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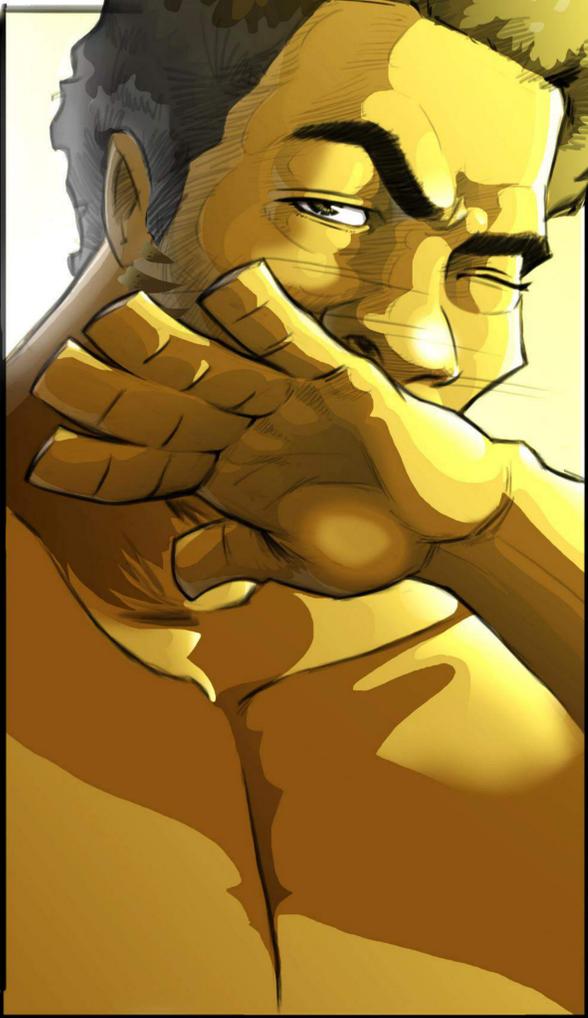
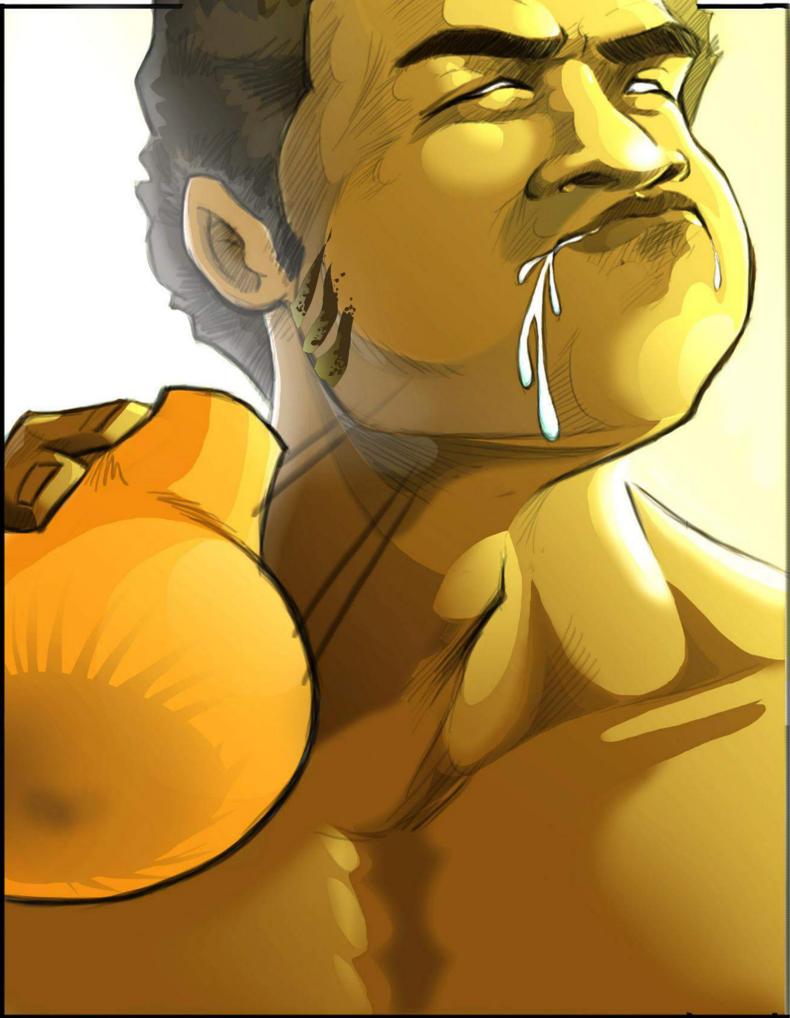
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CONCERNING THE FIRST MAN,
THERE ARE SEVERAL MYTHS
AND LEGENDS. WE'RE TALKING
ABOUT A TIME BEFORE TIME
SO IT'S ALL CONJECTURE.
BEYOND THAT IS WHERE
THE FUN BEGINS.

MOST OF THE STORIES GO
IN THE SAME DIRECTION.

OUR STORY IS DIFFERENT.





THIS ISN'T THE STORY OF
SOME RANDOM MAN CREATED IN
HEAVEN WHO LOOSES IT ALL.

