



MOONGIRLS

CHAPTER 3

UNDERWATER
DREAMS



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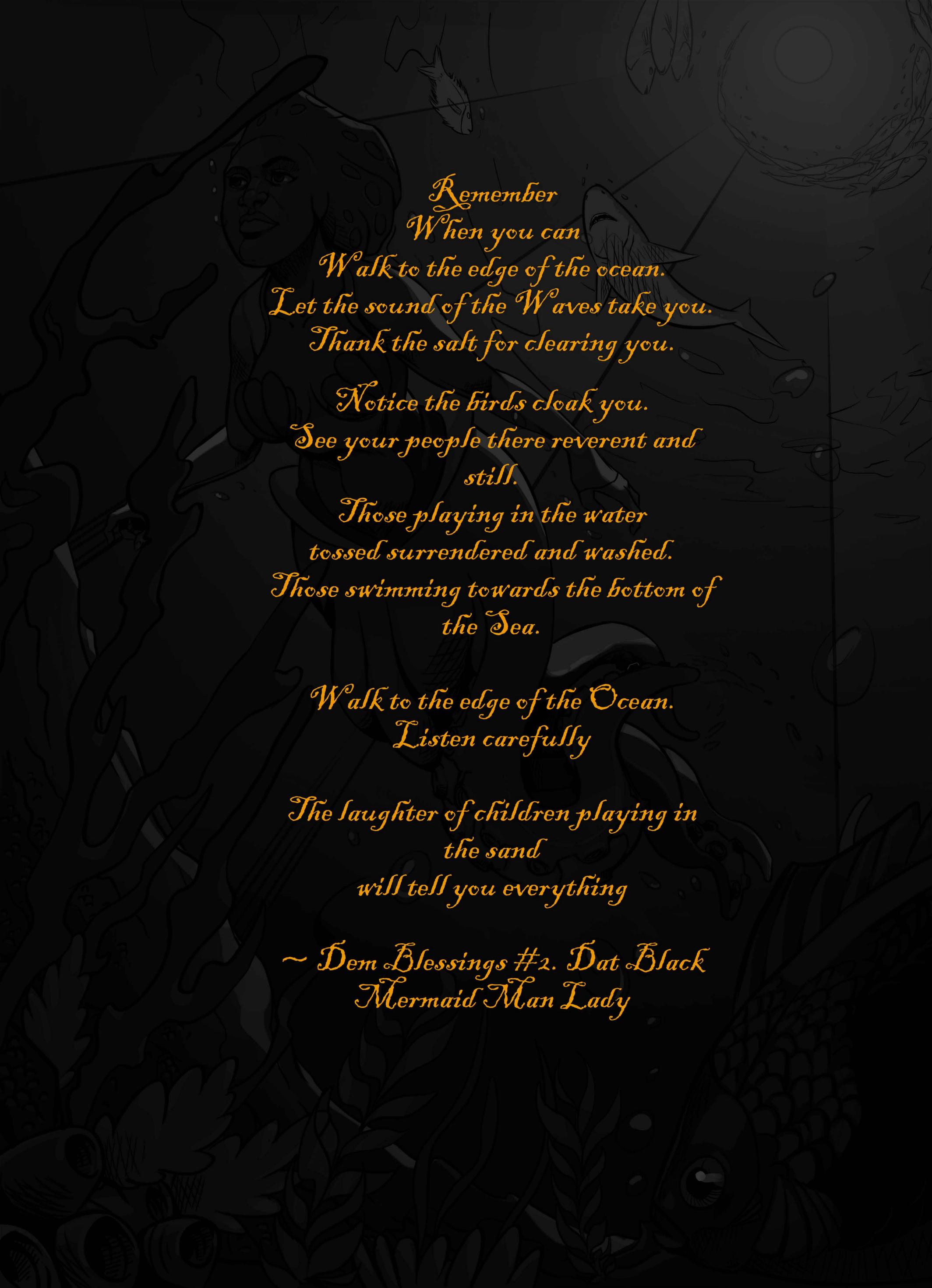
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*Remember
When you can
Walk to the edge of the ocean.
Let the sound of the Waves take you.
Thank the salt for clearing you.*

*Notice the birds cloak you.
See your people there reverent and
still.
Those playing in the water
tossed surrendered and washed.
Those swimming towards the bottom of
the Sea.*

*Walk to the edge of the Ocean.
Listen carefully
The laughter of children playing in
the sand
will tell you everything*

*~ Dem Blessings #2. Dat Black
Mermaid Man Lady*



SUPERSHERO NAME: NUN

ORDINARY NAME: DEDE

SPIRIT: MUT (IMPORTANT TO NOTE: MUT AND SEKHMET ARE THE SAME GODDESS IN SOME OF THE TELLING. HOWEVER, SEKHMET IS THE MORE AGGRESSIVE ASPECT OF MUT WHILE MUT IS PEACE. THAT'S WHY THE ENDLESS FRICTION YET UNBREAKABLE BOND BETWEEN DEDE AND FATIMA). PHASES OF THE LUNAR CYCLE DEEPENS HER INTERNAL MYSTERIES AND CREATES FLEETING EMOTIONAL PATTERNS THAT ARE BEYOND HER CONTROL.

CHARACTER: MOTHER, PEACE, THE THINKER, THE MIND IS A SPACE SHE DWELLS IN, PHILOSOPHER, WATER, FLUIDITY. PERFECTIONIST. DEEPLY INTUITIVE, EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT, AND EMPATHETIC. IDEALIST.

COLOURS: DEEP BLUE, WHITE, RED

PREVIOUSLY...

