY AND I THOUGHT---

MHNN ... HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN OUT?

2 DAYS... IT TOOK A LOT OF PERSUASION FROM YOUR WEIRD FRIEND TO STOP ME FROM TELL AUNT KOFO.

WELL THATS SURPRISING, YOU WOULD EXPECT CRAZY CHOPSTICKS TO BURY ME.

THERE'S NO NEED TO TELL HER I'M PERFECTLY FINE.

REALLY?..



I'M ALRIGHT AND I WOULD BE DOING BETTER IF YOU WEREN'T HUGGING SO TIGHT...

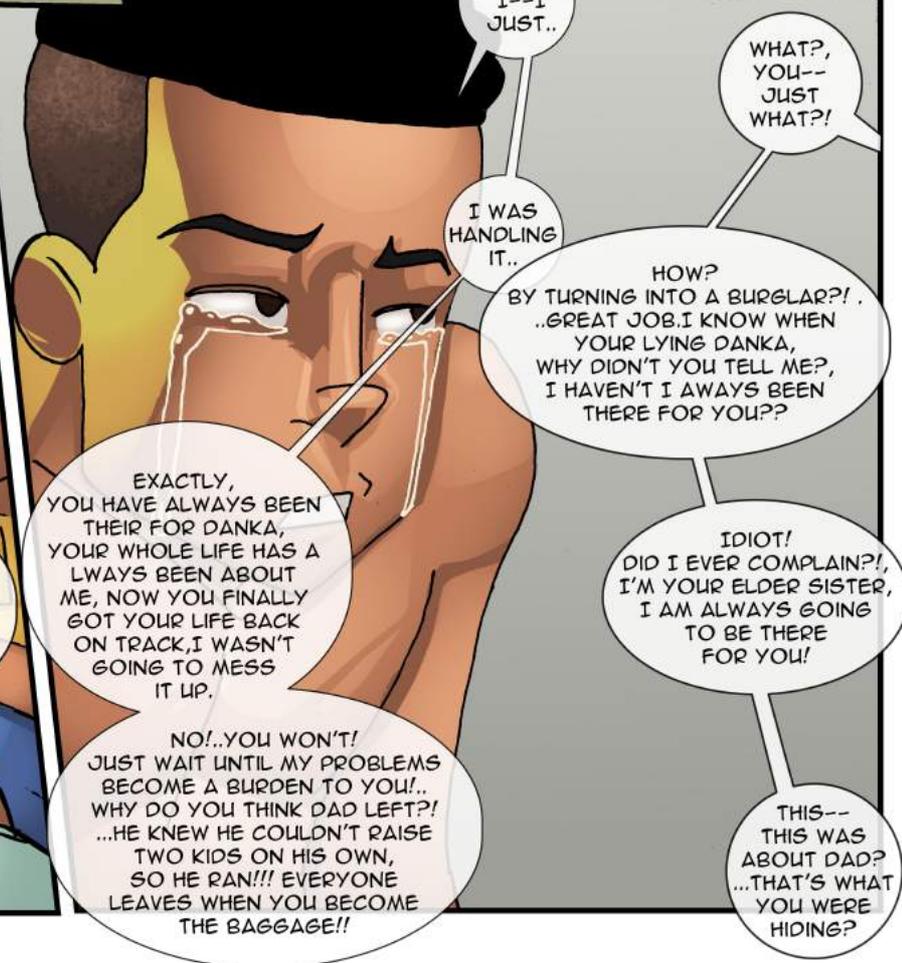


WHAT DID CHOPSTICKS TELL YOU?

E--VER--RY--THING!..

DAMMIT!! ... I KNOW BREAKING INTO AN OFFICE WAS A BAD IDEA BUT---

I DON'T CARE THAT YOU CARE THAT YOU BROKE IN, BUT YOU KEPT BIG PROBLEMS LIKE THAT, I'M YOUR SISTER, YOUR ONLY FAMILY. I THOUGHT YOU TRUSTED ME?



I DID... I--I JUST..

WHAT?, YOU-- JUST WHAT?!

I WAS HANDLING IT..