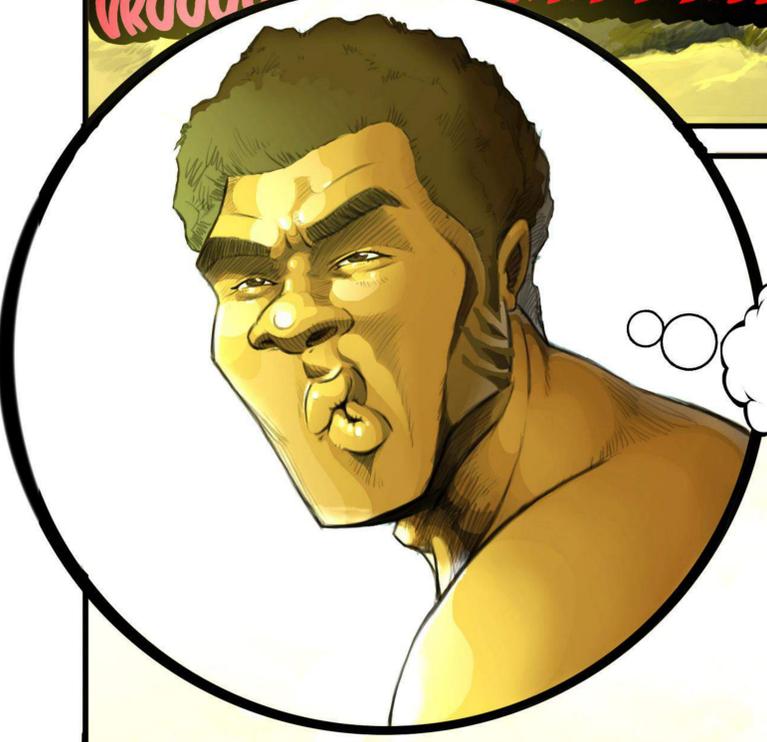
THIS IS A STORY ABOUT A MAN,
THE ORIGINAL GANDA; THE ONLY
LIVING THING IN THE WORLD
EXCEPT FOR HIS COW.

ALL THAT MATTERS IS HIS NAME,
KINTU. AND HOW HE GAINED HEAVEN
AND SO MUCH MORE.

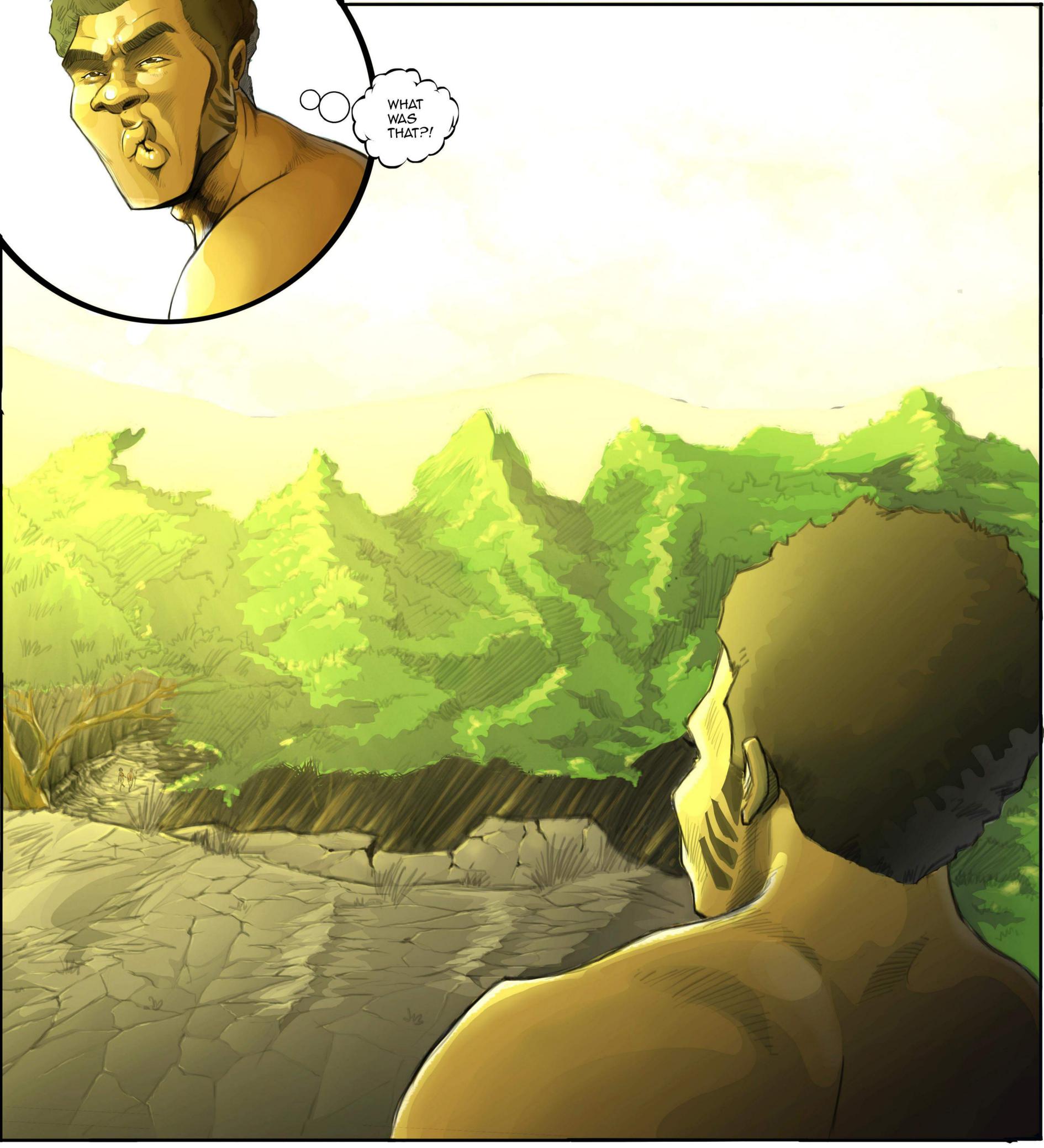
EARTH. A PLACE THAT WOULD ONE DAY BECOME BUGANDA.



VROOOOOOOOAAAARRRRR!!!



WHAT WAS THAT?!





WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT WAS?



MOOOOWWW!!!

YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE THE BRAINS OF THIS OPERATION.

I'LL GO TAKE A LOOK.

A muscular man with a determined expression is swinging on a thick vine. He is wearing a loincloth and has a small circular tattoo on his chest. The background is a lush green jungle with a thatched hut and another person visible in the distance. The scene is framed by a black border.

KINTU HAD WALKED THE FOREST AND SWANG THE VINES THOUSANDS OF TIMES.

TODAY HOWEVER,
SOMETHING FELT
DIFFERENT.



AS HE JUMPED OVER THE ROCKS AND DEEP VALLEYS OF THE LAND, HIS HEART MOVED IN WAYS IT HADN'T BEFORE.

