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SOMEWHERE DEEP IN THE FOREST OF KONGO, CENTRAL AFRICA.

DIDI LEAVE THEM ALONE.

YOU TWO SHOW SOME DECENCY! I KNOW YOU JUST GOT MARRIED, BUT THERE ARE KIDS HERE.

REMEMBER WHEN YOU GOT MARRIED, YOU WERE EVEN WORSE.

THAT IS NOT TRUE WE WERE VERY CONCISE WITH OUR FRATERNIZATION.

BENGA, WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HAH!!!

YOU KNOW WE ARE IN THE JUNGLE, CREEPY CREATURES EVERYWHERE!

GO DOWN NOW!

HAH! MOBESU MOSUNI.

MOBESU MOSUNI: FRESH MEAT

INDEED, AND LOOKS VERY TASTY



TSCH!  
I DON'T  
THINK WE  
ARE ALONE.



WHAT  
WAS  
THAT?



FATHER  
DO YOU  
THINK...



YES MY  
SON IT'S THE  
GUARDIAN OF  
THE FOREST.

WHAAAAA!!!



YAAAAAY!!!

OMONI  
MAKAMBO  
WANA ?

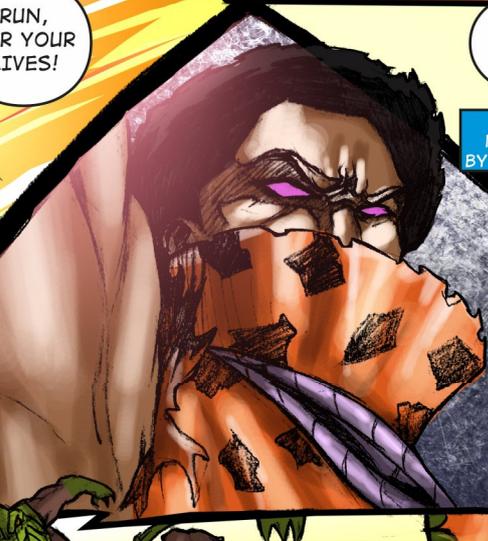
OMONI  
MAKAMBO  
WANA:  
DID YOU  
SEE THAT



MEN READY  
YOURSELVES...  
HUH?



RUN,  
FOR YOUR  
LIVES!



NA BA  
NZAMBI!

NA BA  
NZAMBI:  
BY THE GODS

THERE  
IS NO  
ESCAPE!





YOU WERE AT KUBALA VILLAGE ?, ANSWER ME OR YOU WANT TO END UP LIKE YOUR MEN.



WHAT?



MBUZE...



THESE MEN ARE NOT THE REAL THREAT.

WHAT IS THIS, WHAT SORT OF TRICK IS THIS?



**TWINK!**



THESE MEN ARE MERE PUPPETS BEING TUGGED BY THE STRINGS OF EVIL.

WHO ARE YOU?



IN ORDER TO KNOW OTHERS ONE MUST FIRST KNOW THEMSELVES.

DO NOT SPEAK IN RIDDLES TELL ME WHO YOU ARE.



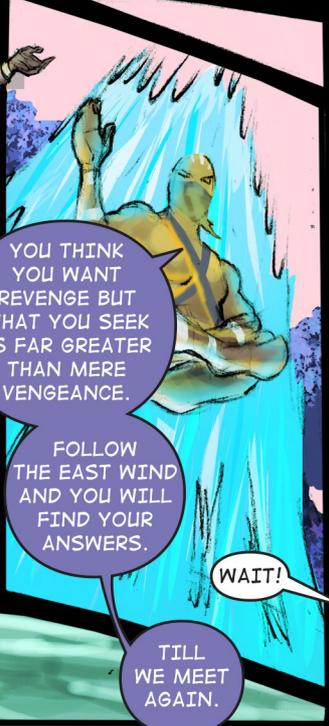
SOMEONE THAT KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU.

YOU KNOW NOTHING OF ME!

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHY YOU CAME BACK FROM THE DEAD?

HOW DID YOU...

I ALSO KNOW THAT YOU SEEK REVENGE AGAINST THOSE THAT MURDERED YOUR WIFE AND SONS.



YOU THINK YOU WANT REVENGE BUT WHAT YOU SEEK IS FAR GREATER THAN MERE VENGEANCE.

FOLLOW THE EAST WIND AND YOU WILL FIND YOUR ANSWERS.

WAIT!

TILL WE MEET AGAIN.



WHAT JUST HAPPENED?



PLEASE DON'T KILL ME.

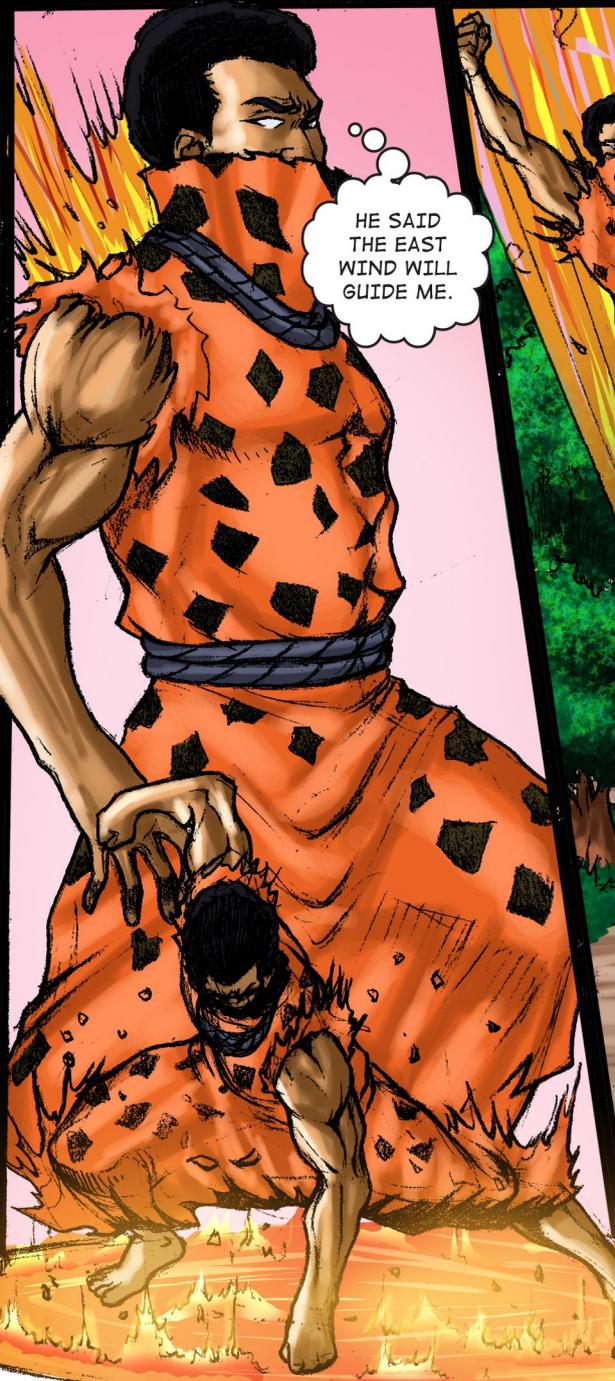
YOU, TAKE HIM TO YOUR KING.



THANK YOU SIR!  
THANK FOR SAVING US.



HOW DID HE KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT ME?



HE SAID THE EAST WIND WILL GUIDE ME.

