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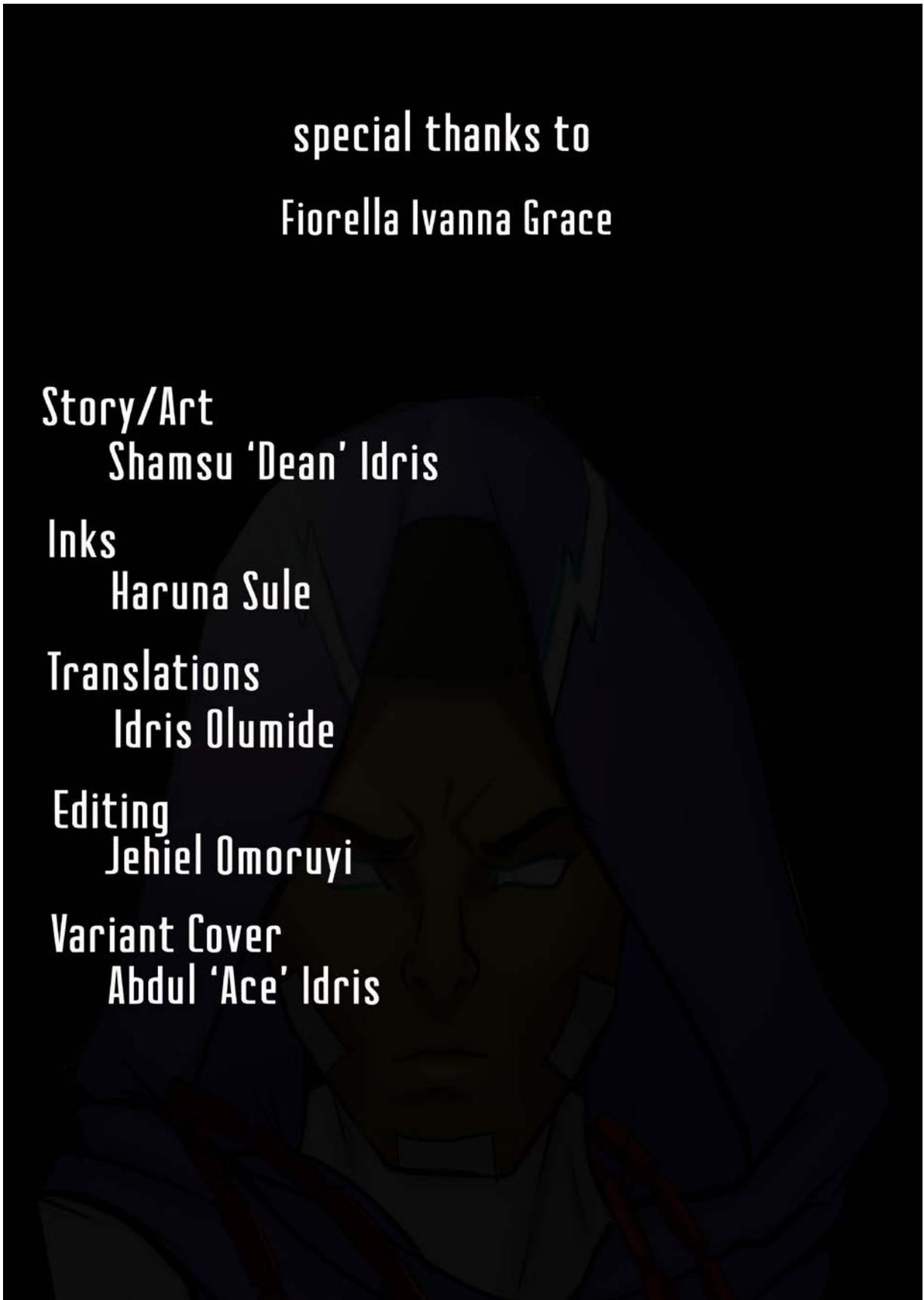
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WE ALL HAVE A STORY TO TELL...

**..THE STORY OF A MAN WHO
ROSE FROM STARK POVERTY TO
GREAT WEALTH..**



A MAN WHO FINALLY FINDS LOVE

**OR EVEN THE STORY OF A WISE
MISCHIEVOUS TORTOISE
TOLD TO A LITTLE BOY BEFORE
FALLING ASLEEP.**

WELL, THIS IS HOW MINE BEGINS...