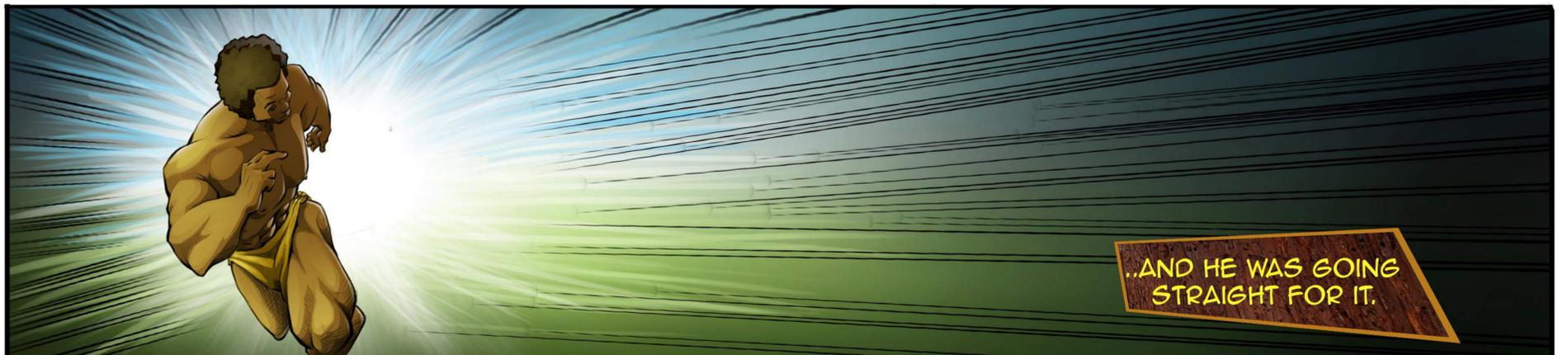
BOOM BOOM BOOM.

HE COULD TASTE IT IN THE AIR, HE COULD FEEL IT VIBRATING IN HIS BONES.



HE WASN'T ALONE.

SOMETHING HE COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WAS CALLING OUT TO HIM.



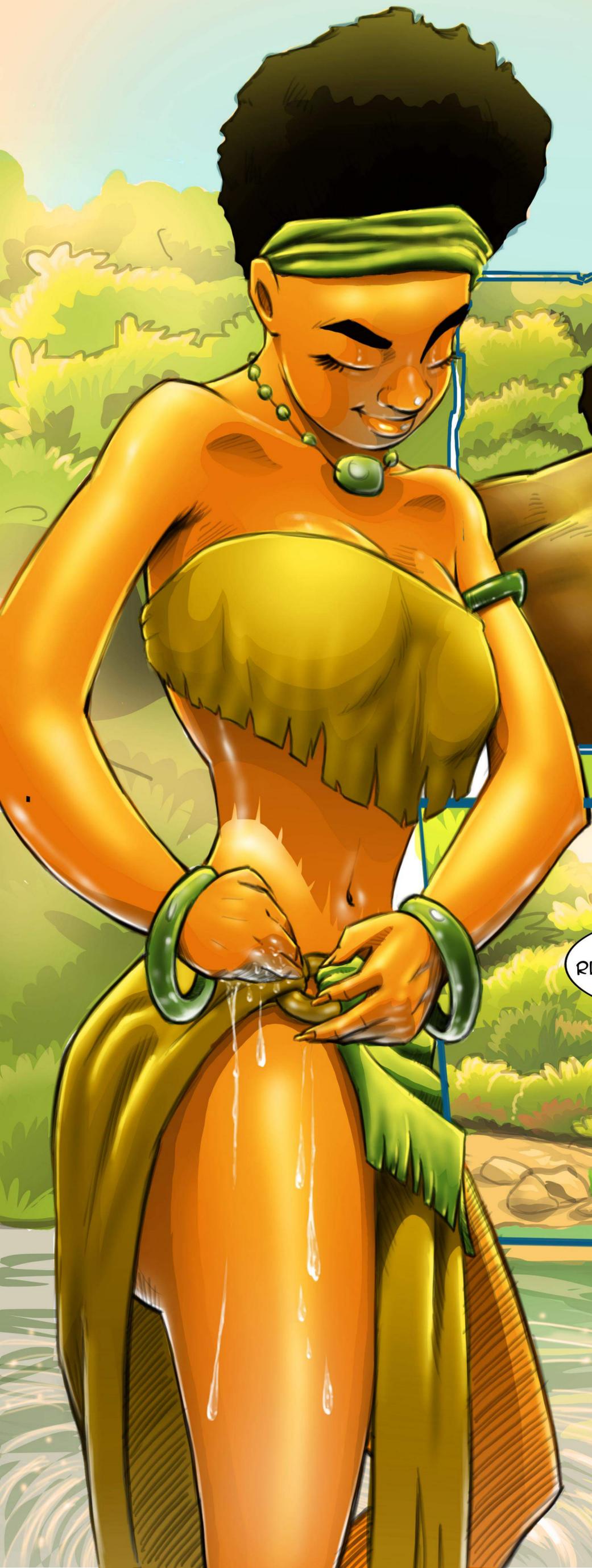
..AND HE WAS GOING STRAIGHT FOR IT.