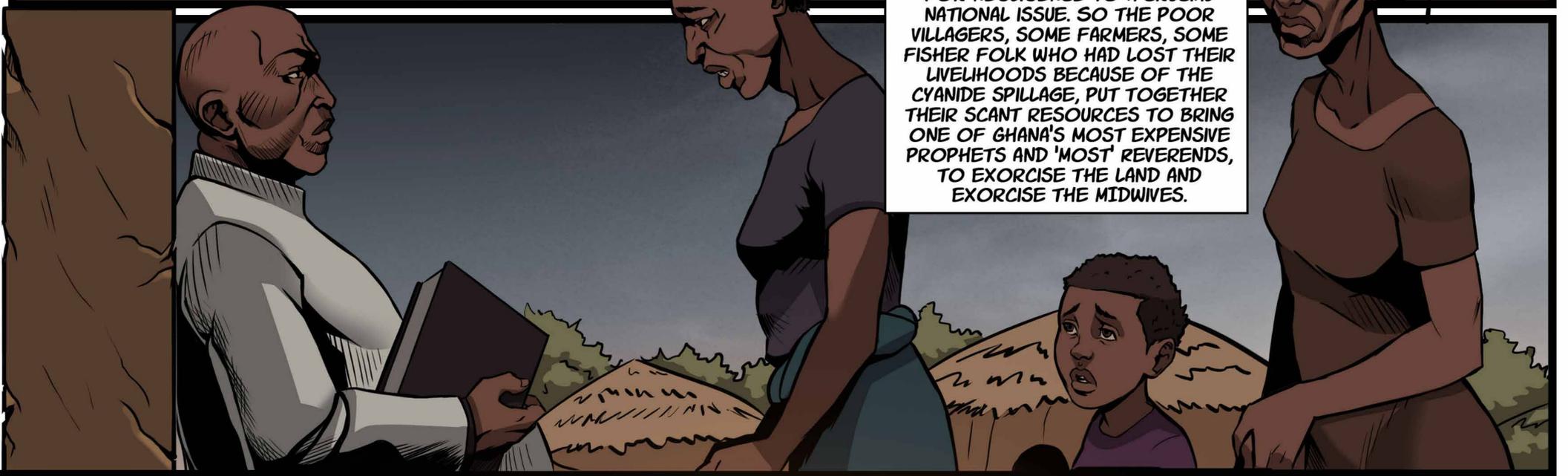
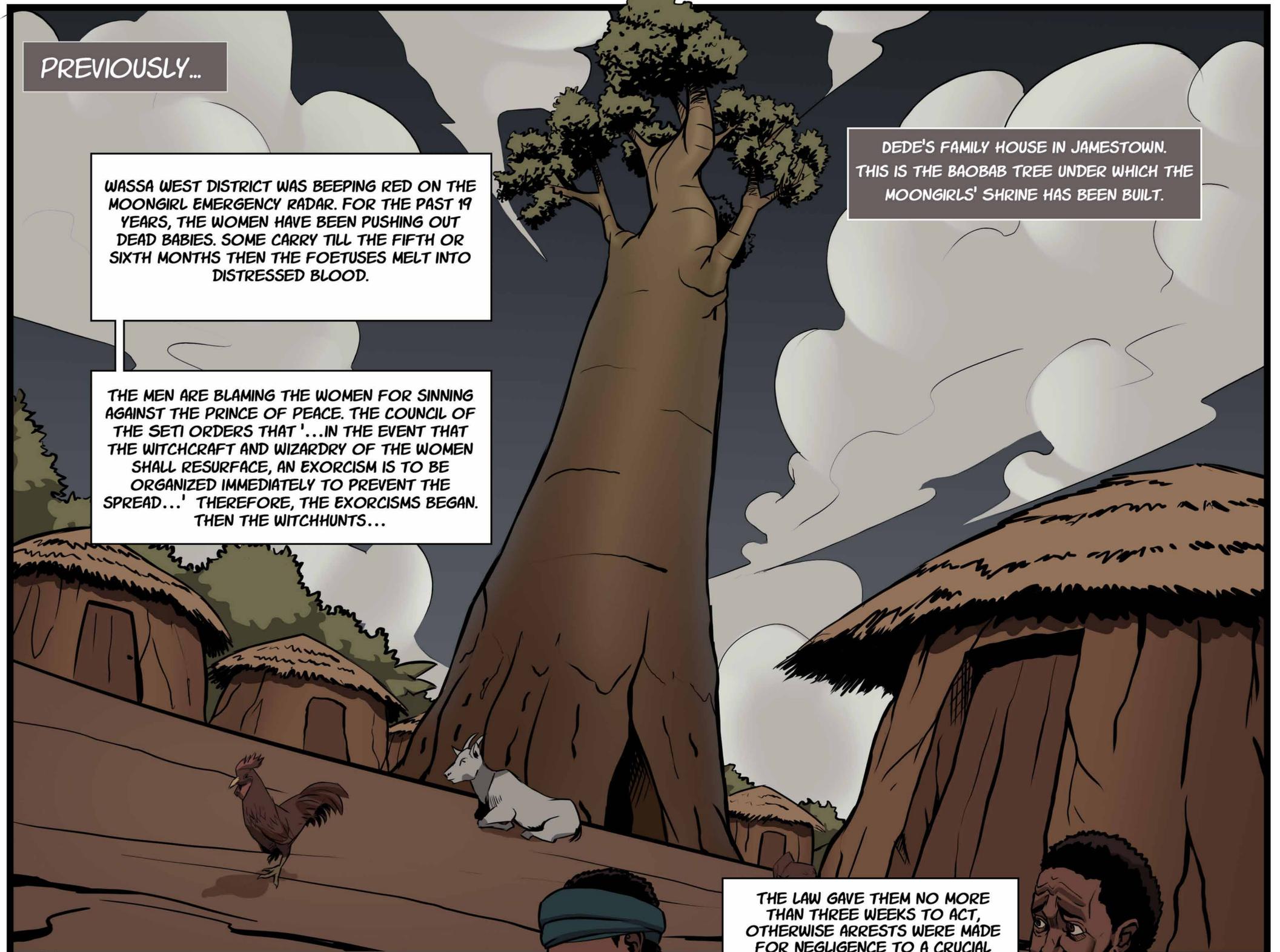
WASSA WEST DISTRICT WAS BEEPING RED ON THE MOONGIRL EMERGENCY RADAR. FOR THE PAST 19 YEARS, THE WOMEN HAVE BEEN PUSHING OUT DEAD BABIES. SOME CARRY TILL THE FIFTH OR SIXTH MONTHS THEN THE FOETUSES MELT INTO DISTRESSED BLOOD.

THE MEN ARE BLAMING THE WOMEN FOR SINNING AGAINST THE PRINCE OF PEACE. THE COUNCIL OF THE SETI ORDERS THAT '...IN THE EVENT THAT THE WITCHCRAFT AND WIZARDRY OF THE WOMEN SHALL RESURFACE, AN EXORCISM IS TO BE ORGANIZED IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT THE SPREAD...' THEREFORE, THE EXORCISMS BEGAN. THEN THE WITCHHUNTS...

DEDE'S FAMILY HOUSE IN JAMESTOWN. THIS IS THE BAOBAB TREE UNDER WHICH THE MOONGIRLS' SHRINE HAS BEEN BUILT.

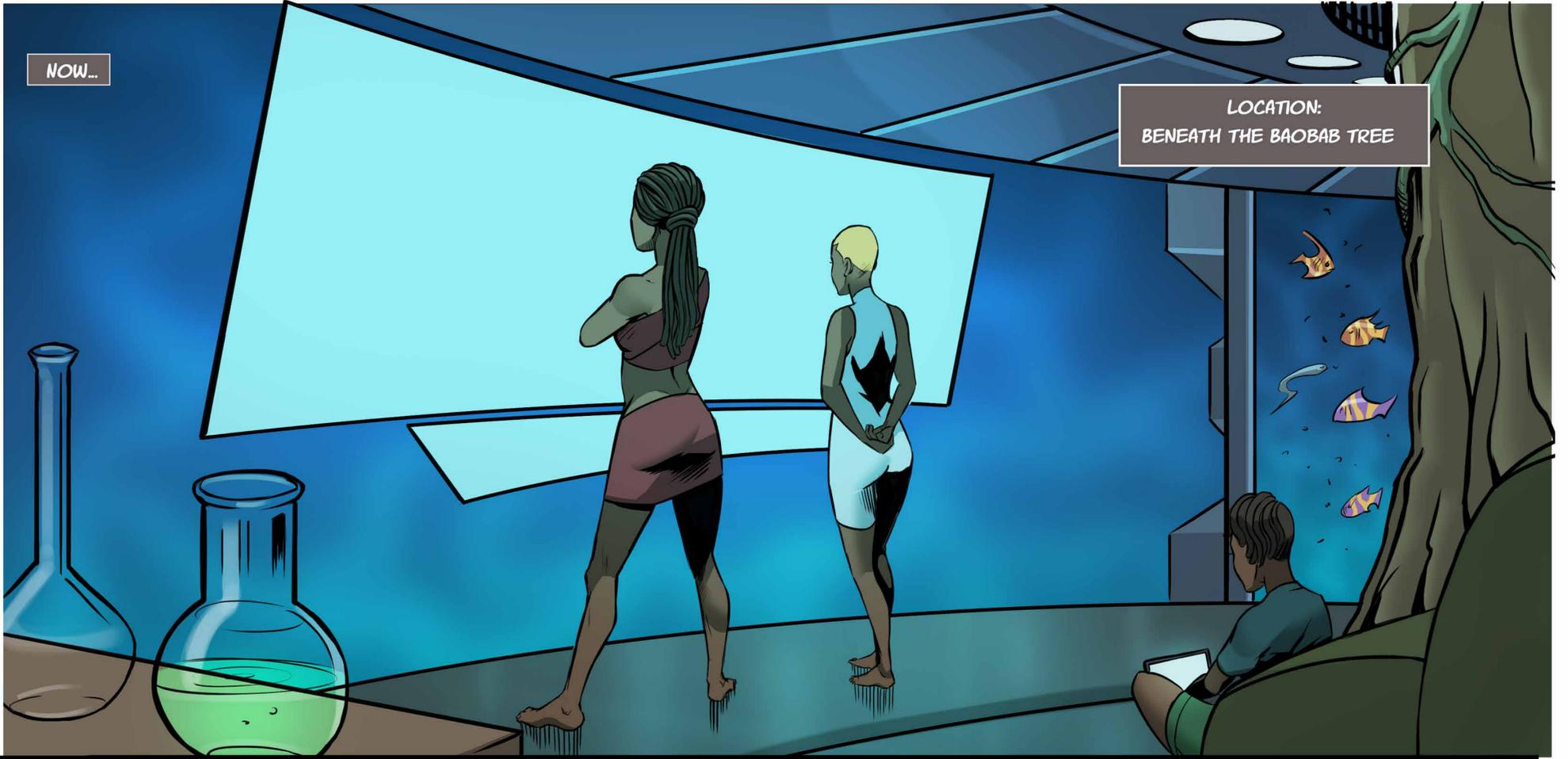
THE LAW GAVE THEM NO MORE THAN THREE WEEKS TO ACT, OTHERWISE ARRESTS WERE MADE FOR NEGLIGENCE TO A CRUCIAL NATIONAL ISSUE. SO THE POOR VILLAGERS, SOME FARMERS, SOME FISHER FOLK WHO HAD LOST THEIR LIVELIHOODS BECAUSE OF THE CYANIDE SPILLAGE, PUT TOGETHER THEIR SCANT RESOURCES TO BRING ONE OF GHANA'S MOST EXPENSIVE PROPHETS AND 'MOST' REVERENDS, TO EXORCISE THE LAND AND EXORCISE THE MIDWIVES.