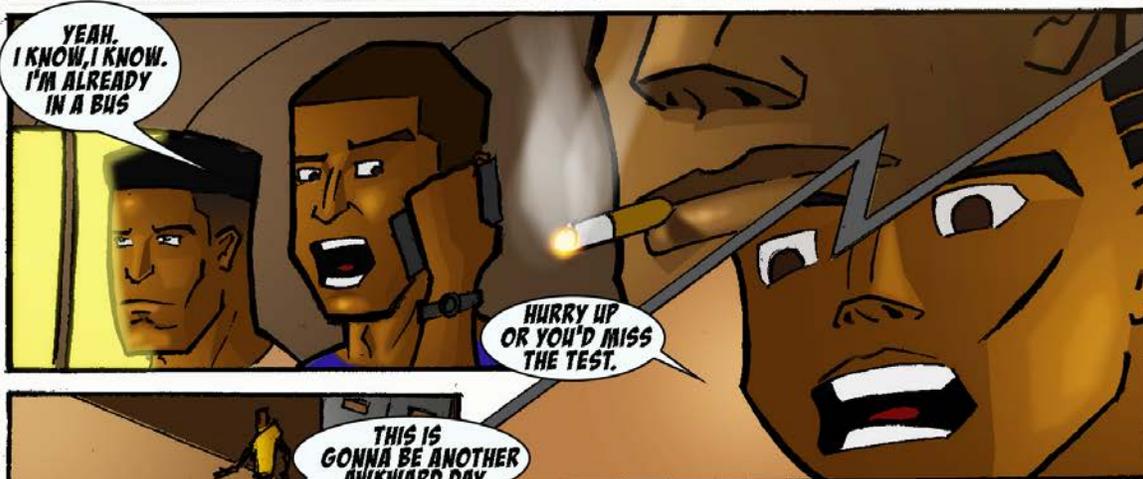
AHN...!
>>YOU NO DEY SEE?<<

>>ABEG NO VEX<<

TRANSLATED FROM NIGERIAN PIDGIN; **ARE YOU BLIND?**
PLEASE DON'T BE ANGRY.



OH, NO
OH, NO
OH, NO



AFTER CLASSES...

WHAT'S UP WITH YOU, ABOKI? 'HEARD YOU WERE LATE FOR CLASSES AGAIN.

SEVEN DAYS IN A ROW!

YOU KNOW I HATE BEING CALLED THAT, RIGHT?

GUY, I ALSO DON'T UNDERSTAND.. 'BEEN HAVING THESE STRANGE DREAMS THAT WAKE ME UP AT NIGHT.

AND YOU KNOW ME, ONCE I'M UP I HARDLY GO BACK TO SLEEP

OYA, SORRY. BUT SERIOUSLY, WHAT'S GOING ON?

STRANGE FELLOW. I TOLD YOU TO STAY OFF THOSE HORROR MOVIES

NOW THEY'RE MESSING WITH THAT FRAGILE HEAD OF YOURS.

EMMANUEL OKAFOR
LAWAL'S ALBINO FRIEND

YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND.

HE REALLY WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND...



...DREAMS ABOUT THIS AXE..

..AN AXE WHICH LOOKS VERY MUCH LIKE THE SANGO BATTLE AXE IN THE LAGOS MUSEUM..



..AN AXE I'VE ONLY SEEN ON TV..



..AN AXE WHICH PROBABLY HAS A COCK AND BULL STORY BEHIND IT..



..JUST LIKE THE WIZARD WHO TURNED HIMSELF INTO STONE..

..BUT WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH ME?

SPIRIT REALM

"you sat on the bids
i've been wearing for all
eternity?!"

now it's ruined!

why do you worry over
things only humans should?!

OBA

OSHUN

don't give me that
nonsense! if it weren't for
you, i'd have been wearing
beautiful jewelry like
every other person.

shut up! you would've been
dead by now, you fool. it's
not my fault we're both
here.

you were just dumb enough
to believe your car
would make a great soup
that'll make sango prefer
it to my wonderful
cooking.

if you don't keep those
flapping lips shut,
i'd...
wha...? the pot's glowing red
oh no...

We've been here arguing
for over five hundred
years when we
could've been gathering the
items that'll restore our
human form

now sango has somehow
found out

SPIRIT REALM
HIGHER PLANES





STILL HAVING THESE DREAMS..

..BUT THIS TIME THERE WAS A MAN..