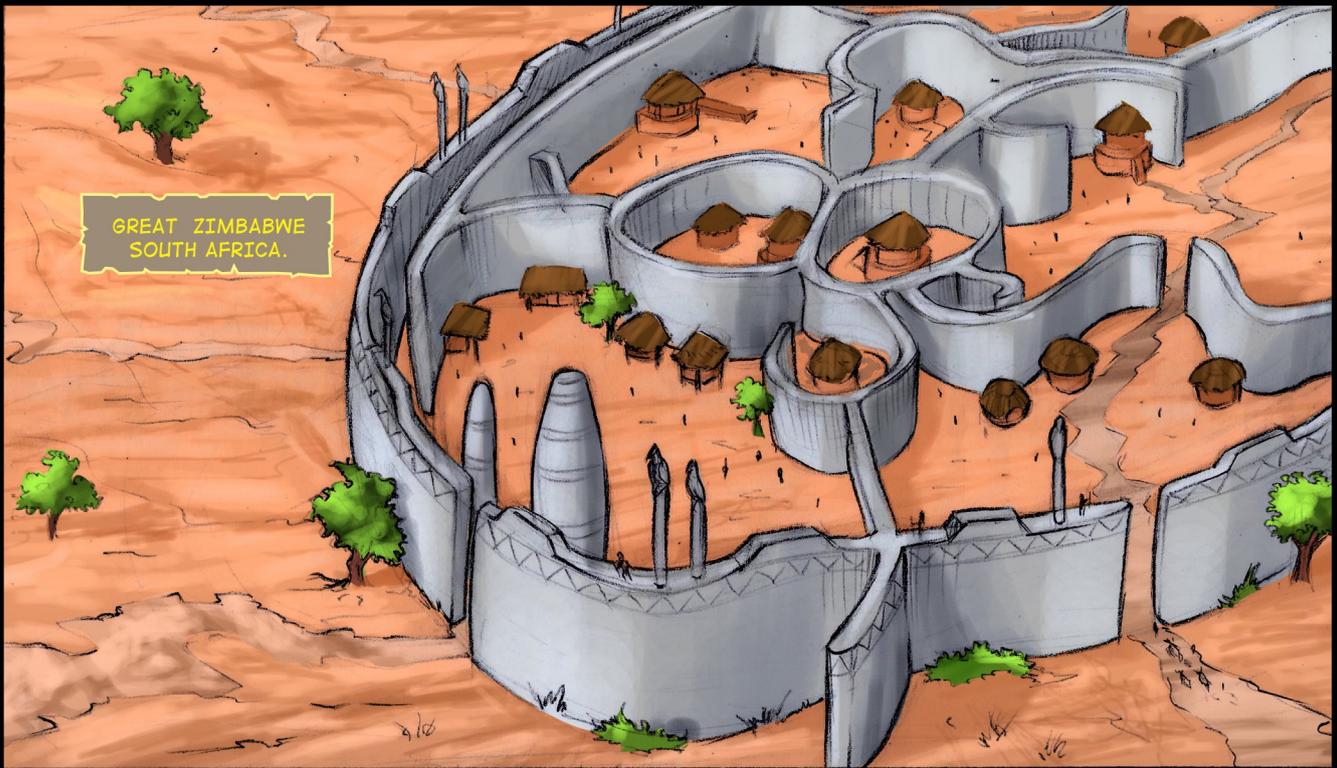


I MUST SEEK THE TRUTH.



I WANT ANSWERS...

I WILL GET THEM SOON!



GREAT ZIMBABWE  
SOUTH AFRICA.

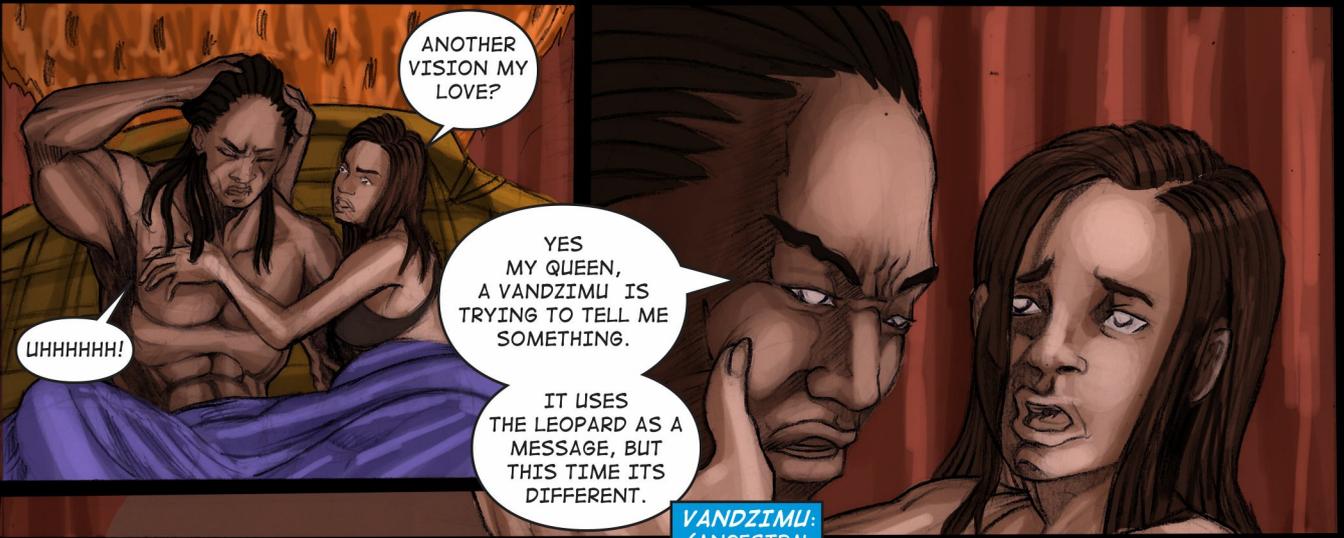


ZAMA,  
KING ZAMA



WHAAAA!

-AAAAHH!



ANOTHER VISION MY LOVE?

UHHHHHH!

YES MY QUEEN, A VANDZIMU IS TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING.

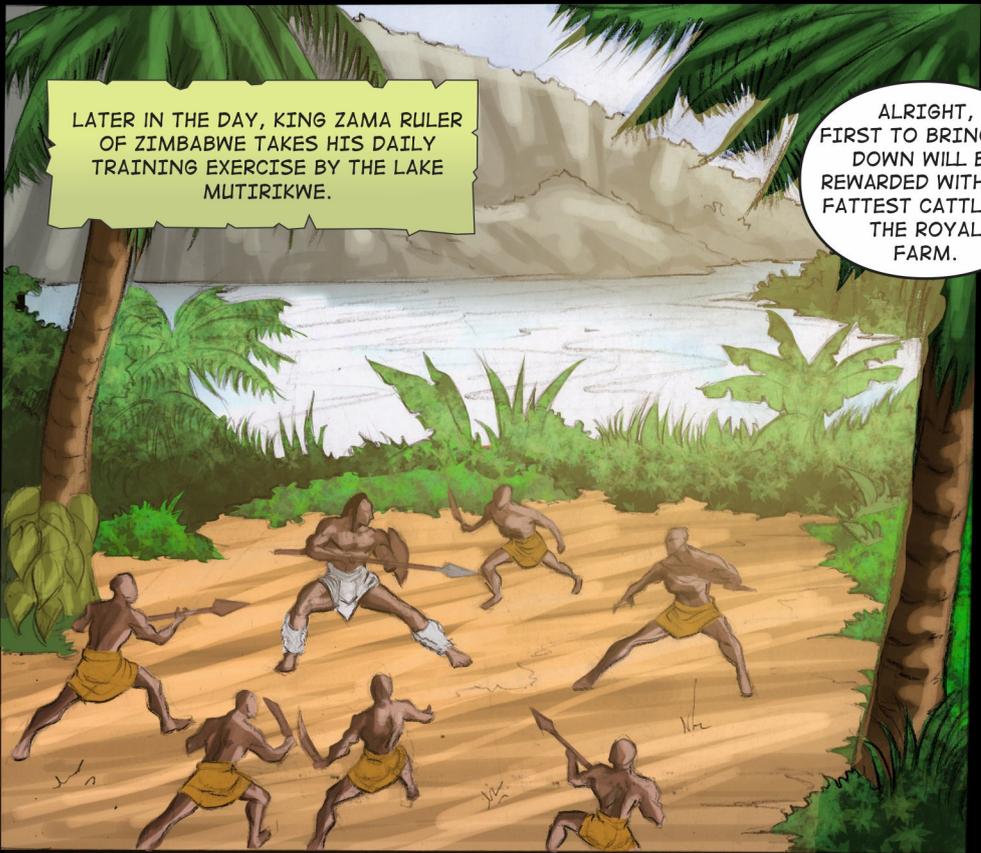
IT USES THE LEOPARD AS A MESSAGE, BUT THIS TIME ITS DIFFERENT.

**VANDZIMU:**  
(ANCESTRAL SPIRIT)



VERY WELL MY LOVE, WE WILL DO AS YOU SAY.

YOUR VISIONS ARE BECOMING MORE FREQUENT, I THINK IT'S TIME WE CALL THE CHIEFS AND ORACLE TO PERFORM A BIRA CEREMONY. WE NEED TO DECIPHER THESE VISIONS.



LATER IN THE DAY, KING ZAMA RULER OF ZIMBABWE TAKES HIS DAILY TRAINING EXERCISE BY THE LAKE MUTIRIKWE.



ALRIGHT, FIRST TO BRING ME DOWN WILL BE REWARDED WITH THE FATTEST CATTLE IN THE ROYAL FARM.



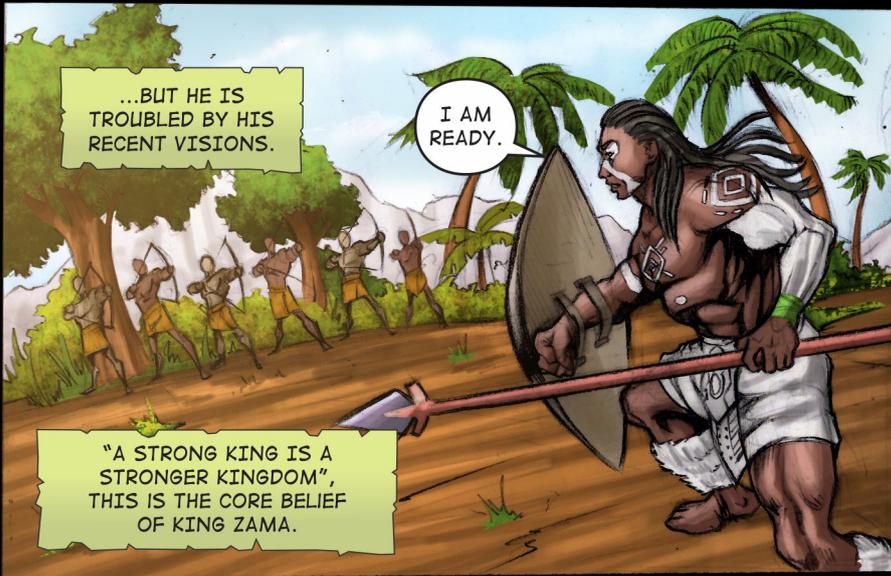
THAT  
WILL BE  
ME YOUR  
HIGHNESS

SHHHHWAADAAA

AAAAHHHHH!