SOON AFTER, THE WITCH HUNTS BEGAN. ALL THE WOMEN WHO HELPED PUSH BABIES FROM VAGINAS WERE ACCUSED OF "SPIRITUALLY EATING" THE NEWBORNS. ALL THE TRADITIONAL BIRTH ATTENDANTS WERE BEING ROUNDED UP AND BLAMED FOR THE CURSE OF INFERTILITY THAT HAD BEFALLEN THEIR LAND. THE MEN PUT CAR TYRES AROUND THEIR NECKS AND BURNT THEM ALIVE IN MARKET SQUARES. AS THE ACCUSATIONS INCREASED, THE WOMEN PLEADED FOR THE LIVES OF THE BIRTH ATTENDANTS WHO HELD IMPORTANT SECRETS OF CHILDBIRTH THAT MAY BE LOST IF ALL WERE KILLED. YET THE CURSE STILL NEEDED TO BE REVERSED.



NOW...

LOCATION:
BENEATH THE BAOBAB TREE



THIS IS BAD...
THIS IS VERY BAD...



WE BROUGHT THIS ON OURSELVES. THE ORACLE REVEALS THAT MAMI WATA IS VERY ANGRY. BUT THE INFERTILITY AND MISCARRIAGES ARE NOT CURSES FROM HER. THEY ARE FROM US AND OUR UNETHICAL MINING.

AS ABOVE, SO BELOW, THE ORACLE SAYS. IN SHORT, EVEN IN AQUATIC LIFE, DIFFERENT COLONIES ARE SUFFERING THE SAME SYMPTOMS OF A MARKED

SO DEDE'S GONE UNDER TO CONSULT WITH SOME OF THE MARINE ELDER'S ON THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION THERE AS WELL. THE ORACLE SAYS THE EARTH AND THE WATERS ARE REGURGITATING POISON THAT IS BEING FORCED DOWN THEIR THROATS.



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TWEET

CORDELIA @_CORDIE_ 20M
"THIS DISRESPECT FOR PEOPLE'S RELIGIONS IN THE NAME OF FEMINISM IS WHY MY DAUGHTER WILL NEVER BE A FEMINIST."
15 17 6

CHOCOLATE FLOWERS @BLACKBARBIE 2M
@_CORDIE_ THIS IS NOT FEMINISM! IT'S JUST A DESPERATE PERSON LOOKING FOR POPULARITY
18 17 4

UNCLE SURU @KELVINARYEETEY 30 SECS
"THESE DAYS THIS IS THE KIND OF BLASPHEMY PEOPLE INDULGE IN BECAUSE OF SOCIAL MEDIA."
23 22 2

NANA ESI @PURPLEUNICORN 15S
"THIS TABLE YOU'RE SHAKING!"
21 20 9

CUPIEDOLL @OFORIWAA 10S
"THIS SHALL BE A SIGN OF THE END DAYS. GIVE YOUR LIFE TO ME, THAT YOU MAY BE SAVED"
12 5 4

#SAYHERNAMENIGERIA @ANGELANO
"MARY HAS NEVER BEEN GIVEN A CHANCE TO TELL HER STORY. THE ONLY VERSION OF MARY'S STORY WE HAVE IS PATRIARCHY'S VERSION."
18 50 4

QUEEN CERSEI @PRINCESSKINTI 20MINS
"I DUNNO WHY Y'ALL CAN'T TELL BY NOW THAT VIRGIN MARY WAS THAT CHIC THAT FUCKED IT UP FOR THE REST OF US CHICS."
18 21 4

QUEEN CERSEI @PRINCESSKINTI 20MINS
"I DUNNO WHY Y'ALL CAN'T TELL BY NOW THAT VIRGIN MARY WAS THAT CHIC THAT FUCKED IT UP FOR THE REST OF US CHICS."
18 21 4

DZIDULA @EARTHSDAUGHTER 4MINS
"MARY IS ISIS, YEMOJA, MOTHER OF ALL, ORIGINAL GODDESS BEFORE HER SON AND HUSBAND USURPED HER THRONE. AND MADE IT THAT WOMEN CANNOT RULE."
4 15 3

@REGINALDOKONG QUOTES TWEET: "HOTEP ALERT"
"MARY IS ISIS, YEMOJA, MOTHER OF ALL, ORIGINAL GODS BEFORE HER SON AND HUSBAND USURPED HER THRONE. AND MADE IT THAT WOMEN CANNOT RULE."
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WHAT HAPPENING?

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TWEET

FU @SOUNDGENIE 5M
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, THE HOLY MOTHERFUCKING PATRIARCHAL PRINCESS. DON'T @ ME."
18 17 4

MAMEE 🇳🇮🇪 @AFRIYI912 1H
REPLYING TO @SOUNDGENIE
"GOD FORGIVE YOU"
1 12 4



GET OFF TWITTER, FU. I NEED YOUR MIND HERE

ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT I'M OFF TWITTER. CHECK THIS OUT. ACCORDING TO CORP WATCH, BACK IN 2001, THE RIVER ASUME WAS HIT WITH THOUSANDS OF CUBIC METRES OF MINE WASTEWATER WHICH CONTAINED CYANIDE AND HEAVY METALS.

THE CYANIDE-LACED WASTE CONTAMINATED THE RIVER ASUME ON OCTOBER 16 2001 WHEN A DAM USED TO HOLD BACK MINING WASTEWATER RUPTURED BECAUSE IT HAD NOT BEEN INSTALLED CORRECTLY, CAUSING IT COLLAPSE DURING HEAVY RAIN.



NOW IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT CYANIDE, YOU KNOW WE ARE NOW DEALING WITH THE LONG TERM EFFECTS OF THAT POISON.



EXPOSURE TO EVEN LOW LEVELS OF CYANIDE CAN RESULT IN INFERTILITY AND MISCARRIAGES. THESE WOMEN ARE SUFFERING THE MID TO LONG TERM EFFECTS OF THE GOLDFIELD MINE SPILLAGE.

AND CHECK THIS, CYANIDE IS PREFERRED BY THESE CAPITALIST COMPANIES BECAUSE THEY ARE USED IN HEAP LEACHING, A LOW COST TECHNIQUE FOR GOLD EXTRACTION. LOW COSTS TO WHO?!



WELL, SO LONG AS THAT GRID STILL HUMS, WE DEFINE 'LOW COSTS' FOR THOSE MAKING THE HIGHEST PROFITS.

HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO KEEP CONTACT WITH NUN?

YOU KNOW OUR COMM RANGE IS ONLY A FEW HUNDRED METRES DOWN. SHE IS IN A WHOLE NEW WORLD BY NOW, BUT I'M SURE SHE'S GOOD



"THE SEA AT NIGHT IS ONE BIG LOVE-FEST. THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT THE MOONLIT NIGHT. THE FULL MOON SITTING RADIANTLY ON HER THRONE IN THE SKIES, WHILE HER HORNY SUBJECTS PERFORMED THE ANCIENT RITUAL OF MATING."

"THE WATER MOVED SEDUCTIVELY, LIKE A GOOD BUMP N' GRIND PLAYLIST. I LOVE IT HERE WHEN IT'S A FULL MOON."

"I DIDN'T HAVE TO DO MUCH TO SWIM ON FULL MOON NIGHTS. THE WAVES SORT OF DANCE YOU IN YOUR DIRECTION THROUGH SENSORY PERCEPTION. THE WATER TAKES YOU WHERE YOUR SOUL NEEDS TO BE. AND SOMETIMES THAT'S NOT WHERE I'M HEADED IF I'M ON A MISSION, LIKE NOW. BUT I FEEL LIKE THIS TIME, BOTH WILL SYNC."

"FOREST OF ALGAE, ATLANTIC OCEAN, EN ROUTE TO A CAVE OF ELDERS IN THE KINGDOM OF AKSUM, ONE OF THE NINE TROPICAL DEEP SEA CITIES OF THE ATLANTIC."

"100,000METRES DOWN FROM SURFACE, - 29.758649, -16.202568, +269° EAST -36° WEST OF THE SOUTH."