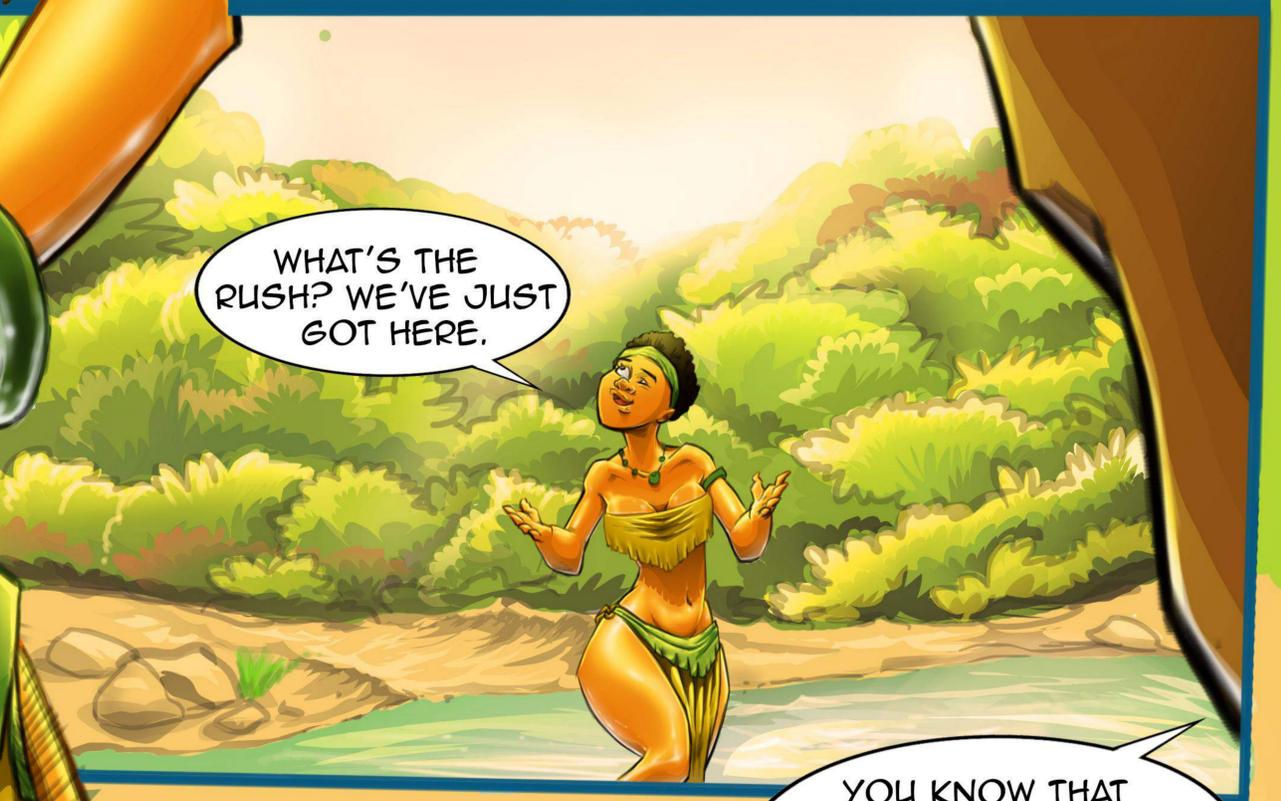
SOUNDS! AT THE RIVER!

YEARS LATER, KINTU WOULD THINK SEEING HER FOR THE FIRST TIME. THE FEAR AND WONDER HE HAD FELT. SHE WOULD BECOME EVERYTHING NEW FOR HIM.

AND EVERYTHING TERRIBLE.

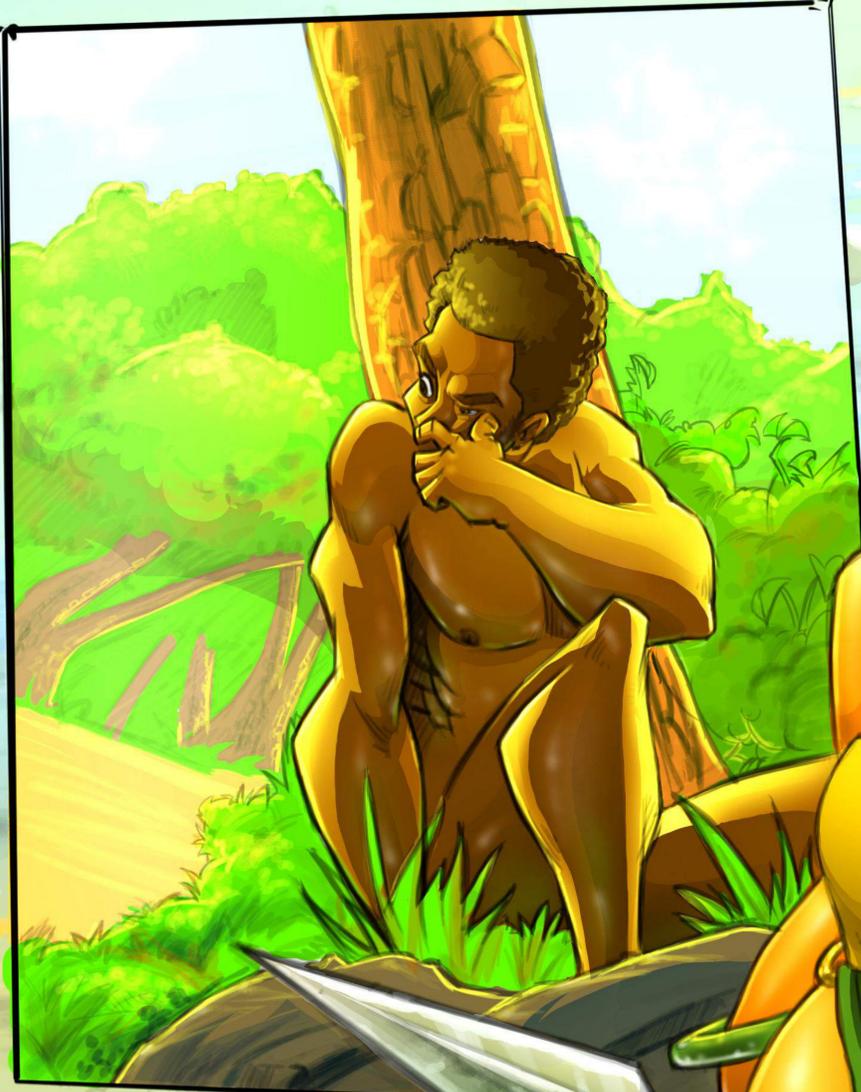


NAMBI, IT'S TIME TO GO. WE'VE BEEN HERE TOO LONG.



WHAT'S THE RUSH? WE'VE JUST GOT HERE.

YOU KNOW THAT FATHER DOESN'T WANT US TO VISIT THE FRONTIER WORLDS.



I WONDER WHY THERE'S SO MUCH TO EXPLORE AND DISCOVER. NEW THINGS TO LEARN.