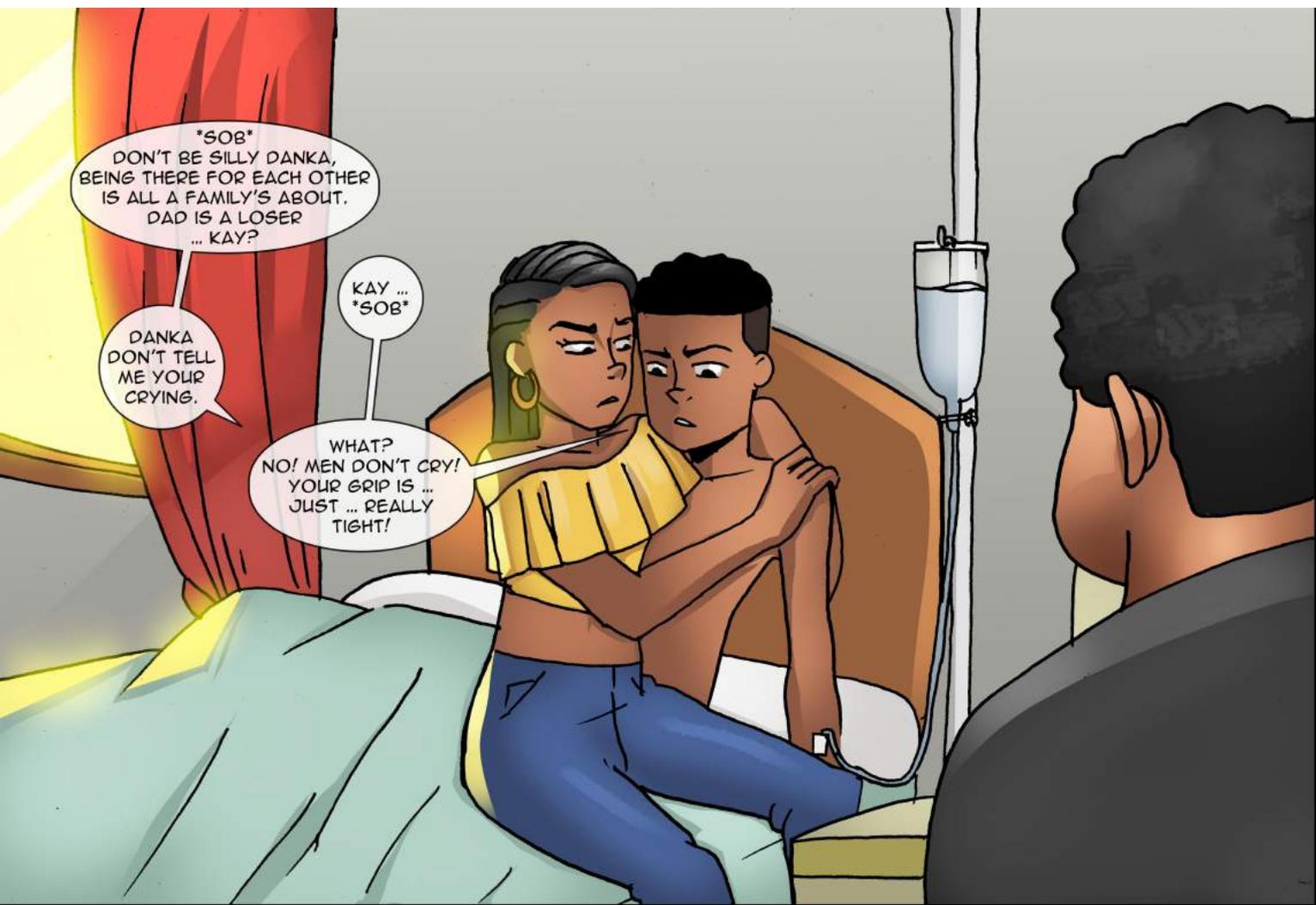
HOW? BY TURNING INTO A BURGLAR?! ..GREAT JOB.I KNOW WHEN YOUR LYING DANKA, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?, I HAVEN'T I ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR YOU??

IDIOT! DID I EVER COMPLAIN?!, I'M YOUR ELDER SISTER, I AM ALWAYS GOING TO BE THERE FOR YOU!

EXACTLY, YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THEIR FOR DANKA, YOUR WHOLE LIFE HAS A LWAYS BEEN ABOUT ME, NOW YOU FINALLY GOT YOUR LIFE BACK ON TRACK,I WASN'T GOING TO MESS IT UP.

NO!..YOU WON'T! JUST WAIT UNTIL MY PROBLEMS BECOME A BURDEN TO YOU!.. WHY DO YOU THINK DAD LEFT?! ...HE KNEW HE COULDN'T RAISE TWO KIDS ON HIS OWN, SO HE RAN!!! EVERYONE LEAVES WHEN YOU BECOME THE BAGGAGE!!

THIS-- THIS WAS ABOUT DAD? ...THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE HIDING?



SOB
DON'T BE SILLY DANKA,
BEING THERE FOR EACH OTHER
IS ALL A FAMILY'S ABOUT.
DAD IS A LOSER
... KAY?

DANKA
DON'T TELL
ME YOUR
CRYING.

KAY ...
SOB

WHAT?
NO! MEN DON'T CRY!
YOUR GRIP IS ...
JUST ... REALLY
TIGHT!