"THE WATERS CAN SENSE THE CRISIS TOO. I FEEL A SLIGHT BRASHNESS IN HER DANCE TONIGHT."

"ALL THE MARINE URBAN CITIES AND KINGDOMS HAVE COME TO A STANDSTILL. IF WE WANT TO SAVE LIFE, SOMEONE HAS TO CALL FOR A CEASEFIRE".

"IN EVERYTHING HARMONIOUS, THERE MUST BE CHAOS. SEKHMET ALWAYS REMINDS ME OF THIS PART OF THE ORACLE'S SAYINGS."

"AN 'EVIL' NECESSITY. AND IF EVIL IS A NECESSITY THEN THERE CAN BE NO CONCEPT OF EVIL. BECAUSE NECESSITY MEANS SURVIVAL. SURVIVAL MEANS LIFE."

"AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE OUT HERE, RIGHT ?"

"TRYING TO LIVE. FOR SOME, TRYING TO LIVE FOREVER."

"MANY MARINE CITIES IN THE SEVEN KINGDOMS ARE ALREADY REPORTING LARGE-SCALE REDUCTIONS IN LOCAL SPECIES POPULATIONS. EXTINCTIONS IN SOME CASES."

"THE OCEAN STAR PROTOTYPE PROJECT IS EVEN MORE URGENT NOW. I CAN PITCH THAT TO THE MARINE ELDERS AS EFFORTS BEING MADE ON THE HUMAN END."

"BUT I'M NOT CONFIDENT ABOUT PITCHING A PROJECT THAT HAS FAILED FIVE TIMES."

"OUR BIGGEST CHALLENGE HAS BEEN THE TREMENDOUS POWER OF THE ATLANTIC GYRE. WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO MATCH THE SHEER STRENGTH OF THE GYRE'S CURRENTS."

"BUT IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL, MOST OF THE HUMAN PLASTIC DAMAGE WILL BE REVERSED. AND THE SEAS WILL BE FREE AGAIN. AT LEAST ON THAT FRONT."



"ARE WE CURSED TO ALWAYS BE IN A STATE OF WAR? "

"I HAVE NO ANSWERS TO THAT QUESTION. BUT WHAT I DO KNOW IS, IF THIS HUMAN WAR AGAINST NATURE GOES ON, WE WILL LOSE. WE WILL GO INTO EXTINCTION. AND NATURE WILL CARRY ON AS IT HAS CARRIED ON BEFORE WE APPEARED ON THE FOOD CHAIN."

"THE MARINE ELDERS HAVE DONE THEIR BEST FOR CENTURIES TO SOFTEN THE BLOW OF THE HUMAN WAR ON NATURE. ARMAGEDDON'S INEVITABILITY HAS BEEN DELAYED BY THEIR ANCIENT POWERS."

"BUT IN WAR THERE ARE INEVITABLE CASUALTIES. AND SOMETIMES THE BLOW OF THESE CASUALTIES HITS REALLY HARD. LIKE NOW. IT IS HEART-BREAKING HEARING NEWS OF DEATHS IN THE ASUME AREA. SO MANY RIVER LIVES LOST."

"THIS MEETING HAS DELEGATES FROM RIVER ASUME, AS WELL AS THE COUNCIL OF THE MARINE ELDERS OF THE PANTHEON OF MAMI WATA. THE QUEEN HERSELF WAS NOT GOING TO BE THERE BUT WILL OF COURSE STILL BE PRESENT, FOR WHERE EVEN A MOLECULE OF WATER IS, SHE IS."



THIS IS THE ANCIENT PANTHEON OF MAMI WATA. THE OLD DIVINITIES USUALLY APPEAR IN ANIMAL FORM. ANIMALS WERE ONE OF THE VERY FIRST CREATIONS THAT ROAMED THIS EARTH AND THESE DIVINITIES ARE AS OLD AS TIME, SO MANY OF THE OLD DIVINITIES WERE MOST COMFORTABLE IN ANIMAL BODIES.

THOUGH SOME FLUID AND TECH-SAVVY ONES COULD INHABIT HUMANS. THERE IS ALSO A DIVINITY WHO FOUND HER COMFORT IN INHABITING A TREE ROOT.

KINGDOM OF AKSUM
HIDDEN DEPTHS IN THE SEA THAT DO NOT
RESPOND TO HUMAN MEASUREMENT.



AND THAT'S WHEN IT STARTED. A WAR WE KNEW HAD BEEN COMING BUT DID NOT KNOW WHEN WILL FINALLY ARRIVE. A BIG RUSH OF POISON CAME FROM THE BIG DOORS INTO OUR WATERS.

THAT DAY MANY OF OUR OWN LOST THEIR LIVES. FROM THEN, MANY MORE LOST THEIR LIVES, EVEN THE UNBORN. OUR NUMBERS ARE DWINDLING. THE DEATHS HAVE BEEN PAINFUL TO WATCH.



WHAT IS THIS POISON?

ANOTHER POISON THE HUMANS DEVELOPED TO HELP THEM TO GET THE GOLDEN ROCKS THEY'RE SO GREEDY FOR.

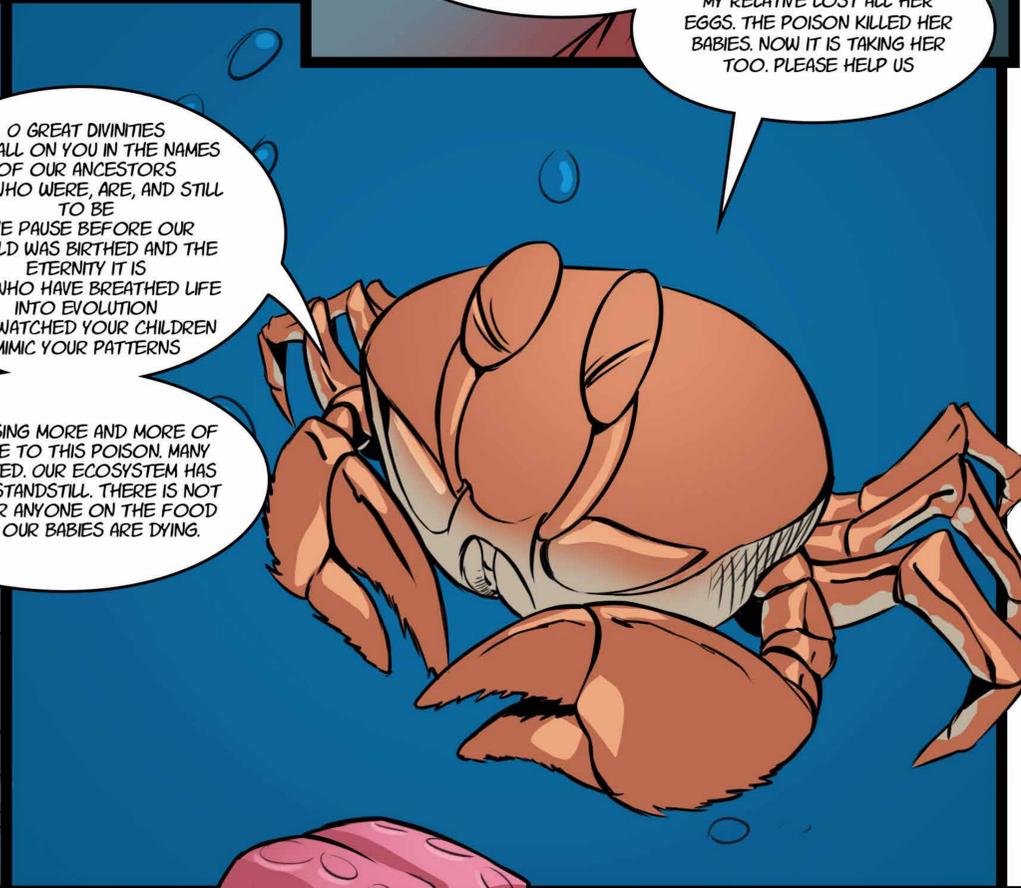
MY RELATIVE LOST ALL HER EGGS. THE POISON KILLED HER BABIES. NOW IT IS TAKING HER TOO. PLEASE HELP US



IT'S GONE TOO FAR DEEP TO HEAL.