IIHHHHHH!

SHHHOOOOOOOIE!



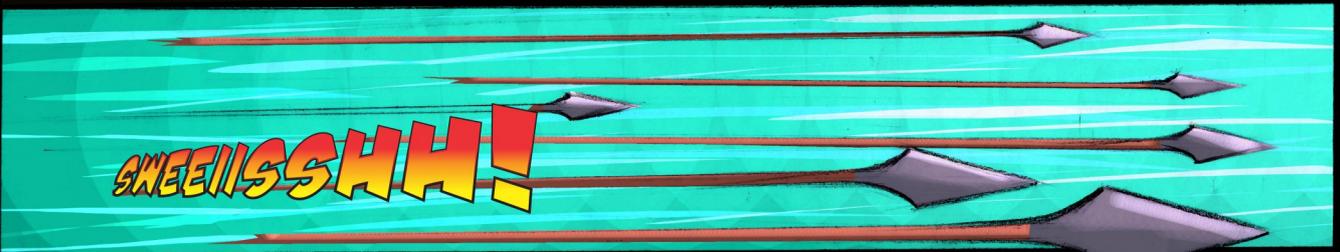
...BUT HE IS TROUBLED BY HIS RECENT VISIONS.

I AM READY.

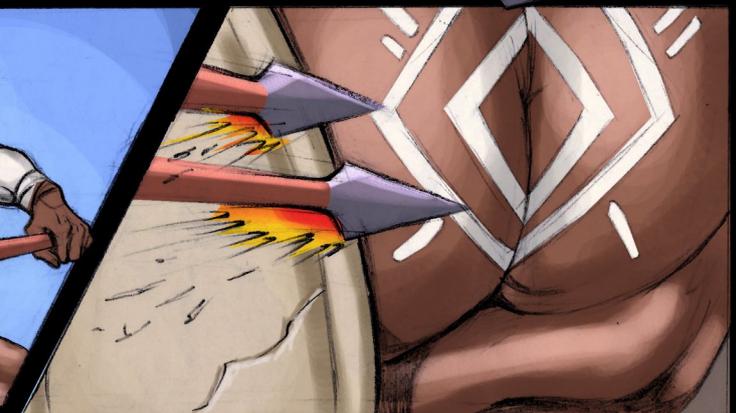
"A STRONG KING IS A STRONGER KINGDOM", THIS IS THE CORE BELIEF OF KING ZAMA.



FIRE!



SWEEIISSHH!



THWAK!  
THWAK!

HA...MY KING!

THE KING IS NOT FOCUSED AS HE USUAL.



SIRE.

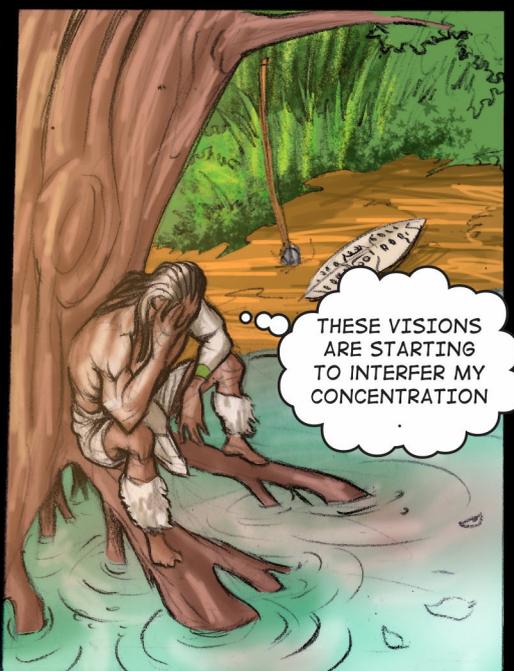
THAT'S ENOUGH.

MY KING LET US ASSIST YOU.

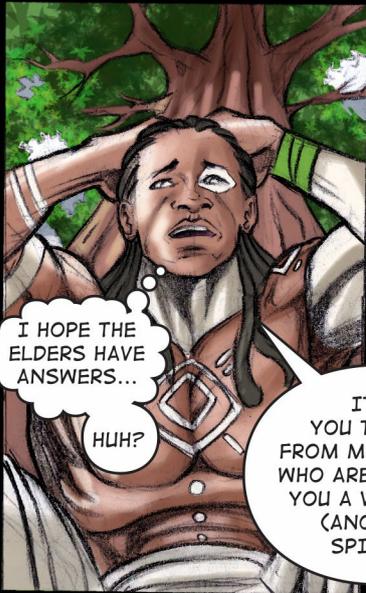


EVERYONE, LEAVE ME AT ONCE.

YES YOUR HIGHNESS.



THESE VISIONS ARE STARTING TO INTERFERE MY CONCENTRATION



I HOPE THE ELDERS HAVE ANSWERS...

HUH?

IT IS YOU THE ONE FROM MY DREAMS. WHO ARE YOU? ARE YOU A VANDIZMU (ANCESTOR SPIRIT)?



I AM OIN FIRST SENTIENT OF THE MLEZI, YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN KING ZAMA.

CHOSEN FOR WHAT?

CHOSEN TO BE PART OF A GREAT DELIVERANCE FOR MANKIND.



YOU ARE A MLEZI, THE WARRIORS OF OLD?

YES, AS ARE YOU!

HOW CAN THIS BE ?, THE LEGEND CLEARLY STATES THAT AFTER THE GREAT WAR THE MLEZI'S DISAPPEARED.



AS A KING, YOUR DUTY IS TO PROTECT AND PROVIDE FOR YOUR PEOPLE, YOU HAVE SEEN THE VISIONS ZAMA YOU KNOW WHAT IS COMING. FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR PEOPLE HEED MY CALL.

YOU ARE A REBORN ZAMA, SET TO BE READY WHEN EVIL ARISES.





THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME, YOU MUST TRAVEL TO THE TEMPLE OF THE MELZI.

THE TEMPLE OF MELZI, HOW DO I GET THERE?

YOU KNOW WHAT YOU MUST DO MELZI, FOLLOW THE EAST WIND, IT WILL GUIDE YOU.



ELDERS, CHIEFS AND BROTHERS.

I CALLED THIS MEETING URGENTLY BECAUSE I WAS VISITED BY A MELZI SPIRIT.

A MELZI ? ...BUT THAT IS ANCIENTS HISTORY.

PLEASE CONTINUE SIRE.

HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE ?



I KNOW WHAT I MUST DO.



IT STARTED SOME NIGHTS AGO, I HAVE BEEN HAVING THE SAME DREAM EVERY NIGHT, THE SPIRIT FIRST COMES AS THE GREAT LEOPARD.

BUT HE FINALLY REVEALED HIS TRUE FORM TO ME EARLY TODAY AT LAKE MUTIRIKWE AND WARNED ME OF AN IMPENDING DANGER.



IN OUR KINGDOM?



IS IT ANOTHER INVASION?



WE MUST PREPARE FOR BATTLE.



EVERYONE SILENCE. LET OUR KING FINISH!

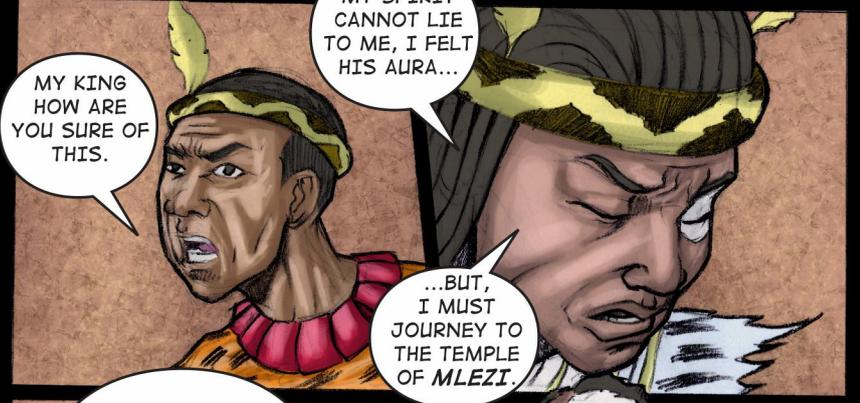
THE WARNING IS NOT ONLY FOR ZIMBABWE BUT ALL KINGDOMS HE ALSO TOLD ME THAT THE MLEZI HAVE BEEN REBORN AND I AM ONE OF THE REINCARNATES.