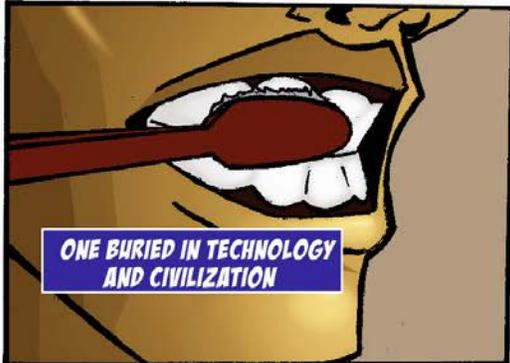
..A MAN WITH EYES AS WHITE AS COWRIE SHELLS..



..OR COULD IT BE..?



NO, CAN'T BE, HE'S JUST A MYTH.



ONE BURIED IN TECHNOLOGY AND CIVILIZATION



OR IS IT?



I REALLY HAVE TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL.





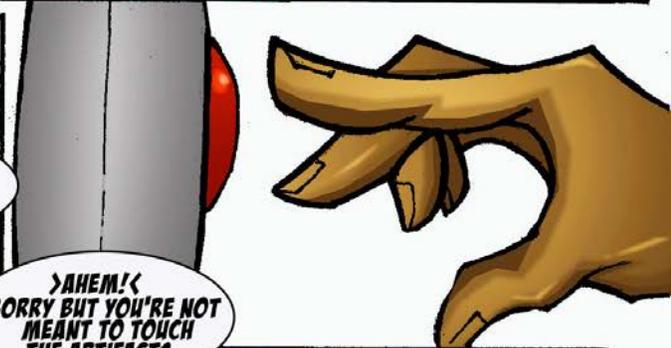
..AND IT'S ALSO CALLED THE 'OSE' ANY QUESTIONS, KIDS?



ALRIGHT, THEN. LET'S HEAD TO GENERAL MURTALA'S LIMO.

FINALLY SOMETHING INTERESTING.

LET'S COUNT THE BULLET HOLES!



>AHEM!< SORRY BUT YOU'RE NOT MEANT TO TOUCH THE ARTIFACTS.



OH..HEHE.

OSE ; SANGO'S DOUBLE BLADED AXE.



you're asking the wrong questions, boy.

WHO'S THERE?!

where do rain drops go after hitting the earth-devourer of man's empty shell?

is it also devoured by the earth or summoned again by the sun?

why haven't the oceans been consumed by the earth?

is it just meant to be, or is it the powerful grasp of the ocean goddess, slohuni?



SANGO
GOD OF THUNDER AND LIGHTENING

what causes the shaking sound of thunder, before the rain drops hit the devourer of man's empty shell?

is it just meant to be, or is it i? the one who wields thunder, the orisha of the skies?

i am sango and i am real.

OH MY GOD.. PLEASE TELL ME THIS IS NOTHING BUT A DREAM.



it is not, this is a limbo.

triggered by my powers surging through your body.

you've been chosen, awal.



as my successor, awal, a long line of protectors, guardians of the gateway separating the human realm from the spirit realm.

BUH-BUT WHY ME? HOW'S ALL OF THIS EVEN POSSIBLE THIS MUST BE SOME KIND OF A JOKE.

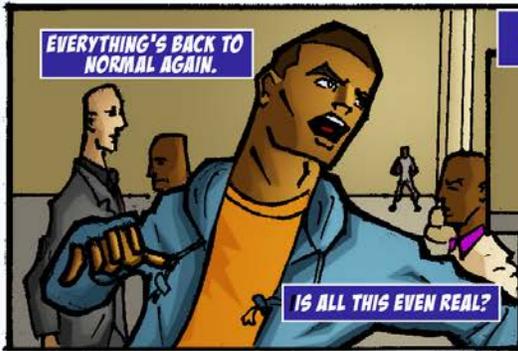


then what about the dreams? are those also trickery? you humans believe only what you want to believe.

just as eshu said, eniyàn ká irisi le, paaró wé iro ti o fi o fi ahi, ki o le wa ni awon isoro ele

now do as i say go somewhere secluded, raise your arm and say the words aghara awal.

TRANSLATED FROM YORUBA: MAN'S PERSPECTIVE CAN ALTER HIS PERCEPTION OF REALITY AND CAN BE EASILY FOOLED.



TRANSLATED FROM YORUBA; **MIGHT OF THUNDER!**



OH BOY!

good, now do you believe me?



HEY.. HOW AM I STILL TALKING TO YOU? ARE YOU IN MY HEAD?!

not in your head, i can only communicate with you while you are ara



now i need you to go to ope. rwan, a small village on the outskirts of ognu state.