HEY
DANKA YOU ARE ALIVE!,
GOOD THING I DIDN'T LISTEN
TO THE PART OF MY BRAIN...
THAT WAS SCREAMING GET
RID OF THE BODY!
GET RID OF
THE BODY!

WHO ARE
THE CLOTHES
FOR?

GET DRESSED,
WE ARE GOING
TO THE YARD!...
IT'S TODAY
REMEMBER?



I KNOW,
BUT I DIDN'T
SUBMIT--

I SENT AN
AUTHENTIC PICTURE OF
THE TIMBUKTU'S SCROLL
ON YOUR BEHALF...
AND GUESS WHAT
YOU WON!..

CHOPSTICKS?!
WHY WOULD
YOU DO THAT?
WAIT I--I
WON?



NOW ALL WE DO IS WAIT

Y.A.R.D.

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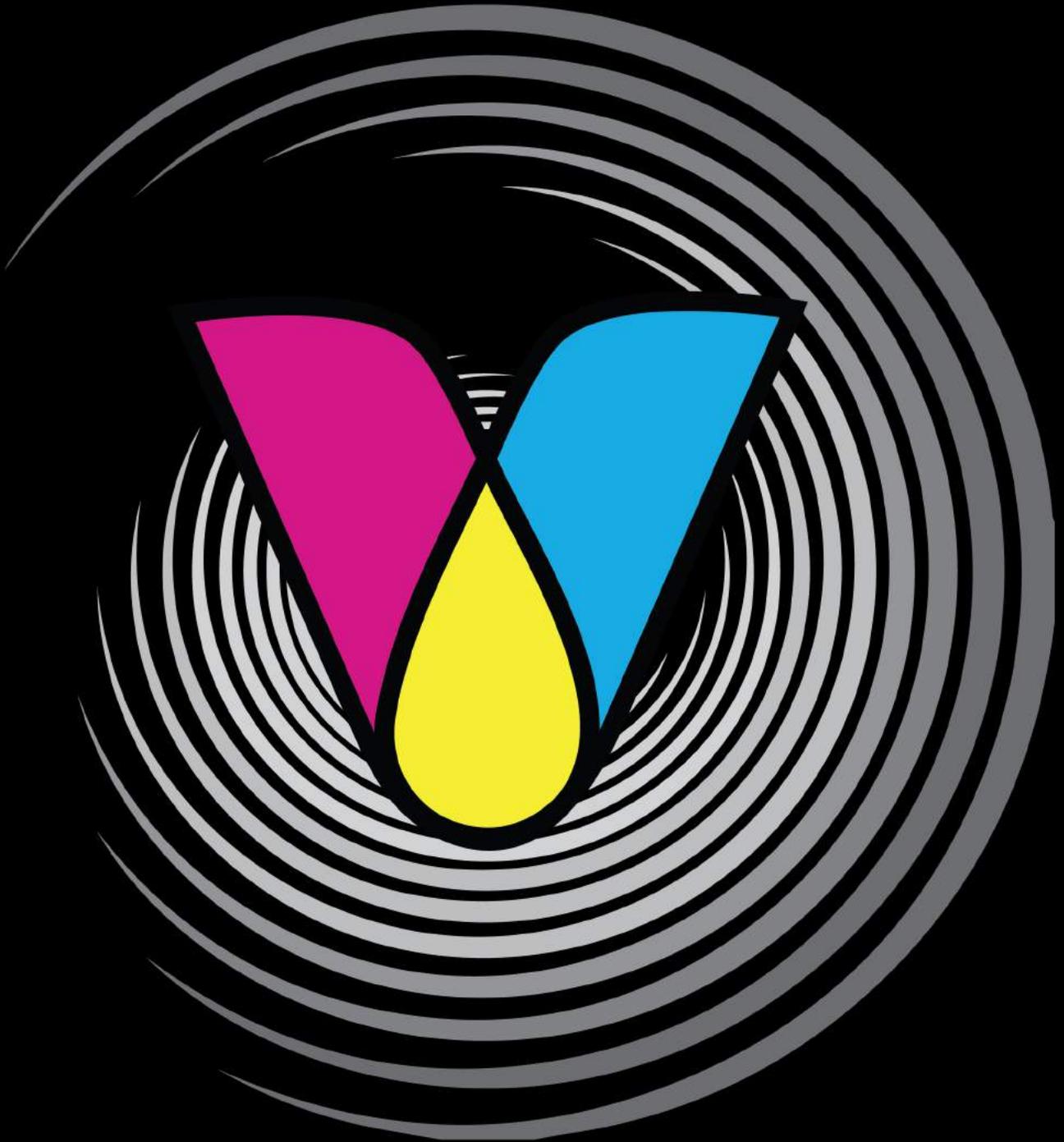


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