THIS EXPLAINS WHY YOU MY KING CARRY THE ANCIENT SYMBOL, THE SHIELD OF MWARI.

MY KING HOW ARE YOU SURE OF THIS.

MY SPIRIT CANNOT LIE TO ME, I FELT HIS AURA...

...BUT, I MUST JOURNEY TO THE TEMPLE OF MLEZI.



AHA, THIS IS WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR, YOU MUST OBEY THE SPIRIT. IT IS SAID ONLY A MLEZI CAN LOCATE THE SACRED TEMPLE.



ALLOW ME TO ACCOMPANY YOU ON THIS JOURNEY TO YOUR DESTINY MY KING.

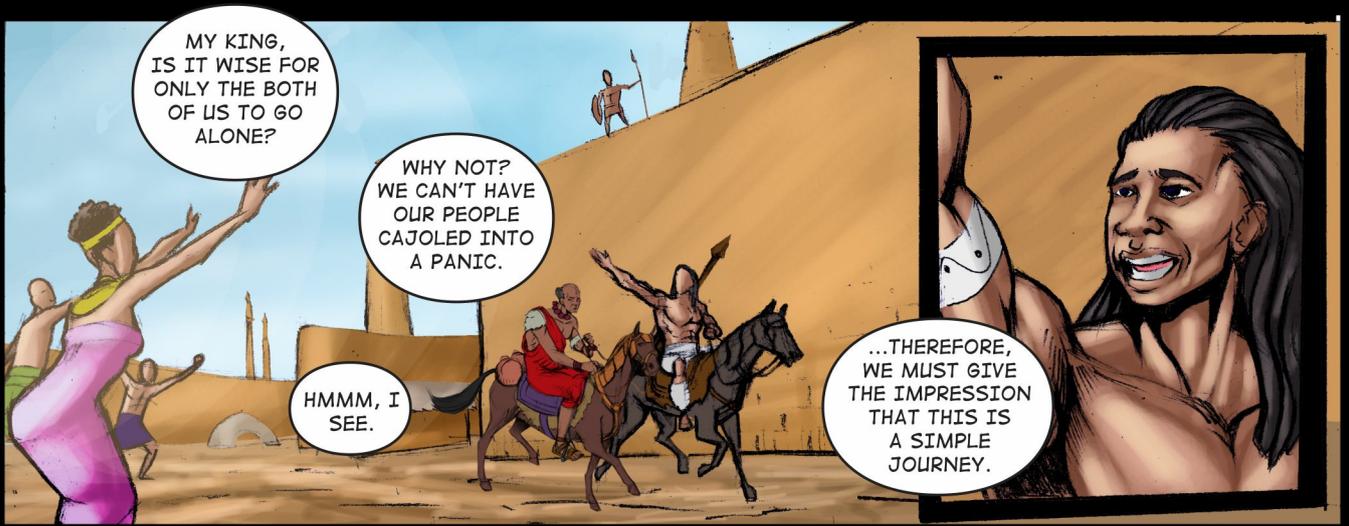


DO NOT FORGET YOUR WIFE AND SON, MAKE SURE YOU COME BACK TO US.

YOU ARE MY HEART MY LOVE, I CAN NEVER FORGET YOU, YOU CARRY THE FUTURE OF ZIMBABWE

I WILL BE BACK MY QUEEN BE STRONG FOR OUR CHILD IT IS GOOD FOR THE KINGDOM.

YES. THANK YOU GREAT ONE.



MY KING, IS IT WISE FOR ONLY THE BOTH OF US TO GO ALONE?

WHY NOT? WE CAN'T HAVE OUR PEOPLE CAJOLED INTO A PANIC.

HMMM, I SEE.

...THEREFORE, WE MUST GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS IS A SIMPLE JOURNEY.



YOU'RE LUCKY I WAS YOUR FATHER'S PERSONAL ADVISER.

IT MEANS, I WILL PROTECT YOU.

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE YOUR ELDERS.

HAHA, WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSE TO MEAN?

HA HA HA HA HA...

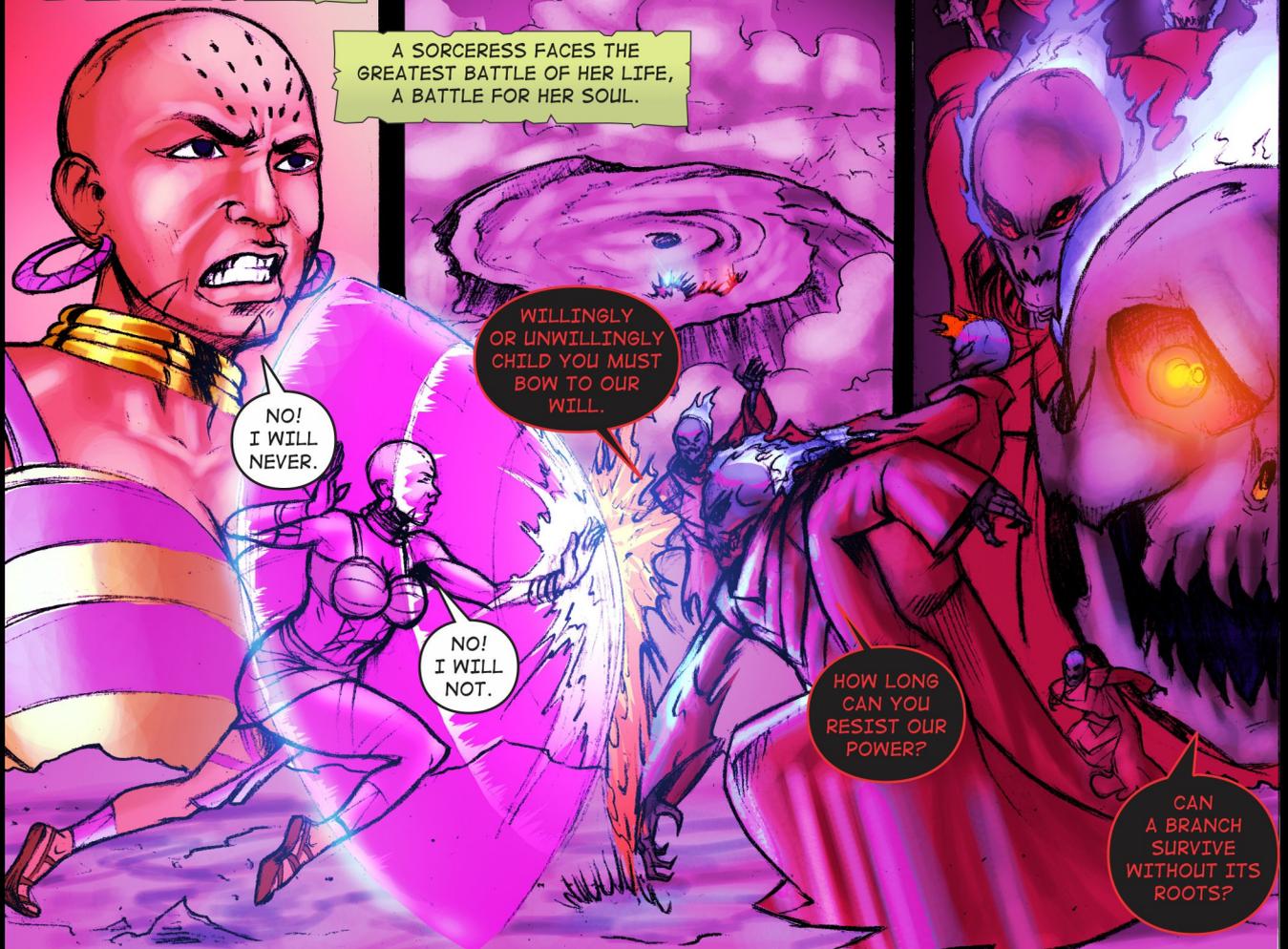
WHAT IS FUNNY MY KING?

IF I WANTED PROTECTION I WOULD HAVE TAKEN THE ARMY.

VERY WELL OLD MAN, WELL SAID.

AT MOUNT KILIMANJARO, GREAT LAKES EASTAFRICA...

A SORCERESS FACES THE GREATEST BATTLE OF HER LIFE, A BATTLE FOR HER SOUL.



NO! I WILL NEVER.

WILLINGLY OR UNWILLINGLY CHILD YOU MUST BOW TO OUR WILL.

NO! I WILL NOT.

HOW LONG CAN YOU RESIST OUR POWER?

CAN A BRANCH SURVIVE WITHOUT ITS ROOTS?



THE BLOOD OF THE BATEMBUZI FLOWS THROUGH YOUR VEINS.

YOU POLLUTED THE CLAN, YOU BROUGHT EVIL TO US.

YOU WILL SOON BE ONE WITH WHAT YOU SO DESPISE.

YOU CARRY THE LEGACY OF THE JANGURAS HAHAHAH!

**AHHHHH!!!**



QUIT RESISTING!



WHAT?



NEVER!



I KNOW WHO I AM!



I DESTROYED YOU ALL IN LIFE I WILL DO IT AGAIN IN THE AFTERLIFE!