I DOUBT IT. THIS PLACE IS RATHER BORING.



COME ON, I'VE SUMMONED THE ZUNGA. WE DON'T WANT TO BE LATE FOR THE FEAST TONIGHT.

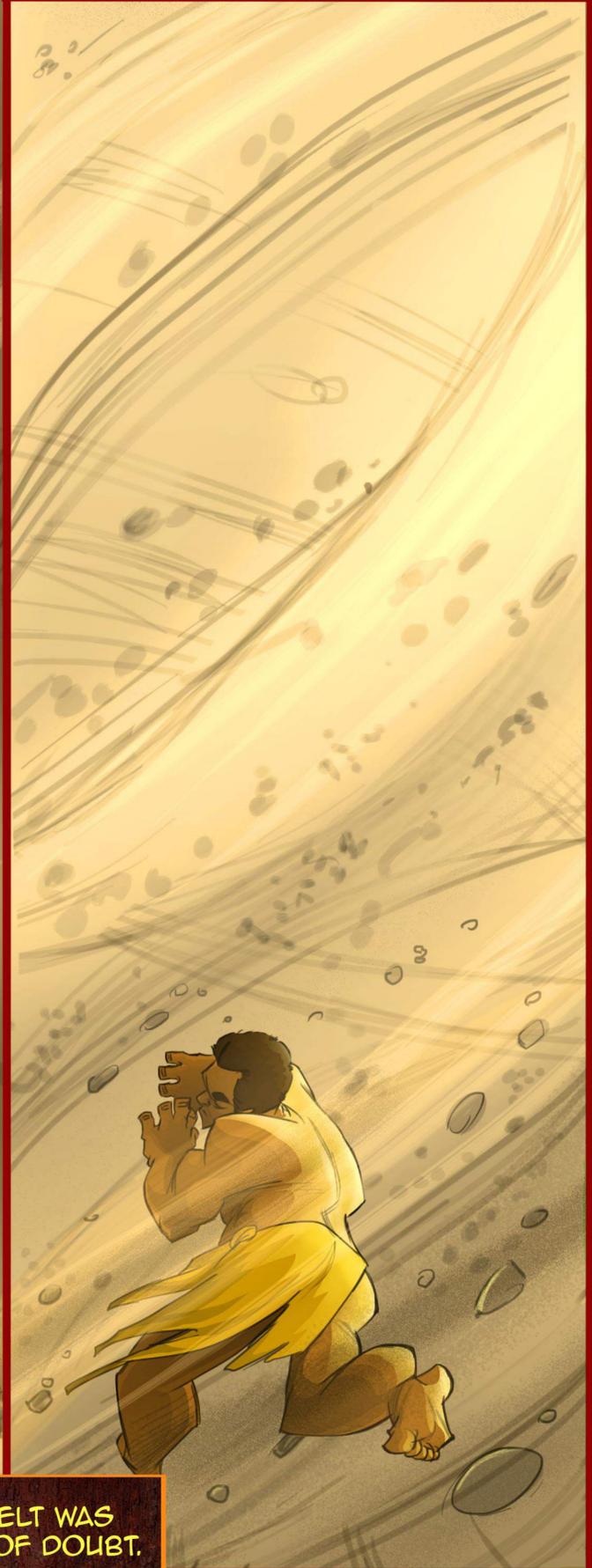
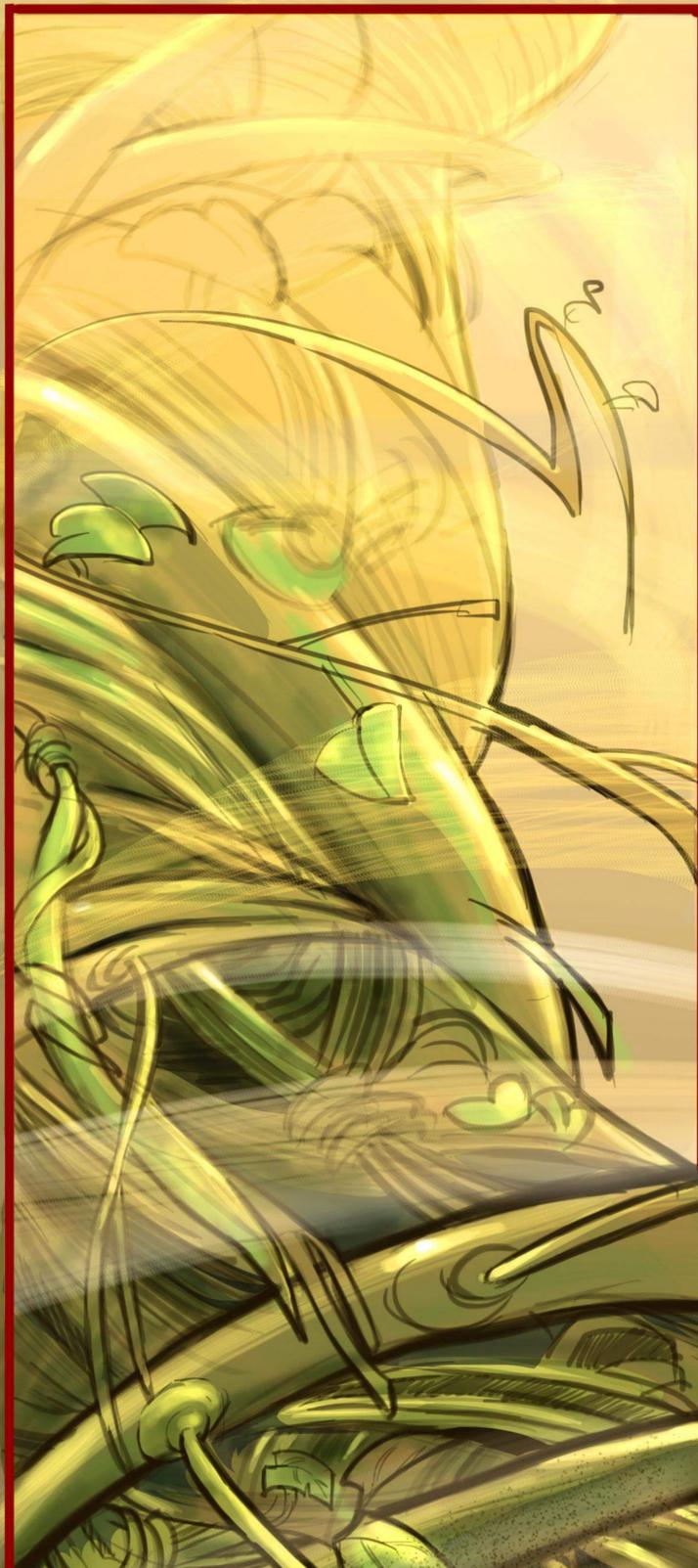
OKAY! OKAY! OKAY!