O GREAT DIVINITIES WE CALL ON YOU IN THE NAMES OF OUR ANCESTORS YOU WHO WERE, ARE, AND STILL TO BE THE PAUSE BEFORE OUR WORLD WAS BIRTHED AND THE ETERNITY IT IS YOU WHO HAVE BREATHED LIFE INTO EVOLUTION AND WATCHED YOUR CHILDREN MIMIC YOUR PATTERNS

WE ARE LOSING MORE AND MORE OF OUR PEOPLE TO THIS POISON. MANY HAVE MIGRATED. OUR ECOSYSTEM HAS COME TO A STANDSTILL. THERE IS NOT ENOUGH FOR ANYONE ON THE FOOD CHAIN. AND OUR BABIES ARE DYING.



HOW DO YOU WANT US TO HELP YOU?



I PROPOSE A DIALOGUE



MOONGIRL. STEP FORWARD PLEASE



ELDERS OF THE GREAT OCEAN

YOU WHO ARE THE GUARDIANS OF MA'AT IN THE WATERS OF THE GREAT UNIVERSE

I COME IN PEACE, AND I ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR DIVINITY

WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR SPIRIT, MOONGIRL

I CAME TO ASK FOR A CEASEFIRE, AND I CAME TO ASK FOR DIALOGUE. THE DEATHS ARE ENOUGH.

THE UNIVERSE IS DELIBERATE IN HER PEACE. AND DELIBERATE IN HER CHAOS. THESE DEATHS ARE NOT FROM US. THEY ARE FROM YOU YOURSELVES.

YOU HAVE MADE THE OCEAN A DUMPING SITE FOR YOUR WASTE. YOU'VE FORGOTTEN THE WISDOM OF LEAVING PORTIONS OF THE SEA FALLOW, TO ALLOW FOR REGENERATION OF LIFE.

THERE ARE BOUND TO BE CONSEQUENCES WITHOUT IT BEING THE HAND OF THE PANTHEON.

I AGREE, ANCIENT ONE. BUT SOMEONE HAS ALSO LASHED OUT. THE TWO TSUNAMIS THAT HIT RECENTLY WERE NOT SCHEDULED IN THE EQUINOXES

THOUSANDS OF HUMAN LIVES WERE LOST. SOME ONLY BABIES.

THERE IS A GROWING FACTION, MANY SEAS AWAY, WHO ARE GROWING STEADILY IMPATIENT WITH OUR APPROACH TO THE HOMO SAPIEN PROBLEM AND ARE READY TO TAKE MATTERS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS.

I FEAR WHAT THAT MEANS. IF THEY CAN INSPIRE ARTIFICIAL TSUNAMIS, WE'VE GOT A HUGE PROBLEM ON OUR HANDS.

I AGREE. BUT THOSE WERE ALSO NOT SENT BY THE HAND OF THE PANTHEON.

YES. AND THEY ARE BECOMING MORE POPULAR UNDERSEAS. THEY THINK WE ARE GIVING HOMO SAPIENS TOO MUCH LEEWAY.

THEY ARE GROWING INCREASINGLY INTOLERANT. BUT INSPIRING TWO TSUNAMIS? THEY HAVE REACHED A LEVEL OF HATRED WE DIDN'T FORESEE THEM REACHING SO QUICKLY.

DON'T FORGET, IT WAS THE HUMANS THAT REACHED HATRED FIRST.

AN UPRISING?

THEN WE HAVE TO DIALOGUE. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THERE ARE SOME OF US WHO THINK DIFFERENTLY. WE ARE EVEN CURRENTLY WORKING ON A PROTOTYPE OF A NEW INVENTION.

WE ARE CALLING IT THE OCEAN STAR PROJECT. IF IT IS SUCCESSFUL, WE CAN RID THE SEAS OFF ALL THE PLASTIC WITHIN A YEAR.

WHEN WILL THIS PROJECT BE LAUNCHED? HOW SUCCESSFUL HAVE YOUR TESTS BEEN SO FAR?

IT HAS FAILED THE LAST FIVE TESTS. BUT WE ARE STILL DOING OUR RESEARCH. THESE THINGS TAKE TIME. BUT WHILE THAT TIME IS BEING TAKEN, WE CAN DIALOGUE.

DIALOGUE WITH PEOPLE WHO THINK WE ARE DEMONS?

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO COULD BE PERSUADED TO SPEAK TO YOU. POWERFUL PEOPLE WHO RUN OUR WORLD.

BUT WE NEED TO KNOW WHEN THE HOUR IS UPON US, WILL YOU COME UP FOR DIALOGUE?

THIS IS NOT AN ANSWER WE CAN GIVE YOU NOW. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME, WE HAVE KEPT ON THE OTHER SIDE. THE SUPREME-NESS MADE IT SO FOR A REASON.

TO BREAK THAT ETERNAL LAW COULD MEAN GRAVE CONSEQUENCES. CONSEQUENCES I CANNOT BEGIN TO FATHOM BECAUSE NATURE IS BOTH PREDICTABLE AND UNPREDICTABLE.

NATURE'S PUREST FORM IS UNUSUAL.

YET PREDICTABLE. IN THIS CASE, I'M COUNTING ON A MERGER OF THE TWO. IF YOU ARE AFRAID OF DISRUPTING DESTINIES AND THE LIFE CYCLE, WE CAN COUNT ON THE PREDICTABILITY THAT HUMANS WOULD FORGET US AGAIN DOWN THE LINE.

WE'VE SEEN IT HAPPEN OVER AND OVER AGAIN WITH THE CHANGES IN THE AGES. IT'S AS THOUGH THEY RESET.

WE CAN ALSO COUNT ON THE UNUSUAL HAPPENING WHERE THEY KNOW US, BUT KEEP US ON THE OTHER SIDE SO THEY DON'T DISRUPT THE CYCLE. I KNOW A FEW HUMAN BEINGS WHO HAVE SUCCEEDED AT THAT.

I HEAR YOU DAMNIE, BUT WE ARE IN VERY UNUSUAL TIMES.

SO YOU'RE PROPOSING WE SHOW OUR FACES IN THE HOPE THAT THE HUMANS WOULD FORGET US? THAT'S A HUGE GAMBLE TO MAKE.

A GAMBLE PROBABLY WORTH SAVING THE EARTH FOR. NATURE HAS NEVER HAD A BLESSING AND AN OBSTACLE LIKE HOMO SAPIENS BEFORE.

THEIR COLLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS HAS BEEN A BEAUTIFUL YET SCARY PHENOMENON TO WATCH EVOLVE. THEY ARE ONE OF NATURE'S MOST AWESOME CREATIONS INDEED.

WE KNOW YOUR LOVE FOR THE HUMANS BUT TO CALL THEM 'NATURE'S MOST AWESOME CREATIONS' IS A BIT OF A STRETCH MY FRIEND, ESPECIALLY FOR A SPECIE THAT SEEMS INTENT ON DESTROYING THE WOMB IT WAS BORN IN.

A BABY WOLF DEVOURING ITS MOTHER OUT FROM THE INSIDE. NATURE IN REVERSE IS WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN.

BUT NOW WE ARE WILLING TO TALK TO YOU. IF THE TIME COMES, WILL YOU TALK TO US?

WE WOULD GIVE YOU OUR ANSWER IN A TIME. WE NEED TO DELIBERATE GREATLY.

THANK YOU ANCIENT ONE, I HOPE YOUR ANSWER COMES SOON. THE SOONER YOUR ANSWER, THE QUICKER WE CAN SAVE THE WORLD.

EVERYTHING HAPPENS IN ITS TIME NUN.

"FOR SOME REASON, THAT ANSWER SCARED ME. WE NEED TO MOVE FAST. CALCULATING THE SPEED AT WHICH WE ARE MOVING TOWARDS OUR DESTRUCTION, WE NO LONGER HAVE TIME. AND NOW THERE IS AN UNDERWATER UPRISING. WE HAVE TO MOVE QUICKLY."



NUN IS RETURNING.



HEY SEXY. BUT YOU'VE REALLY GOT TO BE WORKING ON FIRING UP THAT BOTOSS BOO

WHATEVER SEKHMET

SO WHAT NEWS FROM THE WATERS?



IT'S WORSE THAN WE THOUGHT. THE TRAGEDY AT WASSA WEST DISTRICT WASN'T CAUSED BY THE PANTHEON. IT'S REPERCUSSIONS FROM PAST MINING ACTIVITY. ALSO, THE PANTHEON DIDN'T SEND THOSE TSUNAMIS LAST YEAR. A REBEL FACTION DID. I ASKED FOR A DIALOGUE WITH SOME OF THE LEADERS FROM OUR WORLD.