**SHAAAAR!**



GO BACK FROM WHERE YOU CAME.



**SHURK!**

IT'S NOT OVER CHAYOMA MY BLOOD IS ON YOUR HANDS! I WILL ALWAYS RETURN.



TILL THEN DEMON!



ANCIENT ONE IS THAT YOU... OR IS IT ANOTHER FOE WHO HAS COME TO END IT'S EXISTENCE ?



CHAYOMA, ..IT IS OIN YOU ADDRESS.



APOLOGIES MASTER OIN, BUT WHY DID YOU VISIT MY SUBCONSCIOUS?



THESE BATTLES YOU HAVE WITH YOUR DEMONS ARE JUST MERE THOUGHTS.



AWAKE YOUNG MLEZI THE TIME HAS COME.

THE BALANCE OF EXISTENCE IS THREATENED.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



YOU ARE NEEDED AT THE TEMPLE..



..OTHERS WILL BE THERE.



I GUESS IT'S MY GENERATION THAT WILL FACE THE PROPHECY.



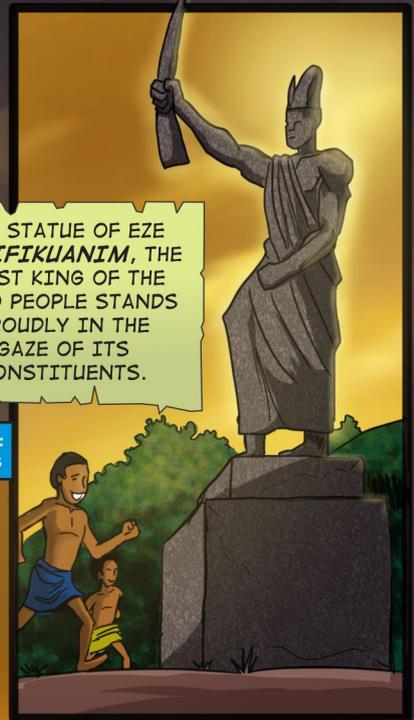
SO BE IT.

**NRI KINGDOM,  
WEST AFRICA.**

**NRI KINGDOM,  
THE BEDROCK  
OF THE IGBO  
CULTURE.**

**THE STATUE OF EZE  
NRI *IFIKUANIM*, THE  
FIRST KING OF THE  
IGBO PEOPLE STANDS  
PROUDLY IN THE  
GAZE OF ITS  
CONSTITUENTS.**

**EZE :  
KING**



**ANOTHER FRUITFUL  
DAY FOR THE  
PEOPLE OF NRI.**

**SEE THESE  
CHILDREN O...**

**OKEZIE AND  
ADA HURRY UP  
WE DON'T HAVE  
MUCH TIME TO  
PREPARE FOR THE  
*IRIJI*  
FESTIVAL.**

***IRIJI*:  
(YAM  
FESTIVAL).**

**YOU CAN HEAR  
YOUR FATHER, THIS IS  
SOMETHING YOU  
SHOULD ALL HAVE  
DONE SINCE  
MORNING.**

**INSTEAD  
YOU WENT  
PLAYING WITH  
*CHISOM*.**



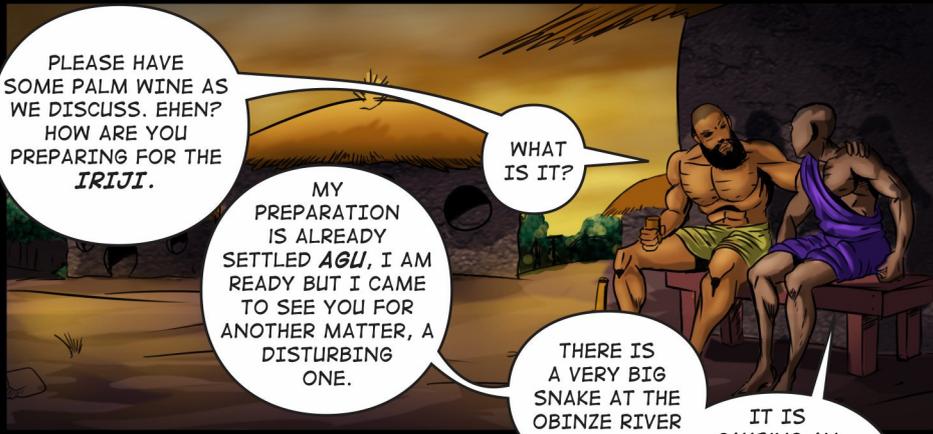
**FATHER  
PLEASE CAN WE  
FINISH TOMORROW?  
I AM HUNGRY.**

**IF I STAND  
UP FROM HERE  
I WILL PLUCK  
THAT LONG  
MOUTH OF  
YOURS.**

**BUT YOU  
ALWAYS SAY SHE  
LOOKS LIKE YOU, IF  
HER MOUTH IS LONG  
THEN IT'S YOU SHE  
GOT IT FROM.**

**HA HA  
HA HA HA HA  
HA HA!**







SUDDENLY!

IGWE, IGWE,  
WHAT IS IT?

EVIL IS  
HERE!

THE PRIEST KING CALLS  
UPON THE ANCESTORS TO  
GUIDE HIM INTO HIS  
PREMONITION STATE.

EHH!  
TUFIAKWA! .

TUFIAKWA!  
(ABOMINATION).



KILL THEM!  
TAKE THE  
CHILDREN.



PAPA!

MAMA!





AMAKA HAS BEEN BOTHERING ME FOR SOME ANTELOPE MEAT. THIS IS MY LUCKY DAY.



THIS IS NO TIME FOR HUNTING, AGUALA.



GO AND SAVE YOUR PEOPLE.



WHO, WHO ARE YOU?



HE'S GONE.



I HEAR SOUNDS OF SCREAMING COMING FROM THE VILLAGE.



UHHHAHH!!



THIS ONE WAS HIDING, TAKE HIM AND ADD HIM TO THE REST.



AHHHHH!

SHUNK!



WHO IS THAT...

KILL HIM!



NDI ARA, BIA BIA.

NDI ARA, BIA BIA: (MAD PEOPLE COME)



GET OUT OF HERE!



RETREAT, RETREAT! WE HAVE WHAT WE CAME HERE FOR.



COME BACK AND FIGHT BASTARDS!



YOU THINK I WILL LET YOU ESCAPE?



UKACHI  
NO, NO!



NO, NO.  
TSCH.



REST MY  
FRIEND.



AGU,  
AGU!

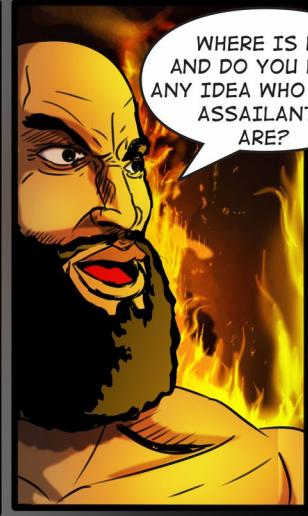


THEY  
KILLED  
UKACHI

SORRY AGU,  
BUT WE NEED YOU  
NOW, WE HAVE  
MANAGED TO CHASE  
THEM AWAY FROM  
THE WEST  
MOUNTAIN.



BUT IGWE  
IS LOOKING  
FOR YOU.



WHERE IS HE  
AND DO YOU HAVE  
ANY IDEA WHO THESE  
ASSAILANTS  
ARE?



I'M  
AFRAID  
NOT.

THE  
ATTACK  
CAME AS A  
SURPRISE.



QUICK  
GATHER THE  
BRETHREN, WE  
MUST GO AFTER  
THE CHILDREN.



UDUKA HAS  
ALREADY MOVED  
ON PURSUIT OF  
THE KIDNAPPERS.



AGU!

IGWE IS  
ALREADY  
HERE.



AGU THE ANCIENT ONE VISITED YOU EARLIER, YES?

I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND IGWE.



THE SPIRIT YOU SAW IN THE FOREST, HE WARNED THAT THIS IS NO MERE ATTACK, THERE IS GREAT DARKNESS HEADED OUR WAY.



BUT WHY DIDN'T HE COME SOONER, WE WOULD HAVE PREVENTED THIS MASSACRE.



THE ANCIENT ONE HASN'T BEEN SEEN SINCE THE GREAT WAR. AS A PRIEST KING I KNOW THIS. PLEASE TELL ME WHAT HE SAID TO YOU.



YES YOU ARE THE SIGHT OF THE PEOPLE MY GREAT EZE. BUT HE DIDN'T SAY MUCH, ONLY TO DEFEND OUR PEOPLE.



FROM THE TIME OF OUR ANCESTOR ERI AND OUR FIRST KING EZE IFIKUANIM, WE HAVE BEEN A PEACEFUL PEOPLE NOT TAKEN TO WAR AND SLAVERY.



BUT NOW WE MUST STAND AND DEFEND WHAT IS DEAR TO US, OUR CHILDREN HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM US.

I AM READY IGWE.

WE MUST WAIT FOR THE ANCIENT ONE TO APPEAR AGAIN, IN THE MEAN TIME PREPARE...