IT ROSE IN THE SKY LIKE AN
UMBILICAL CORD LINKING THE
EARTH TO THE SKY.

THE NOISE IT MADE
WAS OTHERWORLDLY.
KINTU COULD HEAR
IT CALL HIM.





I WONDER IF WALLUMBE CHANGED. I THINK FATHER RECALLING HIM FROM EXILE IS A BAD IDEA.

I WISH WE HAD HAD MORE TIME..

NAMBI.....

ERR...YES! YOU WERE SAYING ?!

ALL KINTU FELT WAS A SECOND OF DOUBT.

ONLY A SECOND.

BEFORE HIS LEGS
STARTED MOVING.

MOVING TOWARDS
HIS DEATH.

IN A WAY, KINTU DIED THAT DAY





WHAT IS THIS PLACE?!!



HEAVEN





SSSKYTHRUHARR!

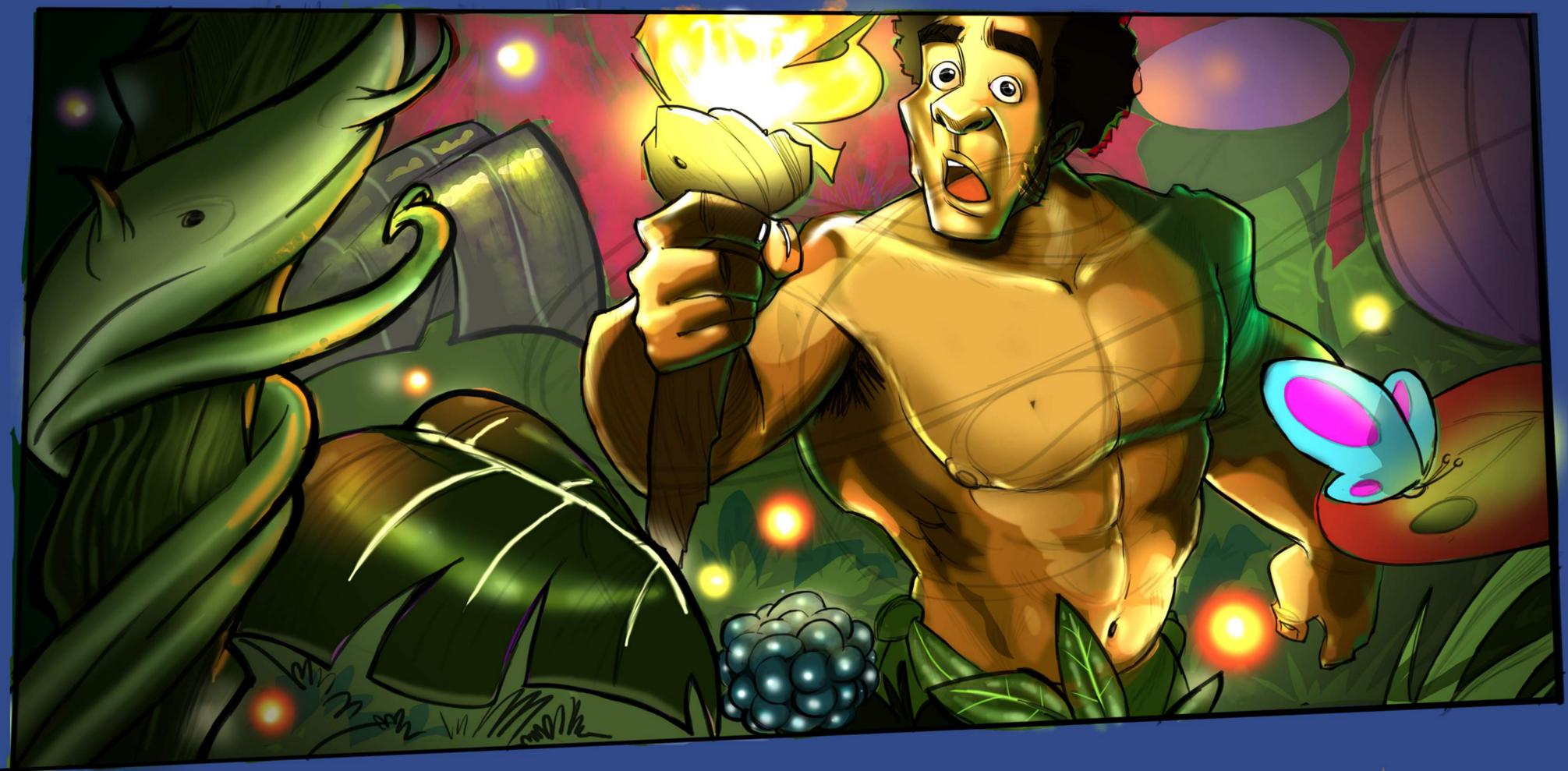
SSSKYTHRUHARR!

EEEEWWW!!

THAT'S NASTY.

WHAT WAS I DOING AGAIN?

OH YEAH! WHERE DID THESE PEOPLE DISAPPEAR TO?