WHAT..WHY?! THAT'S LIKE TWO HOURS FROM HERE!

that's where your powers come in, fly

YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT?

RIGHT..?



would you rather walk? i wouldn't mind that, you know.

CAN'T BELIEVE I'M DOING THIS..



WOAH! I'M FLYING!

DUDE...! I'M FLYING!!



HEHEHE..SORRY.



IS THAT..?

IT CAN'T BE..



THE GREAT THUNDER GOD HAS CHOSEN A SUCCESSOR. SOMETHING'S WRONG SOMEWHERE.

UHM..LAWAL TANKO.

AWON ORUN GBODU MA JA BO. WHAT IS YOU NAME?

TRANSLATED FROM YORUBA; THE SKIES MUST BE FALLING.



LAWAL TANKO?! HE'S NOT EVEN YORUBA!

BOY! WHAT BLACK MAGIC DID YOU COOK UP TO GAIN THESE ABILITIES?!

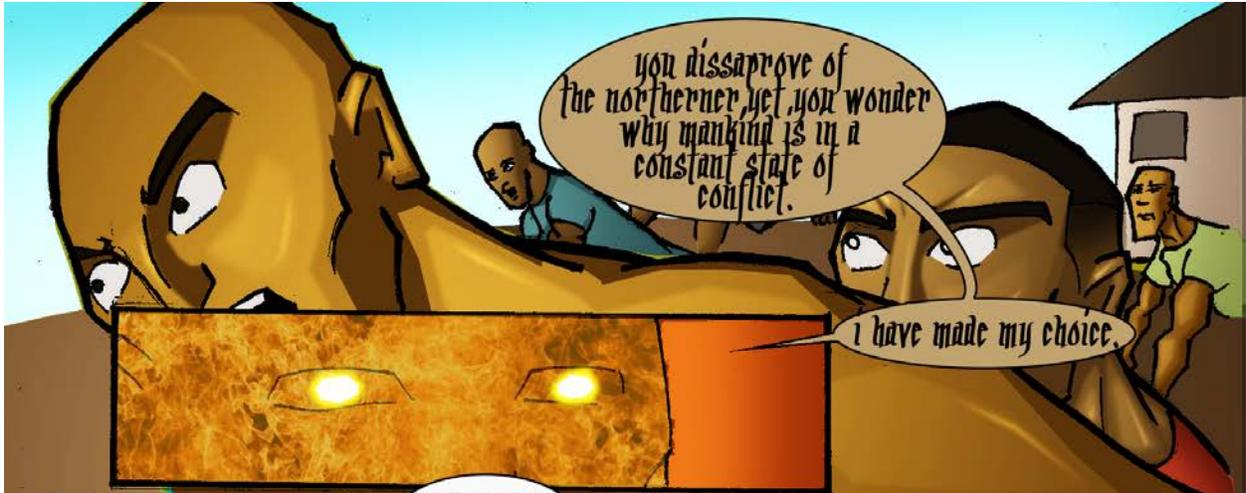
SPEAK!

IMPOSTER!

SWIRL SWIRL SWIRL

BLOODY HAUSA BOY!

SILENCE!



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HOW AM I STILL ALIVE?!

HEY! WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?

...

I'M REALLY ON MY OWN ON THIS ONE.

WAIT.. "YOUR DESTINY LIES IN THE PALM OF YOUR HANDS"

NOW WE'RE TALKING!



LET'S TAKE THIS INTO THE AIR.



IT KEEPS PROTECTING IT'S HEAD.

DID THAT THING JUST JUMP?!



MPGH!



WHA...?
HOW DID I...?!



BTWACK



IF I
COULD DO THAT..