IGWE! (KING)

LATER, AT AGUALA'S HOME.



NGWA AGHA NJOR, MY OLD FRIEND WE BEEN APART FOR TOO LONG... WE SHALL REUNITE AND BRING THE CHAOS ON THOSE WHO MAY DISRUPT THE PEACEFUL RIVERS OF IGBO LAND.



NGWA AGHA NJOR : (EVIL WEAPON )



AGUALA I SEE YOU GETTING READY FOR BATTLE.

SPIRIT OF MY FATHER GUIDE ME, GIVE ME STRENGTH TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK.



ANCIENT ONE!

YOU MUST MAKE HASTE.

AS A MLEZI YOU MUST PREVENT THIS IMPENDING THREAT.



FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHILDREN



WHAT IS THIS THREAT YOU SPEAK OF?



COME TO THE TEMPLE OF THE MLEZI, THERE WE WILL JOIN WITH THE OTHERS AND GET ALL THE ANSWERS YOU SEEK.

WHAT OTHERS?



HOW CAN I GET TO THIS PLACE?



FOLLOW THE EAST WIND IT WILL GUIDE YOU .



AGU  
WHERE ARE  
YOU  
GOING?



I HOPE  
YOU ARE NOT  
PLANNING ON  
GOING TO BATTLE  
WITHOUT  
ME ?



APOLOGIES  
MY WIFE, BUT  
I MUST GO  
ALONE.



NO!  
I HAVE  
A RIGHT TO  
DEFEND MY  
PEOPLE.



WOMAN I KNOW  
YOU BOIL WITH RAGE,  
AND I ALSO KNOW  
YOU HAVEN'T LOST  
YOUR TOUCH AFTER  
THE BATTLE OF  
*LIBOKU*.



*CHIMA* AND  
*ABUKA* ARE GOING  
FORWARD TO RECOVER THE  
CHILDREN BUT I WOULD  
PREFER IF YOU COME WITH  
EMEKA AFTER WE HAVE  
LOCATED THEM AND  
SENT WORD.



I KNOW YOU  
DON'T WANT ME  
TO BE IN HARM'S  
WAY BUT I'M A  
WARRIOR.

YES!

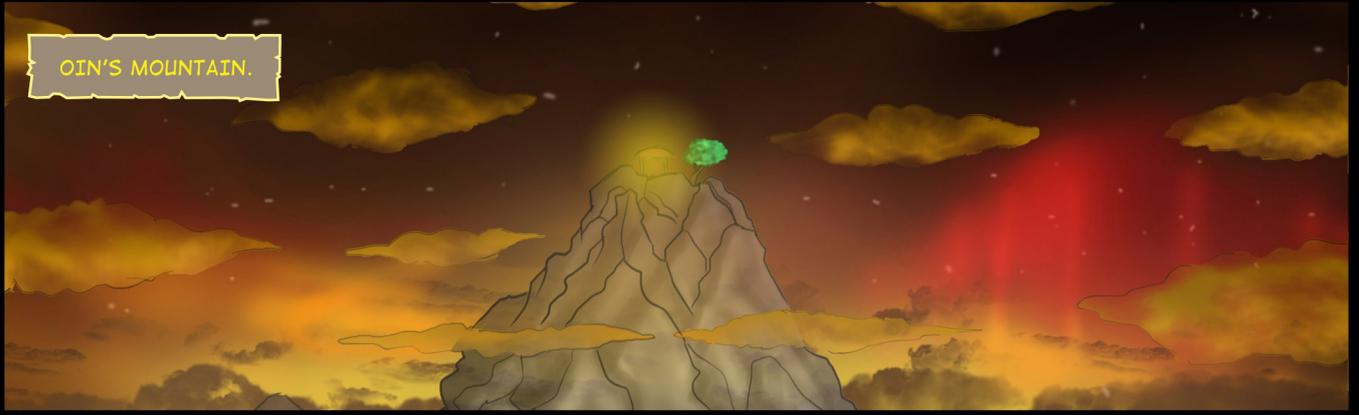


I'VE DREAMT  
OF DAYS WHERE  
WE WILL BE IN  
THE BATTLE FIELD  
TOGETHER  
AGAIN.



THAT'S  
ENOUGH,  
TAKE CARE OF OUR  
CHILDREN. I WILL SEND  
WORD ONCE WE HAVE  
RECOVERED THE STOLEN  
CHILDREN. THERE  
ARE MORE BATTLES  
AHEAD.

OIN'S MOUNTAIN.



MAN FACES  
YET ANOTHER  
LIFE ENDING  
THREAT.



WE WERE LUCKY TO HAVE FOUND THE GUARDIANS, MUST SEND WORD TO MY PRINCESS IMMEDIATELY.

I WAS THINKING THE CHAOS IS ONLY SITUATED AT ZAGHAWA, POOR PRINCE TAJ, HOW DID IT COME TO THIS?

EVIL HAS IT'S WAYS OF BIRTHING, THE WORLD WASN'T MEANT TO BE THIS WAY.



BUT WHY PRINCE TAJ?



I BELIEVE WE WILL SOON FIND OUT.



THE SUMMONING IS COMPLETE.

BUSA GATHER THE PRIESTS.



AKOMFO GATHER THE KINGS WE MUST ALL MEET BY THE NEXT FULL MOON.



HISTORY REPEATS ITS SELF, GREAT ONE?



HMM, I SEE, A GATHERING OF KINGS, THIS IS GOING TO BE EPIC.



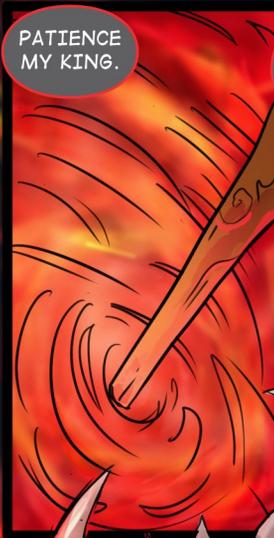
PERHAPS.



MABAYA ANAKUJA LAIR.



PRIESTESS WHY HAVE YOU WITHHELD THE LOCATION OF THE NEXT CRYSTAL.



PATIENCE MY KING.



I ADVISE CAUTION FROM HENCEFORTH.



IFUFENJO HAD AN ENCOUNTER WITH A RATHER FORMIDABLE OPPONENT AT OYO EMPIRE.

SHE CONFESSES THE OPPONENT WAS EXTREMELY POWERFUL AND SHE WAS FORCED TO FLEE.

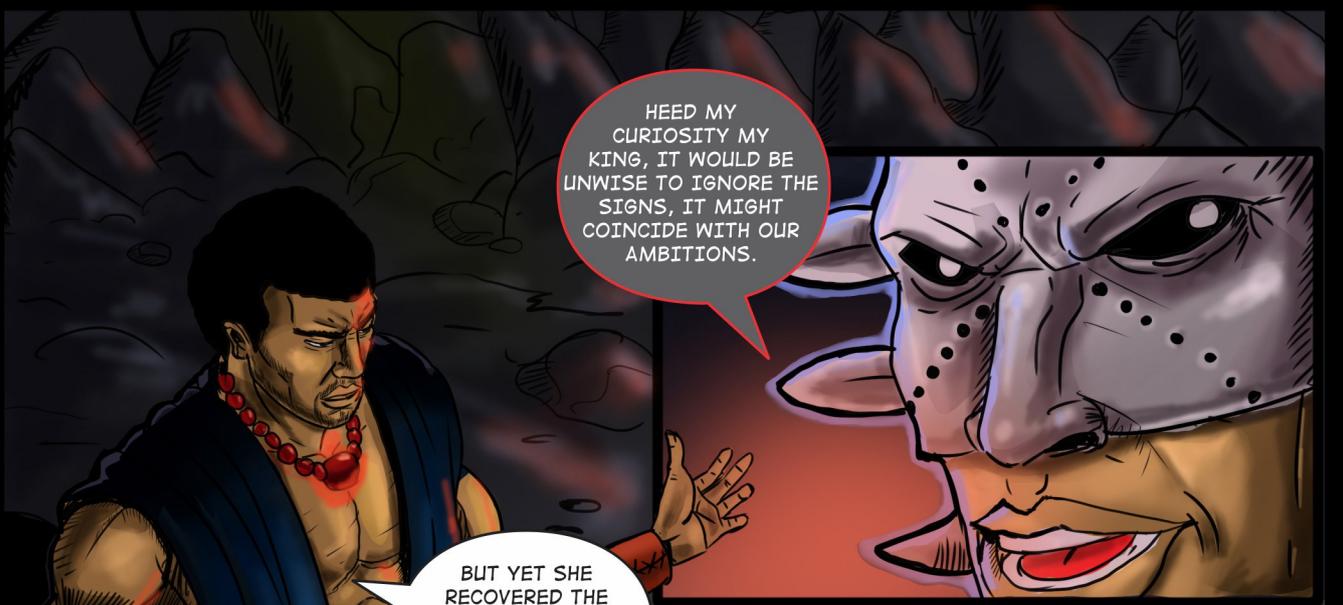
I CAST A SOUL SEARCH SPELL AFTER SHE CAME TO ME WITH THE REPORT AND DISCOVERED STRANGE SPIRITUAL AURA'S EMANATING FROM THAT REGION.