LIGHTING
LEAVES, GLOWING
PLANTS, WHATEVER
THESE ARE



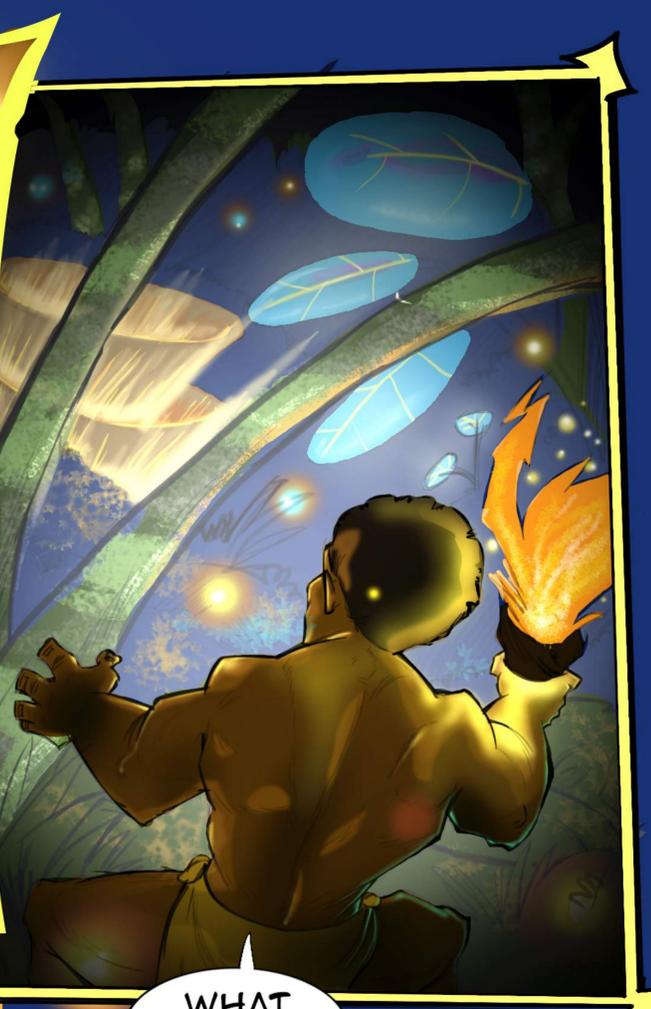
THIS IS
FANTASTIC!



HAHAHA...



OOH!



WHAT DID I...



..JUST DO?!!!



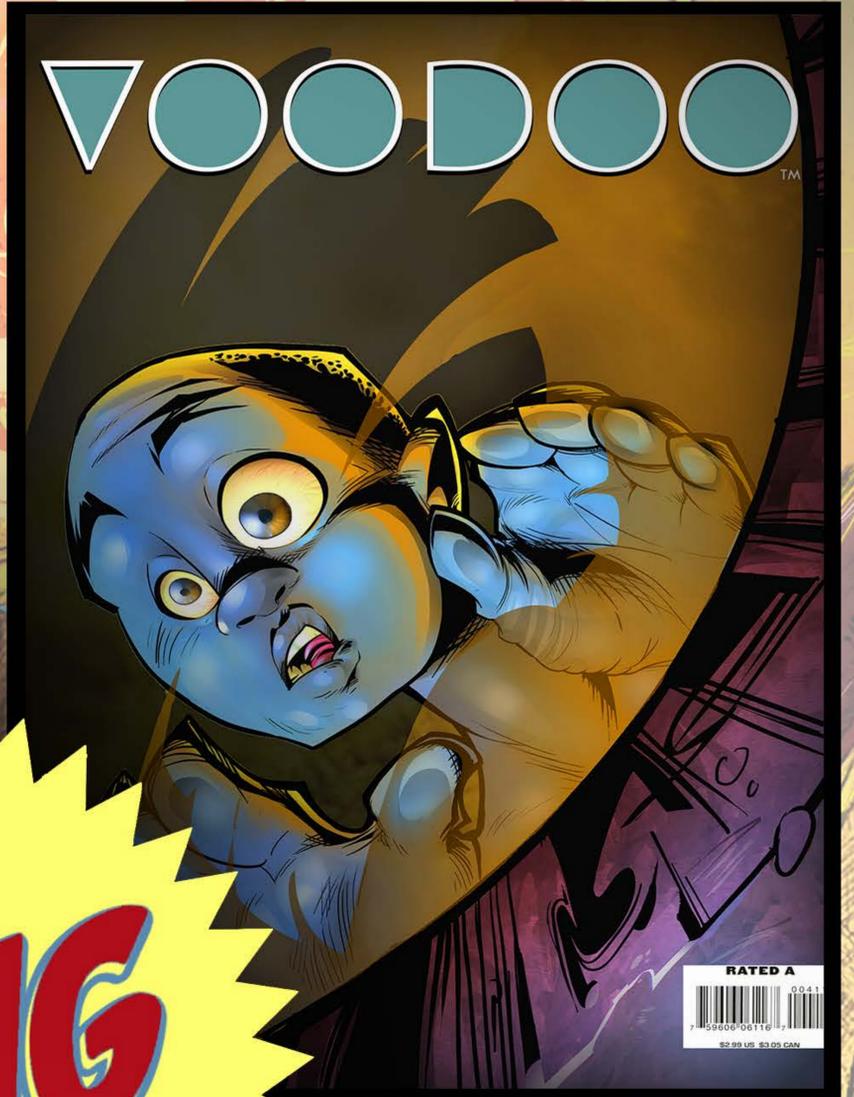
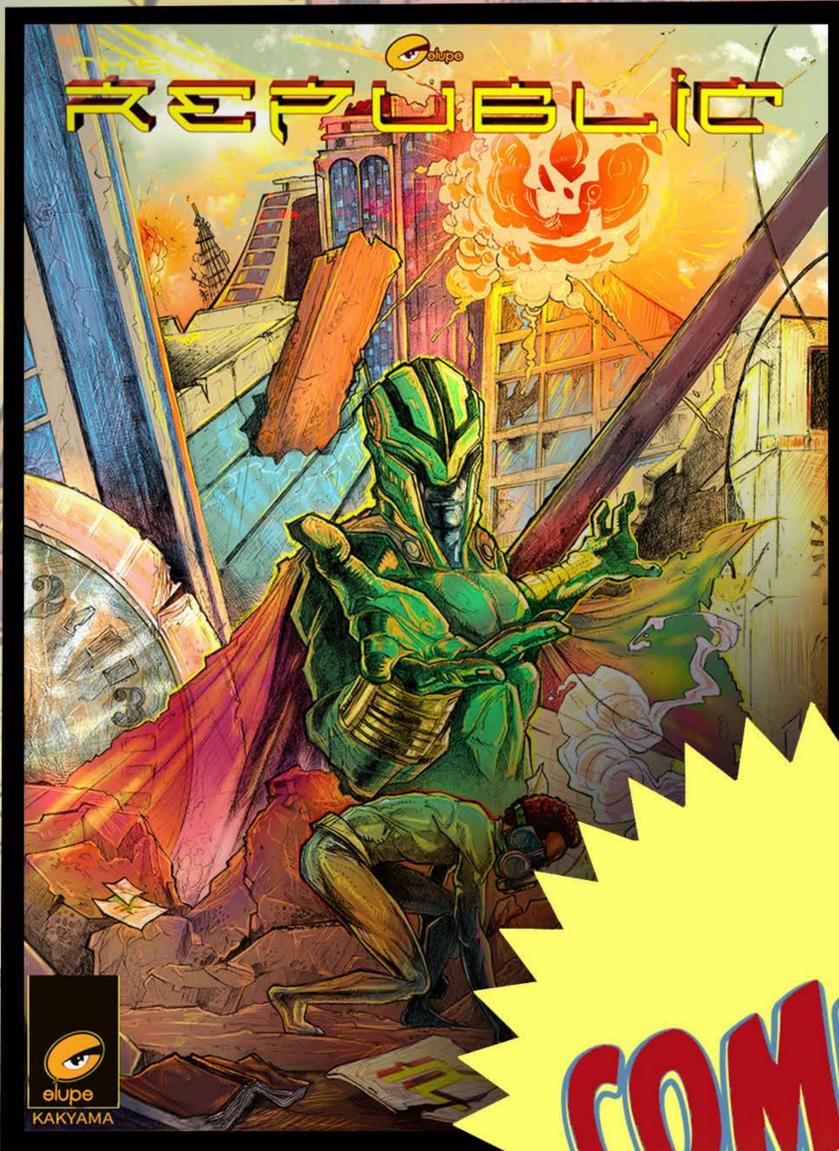
GRRRRR...RRRR!!!