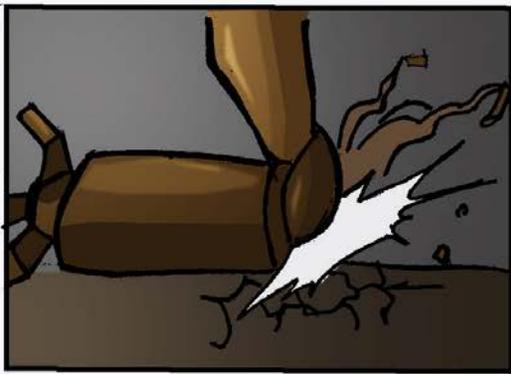
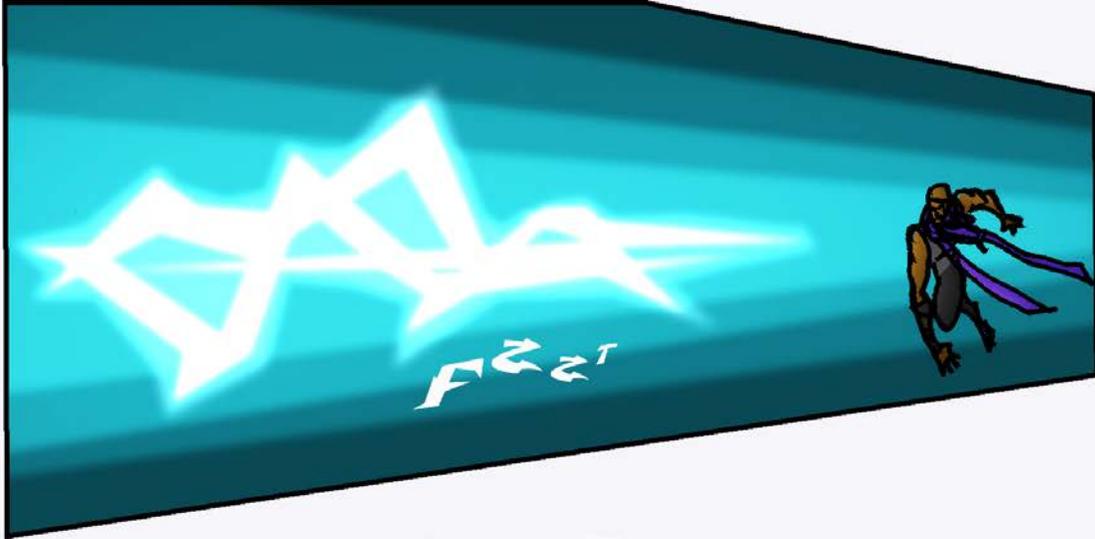


..HOW ABOUT
A THUNDER BOLT?



I DIDN'T
COME HERE TO DIE





YOU'VE
PROVEN YOURSELF
WORTHY, BOY.



YES!





BUT BEWARE..



**..YOUR PRESENCE ONLY MEANS
REAL EVIL HAS BEGUN TO LURKE IN THE DARK
AGAIN..**



**..THINGS THAT MAN CAN BARELY
BEGIN TO EXPLAIN..**



**..SINISTER BEINGS SLITHERING
LIKE SNAKES..**



**..WAITING FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT
TO STRIKE.**

**MY MISTRESSES.
I HAVE BROUGHT YOU THE FIRST ITEM.**

#1 COMING SOON!

Creators' Column

Shamsudeen Idris (ceo)

HEY! I HOPE YOU GUYS ENJOYED THE ISSUE 0 OF ARA. PERSONALLY IT WAS FUN BEING INVOLVED IN IT'S CREATION. HOPEFULLY THE STORY WOULD GET BETTER BECAUSE JEHIEL OMORUYI WOULD TAKE OVER (I'M NOT MUCH OF A WRITER,LOL) AND I'VE COME TO LEARN COMIC MAKING ISN'T AN EASY JOB BECAUSE MY BACK FEELS LIKE IT'S A HUNDRED YERS OLD RIGHT NOW,SO A BIG WELL DONE TO LONG TIME COMIC MAKERS OUT THERE AND A BIG THANK YOU TO FANS AND SUPPORTERS AND ALSO A MASSIVE SORRY FOR DELAYING IT'S RELEASE.

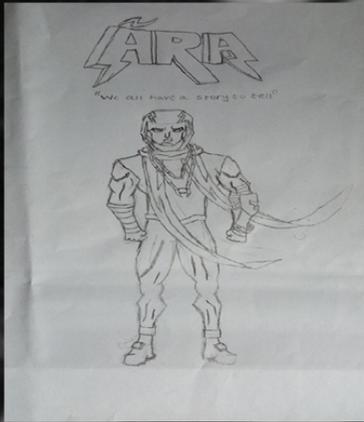
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BE A HERO



ODUNAYO IBITOYE

ODUNAYO IS A BLOGGER. A YOUNG INTELLIGENT LADY WHO BARES HER MIND ON ISSUES AFFECTING WOMEN. ON HER BLOG, SHE DEALS WITH ISSUES LIKE CRITICISM OF WOMEN AND RAPE.

A GOOD EXAMPLE TO YOUNG WOMEN HER AGE AS SHE ADVOCATES EQUAL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOR WOMEN, ODUNAYO IBITOYE IS AN INSPIRATION TO YOUNG PEOPLE.

PLAY YOUR PART..BE A HERO

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