THE STRANGE AURA SEEMS TO BE APPEARING IN DIFFERENT REALMS SIMULTANEOUSLY. THIS ACTIVITY IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR MERE MEN, WIZARD OR WITCH. ONLY A CELESTIAL BEING CAN ACHIEVE SUCH.



HOW DOES THAT AFFECT OUR MISSION?



HEED MY  
CURIOSITY MY  
KING, IT WOULD BE  
UNWISE TO IGNORE THE  
SIGNS, IT MIGHT  
COINCIDE WITH OUR  
AMBITIONS.

BUT YET SHE  
RECOVERED THE  
CRYSTAL, SPIRITUAL  
ACTIVITIES HAPPEN  
EVERY MOMENT.

CEASE FROM  
THIS DAWDLING,  
GIVE US THE NEXT  
LOCATION OF THE  
CRYSTALS, WE HAVE  
AMASSED A POWERFUL  
ARMY AND THEY ARE  
HUNGRY FOR  
BATTLE.



PRIESTESS  
I SENSE YOU  
TREMBLE.

PERHAPS.



MY KING I TOO  
FACED AN ASSASSIN  
UNLIKE ANY I HAVE  
ENCOUNTERED BEFORE AT  
MARRAKECH. HE WAS ABLE  
TO OVERCOME MY POWERS,  
THIS HAS NEVER  
OCCURRED.



AND YOU FAILED TO NOTIFY ME OF THIS?

APOLOGIES GREAT KING, IT DIDN'T SEEM SIGNIFICANT AT THE TIME.

NONTHELESS IF THESE CHARACTER SURFACE AS THREAT TO OUR CAUSE WE WILL CRUSH THEM. I HAVE SEEN OUR LORD AND FELT HIS POWER, HE IS A GOD!



SYPHAX YOU SHOULD HAVE STILL SHARED YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH US OR DO YOU FEEL BELITTLED BY YOUR ENCOUNTER WITH THE ASSASSIN YOU SPEAK OF.

MY KING, PRIESTESS, *KARVBA* ARRIVES.



PRIESTESS I KNOW MY KNOWLEDGE OF THE DARK ARTS THREATENS YOU, BUT AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT, WE SERVE THE SAME MASTER. IN AS MUCH AS I DESPISE YOUR GORY, UNREFINED METHODS, I MUST SAY YOU ARE RIGHT, WE MUST BE READY FOR ANY UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES.

HAIL GREAT KING TAJ MASTER OF ALL.



I RETURN WITH RE-ENFORCEMENT MY KING, AS YOU COMMANDED.



I PRESENT...

PLEASANT.



AGABA THE MERCILESS, CONJURER OF THE DEMON HORDE...



...AKASI WIZARD FROM THE WEST...



...AND OKPONDO SLAVE MASTER, 100,000 MEN STRONG .



WELL DONE KARVBA.

PRIESTESS CEASE THIS DELAY AND BEGIN PREPARATION, IT IS TIME WE UNLEASH

**HELL!**

**WE'VE ONLY JUST STARTED...**



ALMAHAD  
ALMORAVID EMPIRE

DIN  
UNKNOWN



IMBESAH  
(LAND OF BERBERS)

NORTH AFRICA

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CENTRAL AFRICA

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KONGO



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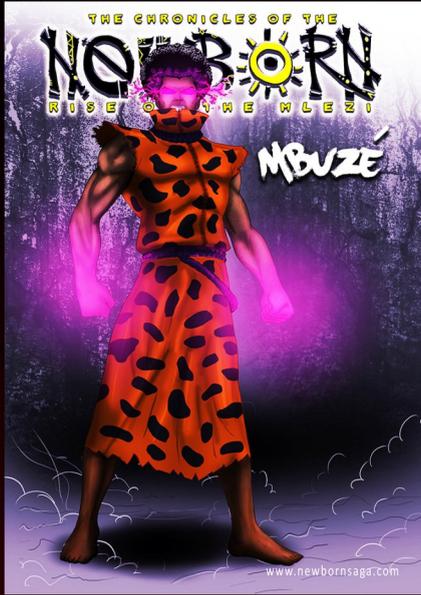
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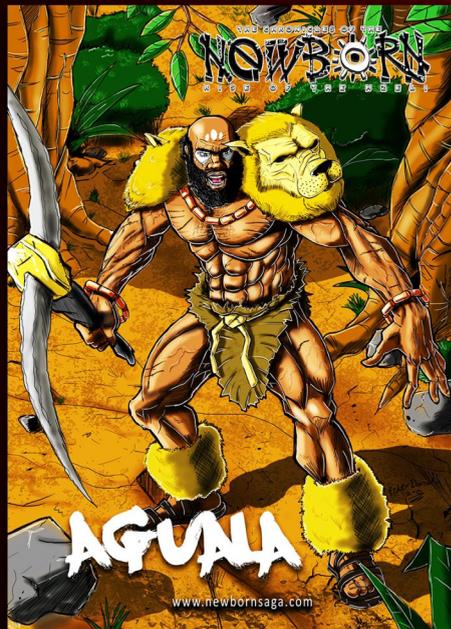
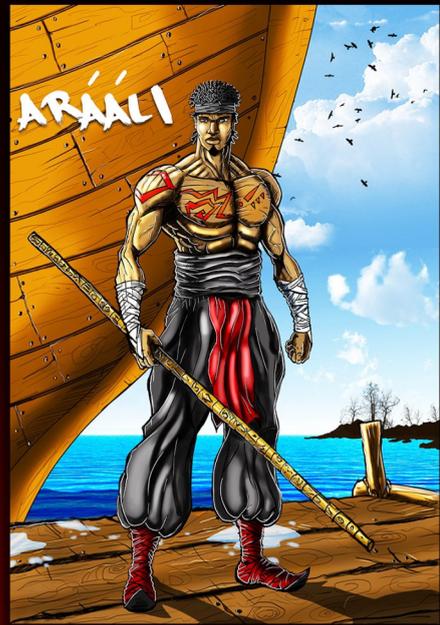
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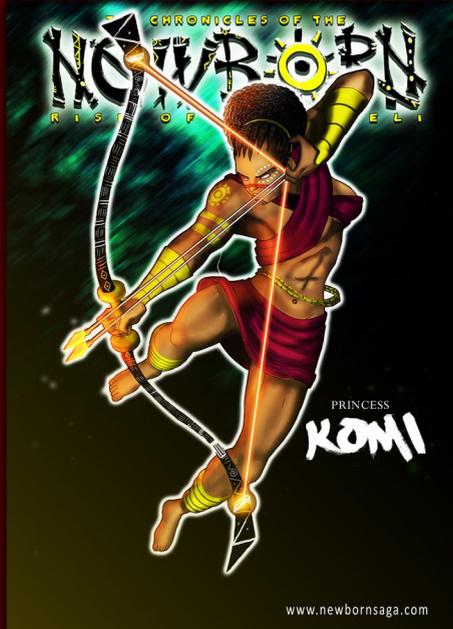
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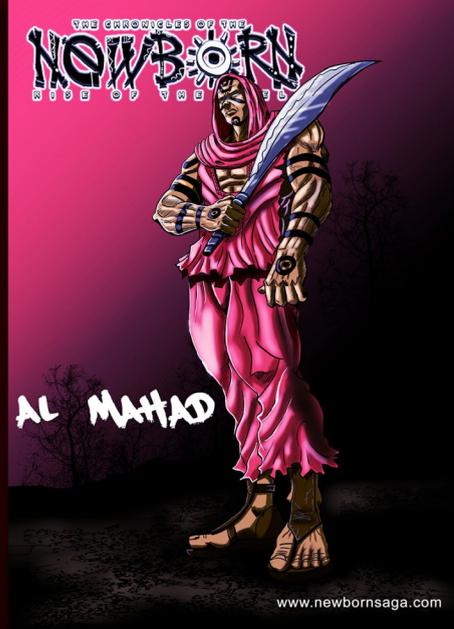
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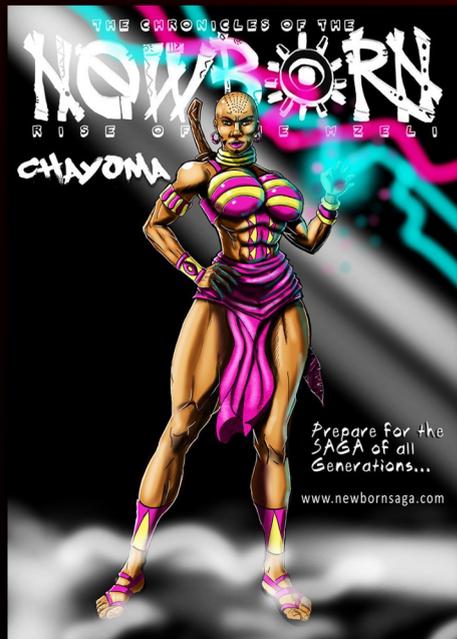
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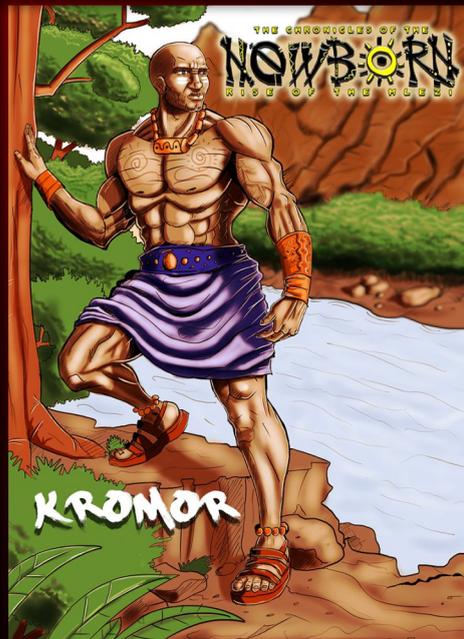
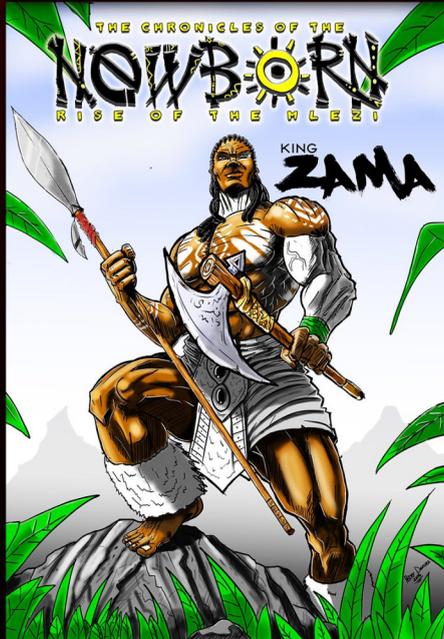
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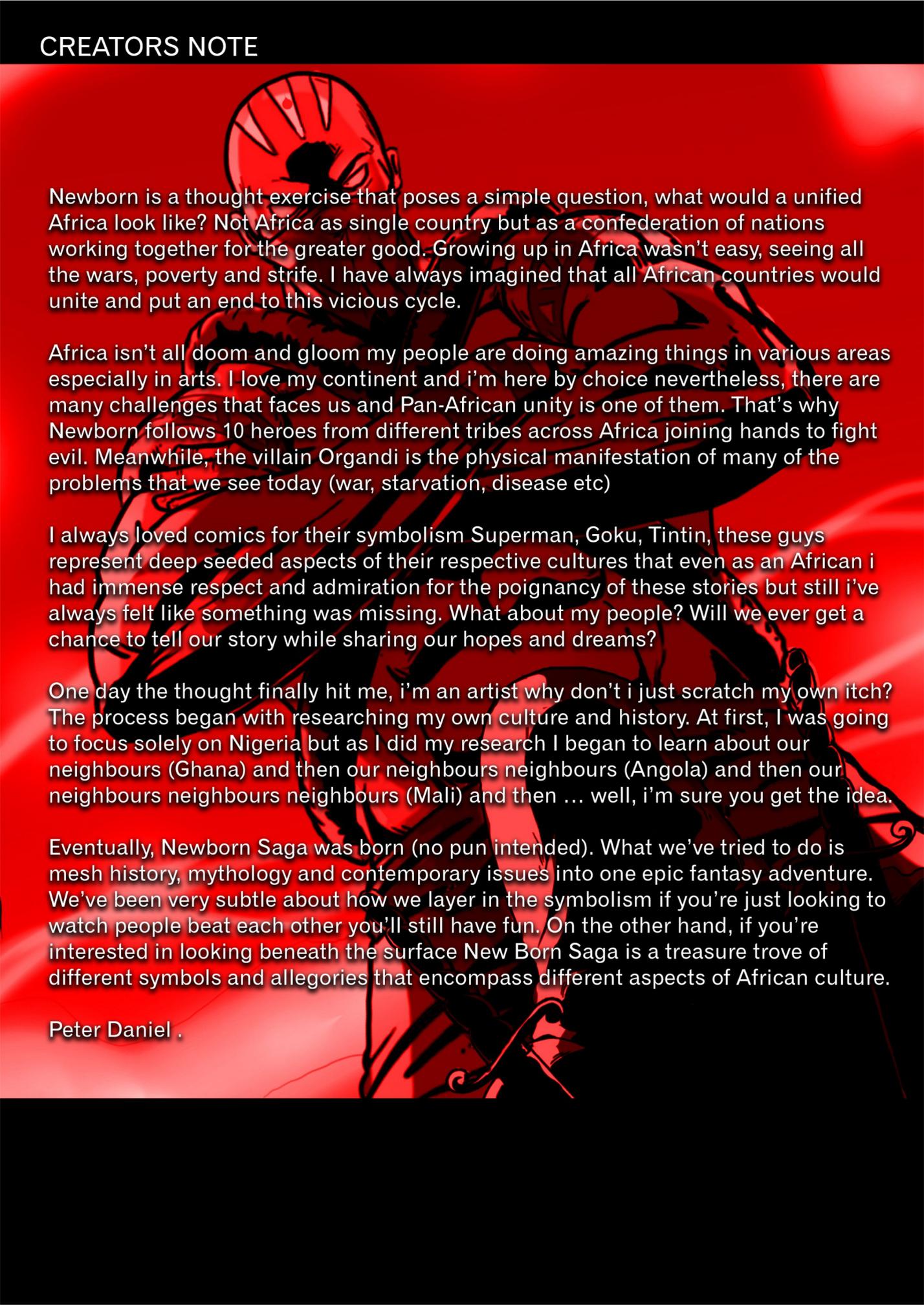
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## CREATORS NOTE