A REBEL FACTION OF WATER SPIRITS? NOT CONTROLLED BY THE PANTHEON? THIS IS SCARY

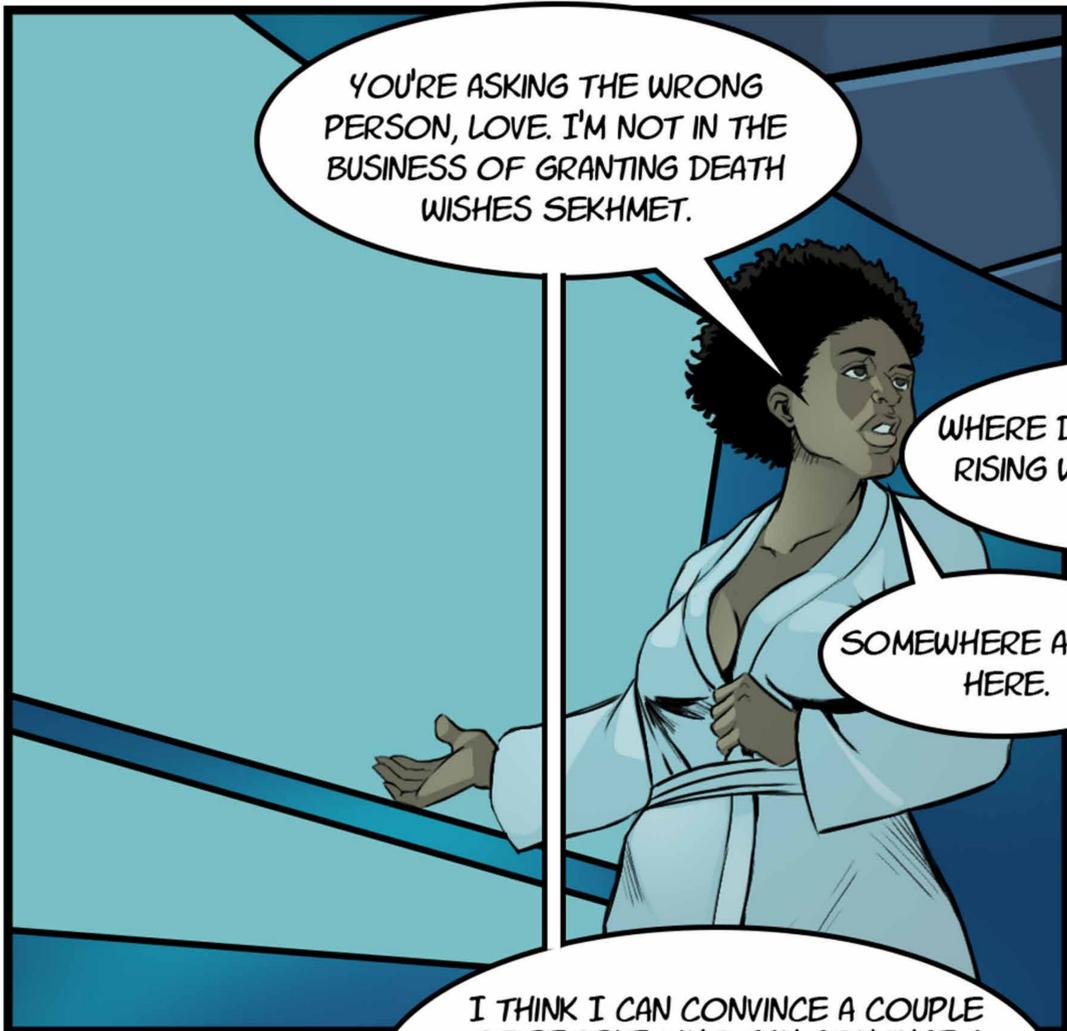
WE ARE IN EXCITING TIMES.



IF I WERE THEM, I'D GO TO WAR. WIPE OUT THE HUMAN RACE THAT STARTED THE PROBLEM IN THE FIRST PLACE.

YOU'RE PART OF THAT RACE YOU WANT TO WIPE OUT.

WELL THEN. KILL ME FIRST.



YOU'RE ASKING THE WRONG PERSON, LOVE. I'M NOT IN THE BUSINESS OF GRANTING DEATH WISHES SEKHMET.

WHERE DID THEY SAY THE UP-RISING WAS COMING FROM?

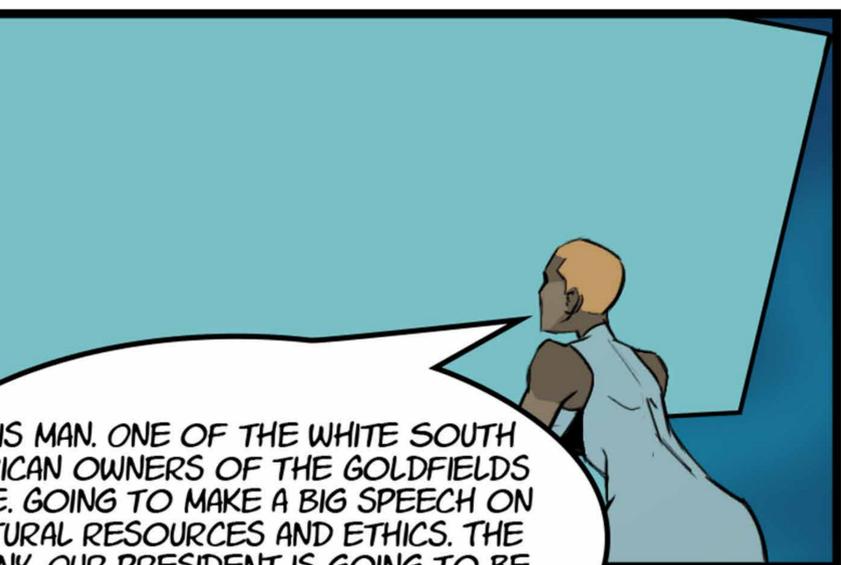
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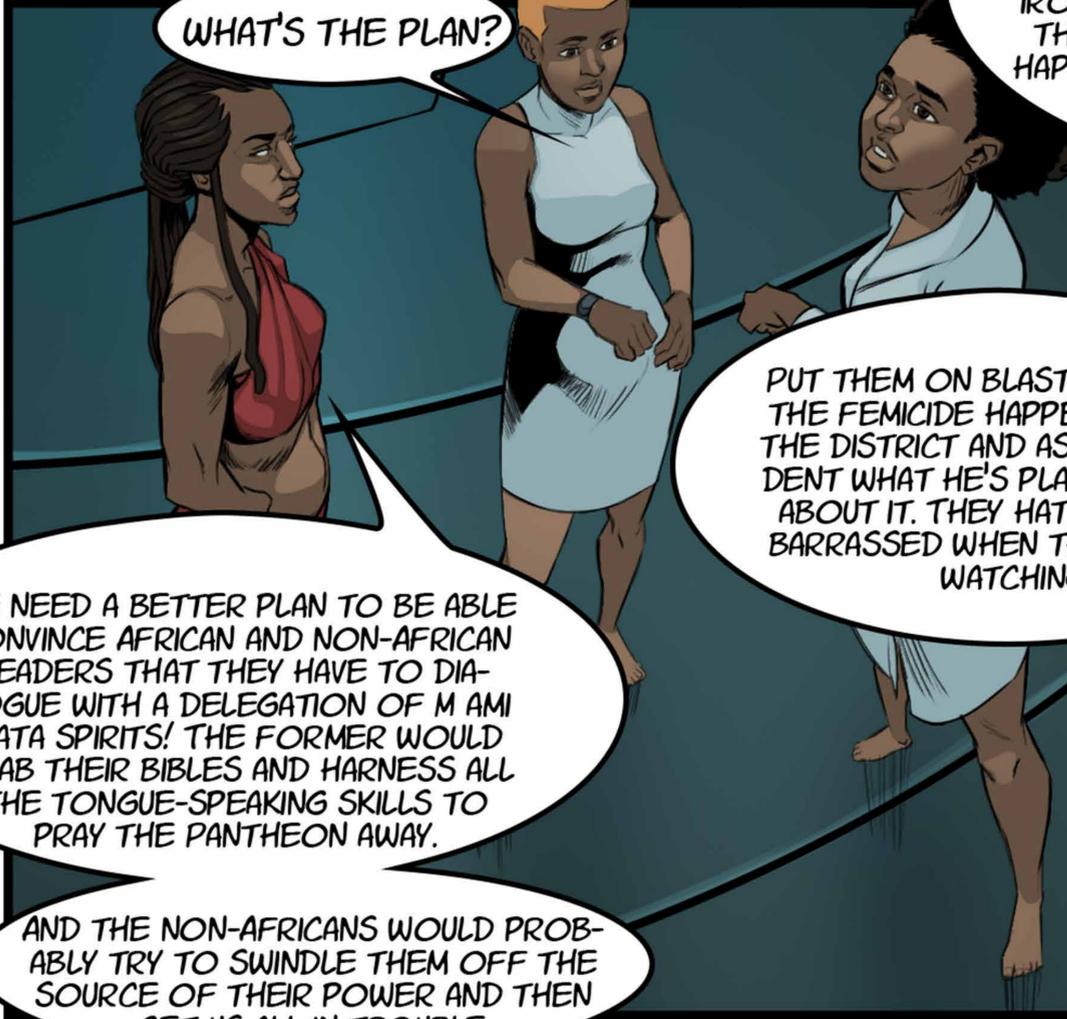
DID YOU SAY YOU WERE TRYING TO ARRANGE A DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR LEADERS AND THE PANTHEON? HOW ARE YOU EVER GOING TO DO THAT?