HE WAS DEAD WRONG.



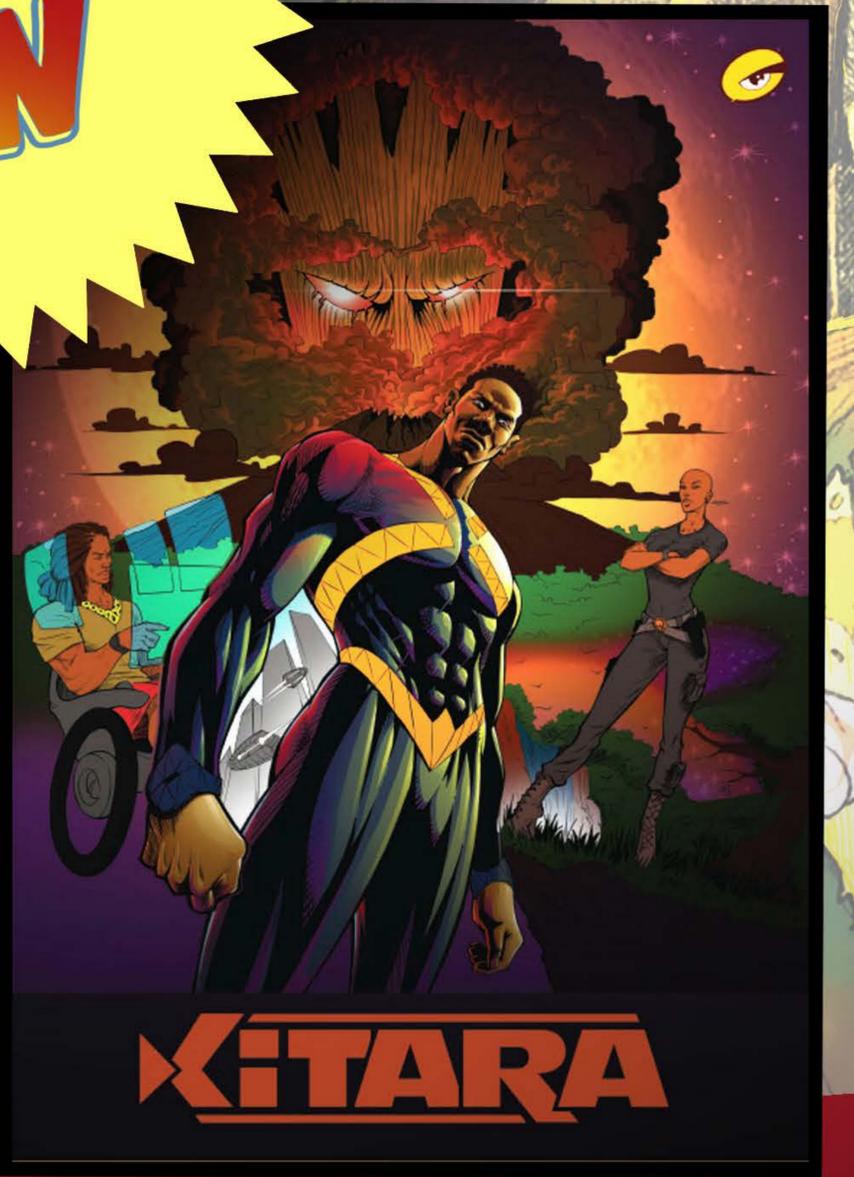
INTRODUCING THE **ELUPEVERSE**



COMING SOON

WATCH THE SPACE FOR MORE
SIZZLING AND BREATH-TAKING COMICS THAT WILL BE HITTING YOUR NEAR BY

STORES!!!



THE GANDA

is a story about the first man (Kintu) on earth. It is a folk story of The Bantu's biggest ethnic group in Uganda (Buganda kingdom). The Baganda have been telling this story generation to generation. Some believe Kintu is a mythological figure while others believe that he actually existed. Well, we leave that to you. In this issue, *Elupe* attempts to make a version of its own to this story while maintaining the key elements of the original story.



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