Newborn is a thought exercise that poses a simple question, what would a unified Africa look like? Not Africa as single country but as a confederation of nations working together for the greater good. Growing up in Africa wasn't easy, seeing all the wars, poverty and strife. I have always imagined that all African countries would unite and put an end to this vicious cycle.

Africa isn't all doom and gloom my people are doing amazing things in various areas especially in arts. I love my continent and i'm here by choice nevertheless, there are many challenges that faces us and Pan-African unity is one of them. That's why Newborn follows 10 heroes from different tribes across Africa joining hands to fight evil. Meanwhile, the villain Organdi is the physical manifestation of many of the problems that we see today (war, starvation, disease etc)

I always loved comics for their symbolism Superman, Goku, Tintin, these guys represent deep seeded aspects of their respective cultures that even as an African i had immense respect and admiration for the poignancy of these stories but still i've always felt like something was missing. What about my people? Will we ever get a chance to tell our story while sharing our hopes and dreams?

One day the thought finally hit me, i'm an artist why don't i just scratch my own itch? The process began with researching my own culture and history. At first, I was going to focus solely on Nigeria but as I did my research I began to learn about our neighbours (Ghana) and then our neighbours neighbours (Angola) and then our neighbours neighbours neighbours (Mali) and then ... well, i'm sure you get the idea.

Eventually, Newborn Saga was born (no pun intended). What we've tried to do is mesh history, mythology and contemporary issues into one epic fantasy adventure. We've been very subtle about how we layer in the symbolism if you're just looking to watch people beat each other you'll still have fun. On the other hand, if you're interested in looking beneath the surface New Born Saga is a treasure trove of different symbols and allegories that encompass different aspects of African culture.

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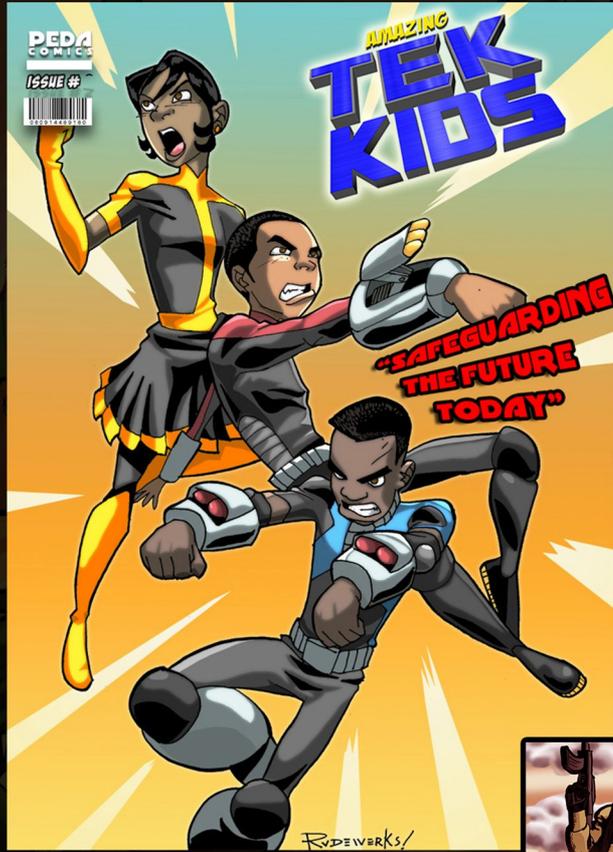
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