I THINK I CAN CONVINCE A COUPLE OF PEOPLE WHO CAN CONVINCE A COUPLE OF PEOPLE WHO CAN CONVINCE A COUPLE OF PEOPLE. WHO'S GOING TO BE AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE TOMORROW?



THIS MAN. ONE OF THE WHITE SOUTH AFRICAN OWNERS OF THE GOLDFIELDS MINE. GOING TO MAKE A BIG SPEECH ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ETHICS. THE IRONY, OUR PRESIDENT IS GOING TO BE THERE TOO. HE IS NOT GOING TO BE HAPPY THAT ONE OF THE GHANA MOON-GIRLS WILL BE THERE.



WHAT'S THE PLAN?

PUT THEM ON BLAST. TALK ABOUT THE FEMICIDE HAPPENING NOW IN THE DISTRICT AND ASK OUR PRESIDENT WHAT HE'S PLANNING TO DO ABOUT IT. THEY HATE BEING EMBARRASSED WHEN THE WORLD IS WATCHING.

WE NEED A BETTER PLAN TO BE ABLE CONVINCE AFRICAN AND NON-AFRICAN LEADERS THAT THEY HAVE TO DIALOGUE WITH A DELEGATION OF M AMI WATA SPIRITS! THE FORMER WOULD GRAB THEIR BIBLES AND HARNESS ALL THE TONGUE-SPEAKING SKILLS TO PRAY THE PANTHEON AWAY.

AND THE NON-AFRICANS WOULD PROBABLY TRY TO SWINDLE THEM OFF THE SOURCE OF THEIR POWER AND THEN GET US ALL IN TROUBLE.



I CAN START WITH MEETING THESE SIX AT THE CONFERENCE. THEY SIT IN VARIOUS POSITIONS OF POWER IN SIX GOVERNMENTS WITHIN AFRICA. AND MY SOURCES SAY THEY MIGHT BE WILLING LISTENERS.

WHAT ABOUT THE WOMEN, THE COMMUNITY? WHAT'RE WE GOING TO DO? THE QUICKER WE ACT, THE MORE LIVES THAT ARE SAVED.

I CAN GO PUT A TEMPORARY HALT ON THE VIOLENCE WHILE DEDE IS AT THE CONFERENCE.

I WILL GO WITH YOU

GOOD PLAN FOR NOW. BUT THE WATERS NEED TO BE CLEANED..

AS WE SPEAK THE RIVER RUN SPREADS THROUGH THEIR FARMLANDS, POISONING EVERYTHING

STILL TRYING TO WRITE THE CONCLUSION OF MY SPEECH. WANT TO COME UPSTAIRS TO HAVE TEA WITH ME AND HELP ME WORK ON IT?

SURE

BY NEXT WEEK YOU WILL BE BACK IN YOUR SCHOOL LUV. I KNOW A FEW PEOPLE. BUT YOU CAN'T GO REPEATING WHAT YOU DID. THERE IS PROTOCOL FOR THAT KINDA STUFF MOONGIRL. YOU KNOW THAT.

I'M OUT. BEFORE MY MEDDLING SISTER SNEAKS TO MY ROOM AND FINDS I'M NOT THERE. ANY LUCK ON MY SITUATION?

WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT SITUATION TOO NUN

THAT'S FOR FU TO DO. I'M SENDING HER BACK SO SHE CAN THINK OF A MORE CREATIVE WAY OF DEALING WITH IT.

A SENSIBLY CREATIVE WAY OF DEALING WITH IT, ONU?

I'M SORRY. I COULD'VE EASILY BLOWN OUR COVER. IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN. I JUST GOT SO MAD AT THE PRIEST. HE'S BEEN SEXUALLY HARASSING HER AND OTHERS FOR A LONG TIME!

OK, OK! NOW BACK TO ENJOYING MY WEEK OFF!

YOU'VE BEEN GLUMMER OF LATE. AND THAT GLASS OF ALCOHOL DOESN'T HELP.

LEAVE ME ALONE YOU SHARP-EYED WITCH

YOU KNOW I'M HERE FOR YOU? ALL THE TIME.

THANK YOU NUN. HEY LOOK...IT'S A FULL MOON.

IS IT THE MOON? YOUR MOODS INTENSIFY WITH THE MOON PHASES.

IT COULD BE. BUT I'VE BEEN FEELING THIS WAY LONG BEFORE THE FULL MOON. IT JUST FEELS EVEN MORE PAINFUL WITH THE FULL MOON.

I MET THIS GIRL. AND AS USUAL I'VE FALLEN HARD WHILE SHE COULDN'T TAKE ME SERIOUSLY ENOUGH TO WANT ME FOR MORE THAN SEX.

SHE KINDA LIKE ONLY COMES OVER WHEN SHE WANTS SEX. AFTER THAT, IT'S DIFFICULT TO REACH HER UNLESS SHE WANTED TO BE REACHED. LIKE BLUE-TICKED MESSAGES, AND STUFF, YOU KNOW?

BUT WHEN SHE'S WITH ME WHEN SHE WANTS TO BE WITH ME... SHE'S REALLY WITH ME, YOU KNOW? SHE CHECKS ALL THE WAY IN, EMOTIONS, CONVERSATION, SEX... SHE'S MIND-BLOWING NUN

THEN WHEN SHE CHECKS OUT, SHE REALLY CHECKS OUT, YOU KNOW?

IT'S DRIVING ME A LITTLE INSANE ACTUALLY.

THAT'S ALL I'VE BEEN DOING. MAYBE THIS, MAYBE THAT.

BABE, SOMETIMES PEOPLE SHOW US WHO THEY REALLY ARE THOUGH WE DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT. YOU SAVE YOURSELF SOME HEARTACHE BY BELIEVING THEM WHEN THEY SHOW THEMSELVES TO YOU. DON'T HOLD ON TO THE PARTS YOU WANT TO REMEMBER. WHO WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO FALL IN LOVE WITH THEM EVEN IF THEY DON'T FEEL THE SAME? SHE MAY NOT HAVE SAID IT EXPRESSLY, BUT SHE'S SHOWN YOU WHAT SHE WANTS FROM YOU. TRUST HER ACTIONS. STOP THINKING..."MAYBE THIS, MAYBE THAT."

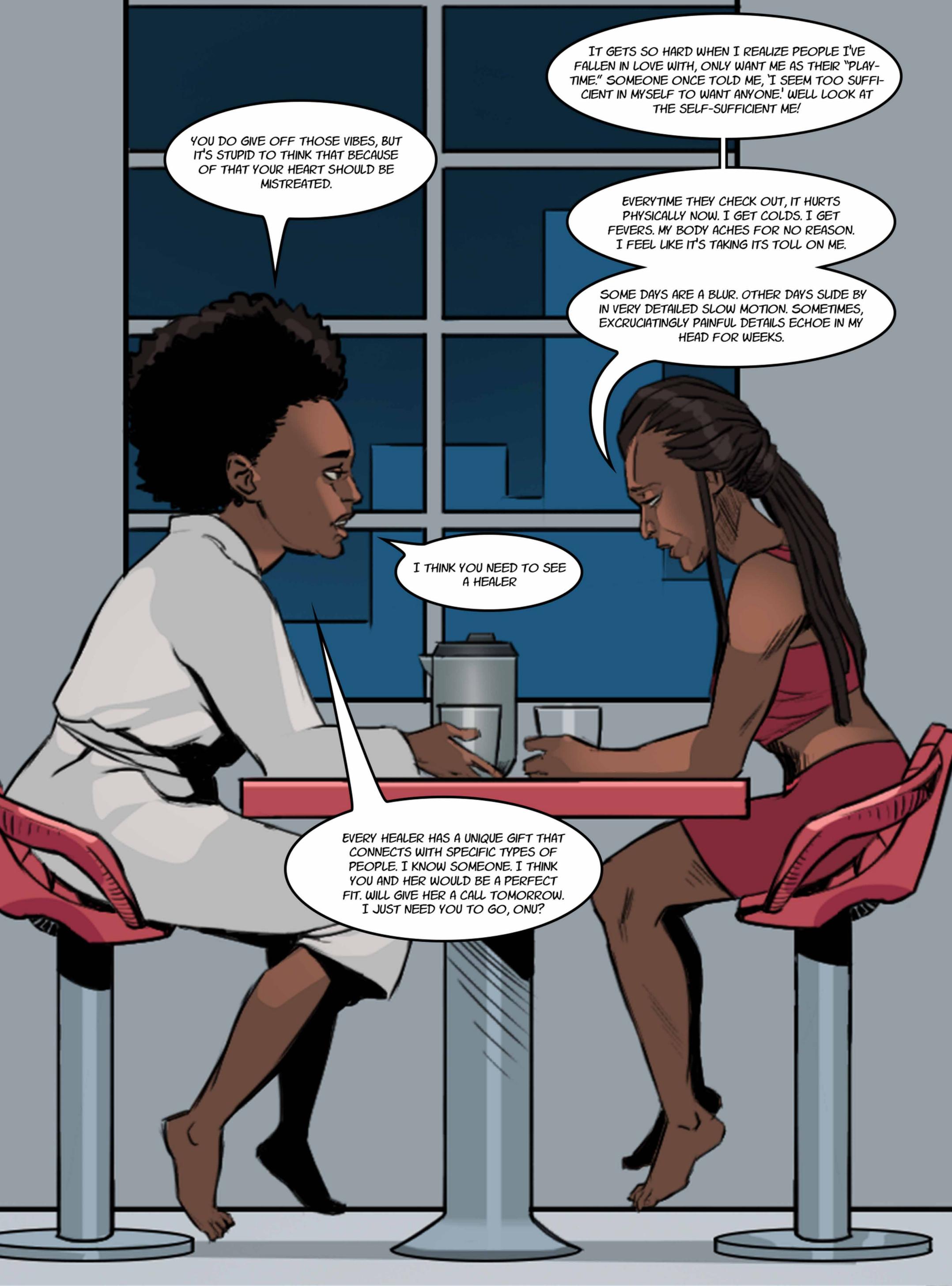
THAT'S WHY WE DO ALL OF THIS MOONGIRLING, ISN'T IT NUN? TO FIND LOVE? TO FIND LOVE THAT'S YOURS AND LOVE THAT OWNS YOU, RIGHT?

MORE LIKE TO HELP THE WORLD FIND LOVE AGAIN.

IT'S HARD TO FACE THE TRUTH BABE. BUT YOU DON'T WANT TO BE CAUGHT WITH YOUR HEART OUT IN A DELUSION.

AND WHAT ABOUT US? WHAT ABOUT FINDING MY OWN LOVE FOR MYSELF?

I'M ALREADY ON THE MILKY HIGHWAY TO DELUSION



YOU DO GIVE OFF THOSE VIBES, BUT IT'S STUPID TO THINK THAT BECAUSE OF THAT YOUR HEART SHOULD BE MISTREATED.

IT GETS SO HARD WHEN I REALIZE PEOPLE I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH, ONLY WANT ME AS THEIR "PLAY-TIME." SOMEONE ONCE TOLD ME, 'I SEEM TOO SUFFICIENT IN MYSELF TO WANT ANYONE.' WELL LOOK AT THE SELF-SUFFICIENT ME!

EVERYTIME THEY CHECK OUT, IT HURTS PHYSICALLY NOW. I GET COLDS. I GET FEVERS. MY BODY ACHES FOR NO REASON. I FEEL LIKE IT'S TAKING ITS TOLL ON ME.

SOME DAYS ARE A BLUR. OTHER DAYS SLIDE BY IN VERY DETAILED SLOW MOTION. SOMETIMES, EXCRUCIATINGLY PAINFUL DETAILS ECHOE IN MY HEAD FOR WEEKS.

I THINK YOU NEED TO SEE A HEALER

EVERY HEALER HAS A UNIQUE GIFT THAT CONNECTS WITH SPECIFIC TYPES OF PEOPLE. I KNOW SOMEONE. I THINK YOU AND HER WOULD BE A PERFECT FIT. WILL GIVE HER A CALL TOMORROW. I JUST NEED YOU TO GO, ONU?

MORE AND MORE ATTACKS HAVE BEEN REPORTED ON THE COAST. SOME CALL THEM VIGILANTES. OTHERS CALL THEM PIRATES.

EVERY YEAR, FIFTY MILLION TONNES OF E-WASTE FROM WESTERN COMPANIES IS DUMPED IN PLACES LIKE GHANA, SOMALIA, NIGERIA, KENYA, AND ZIMBABWE. THEY ARE MARKETED AS SECOND-HAND GOODS UNDER SO-CALLED FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS



THESE PIRATES WERE A COMBINATION OF EX-FISHERMAN, EX-MILITIA, AND COMPUTER GEEKS. THEY WERE ALSO MEN WHO HAD SEEN THEIR WIVES GIVE BIRTH TO DEFORMED BABIES WITH MISSING LIMBS, MALFORMED HEADS AND TUMORS. THEY THEMSELVES HAD BEEN HIT WITH CANCER.

SOME WOULD SAY IT WAS KARMA, BUT THE PIRATES HAD HAD MANY SUCCESSFUL RUNS. RUMOR HAS IT THAT THESE SEA PIRATES WERE GETTING HELP FROM POWERFUL FORCES THAT LIVED IN THE DEEPEST AREAS OF THE SEA. A RISING FACTION OF WATER SPIRITS WHO THOUGHT THE COUNCIL OF MARINE ELDERS OF THE PANTHEON OF MAMI WATA WAS NOT DOING ENOUGH TO STOP THE DESTRUCTION.

AND THEY HAD AN AGENDA: TO WAGE WAR UNTIL HUMANS REALIZE THAT THEY ARE NO LONGER WELCOME IN THIS UNIVERSE. EVEN IF IT MEANS USING HUMANS TO PASS ON THE MESSAGE.



GLOSSARY

GOLDMINING & CYANIDE SPILLAGE: In 2001, villages in the Wassa West District of Ghana's western region were hit by the spillage of thousands of cubic metres of mine wastewater contaminated with cyanide and heavy metals. The cyanide-laced waste contaminated the River Asuman on October 16 when a tailings dam ruptured at a mine operation owned by the South African company, Goldfields Ltd.

Hundreds of dead fish, crabs and birds littered the banks of the river. Others floated on the surface of the river which was the only source of drinking water for Abekoase, Huni and surrounding villages.

Virtually all life forms in the river and its tributaries have been decimated, and people's livelihoods were endangered. Scientists fear the cyanide and heavy metal residue from the spill could remain for decades, posing a health and environmental threat to the people and wildlife in the area.

But Richard Graeme, managing director of Goldfields, according to ENS, said the cyanide that found its way into the river was "insignificant and could not have been injurious to aquatic life let alone human life."

When asked how insignificant portions of cyanide could kill plants, birds, crabs and fish, he said, "We put in chlorine instantly, and that's the responsible thing to do to neutralize the toxicity of the cyanide until you determine the level of cyanide in the water. I can swear it was the chlorine that killed the fish and not the cyanide."

This explanation was discounted by the villagers who said they were some of the first people to arrive at the scene of the disaster, and they saw the dead fish before officials from the company put chemicals in the river.

Rejecting Graeme's denials as "cynical, immoral, dangerous and wicked," Kofi Pare a 28 year old resident of Abekoase said at the time, "Some of us unknowingly drank the water from the river, and we need to be told the truth." He stressed that the incident was the result of an overflow from the tailings dam and not some pipes getting loose at the joint.

Medical authorities believe that cyanide pollution of the River Asuman and its tributaries could have a long term impact on human health. "It's possible that the cyanide and other heavy metals may have been carried into agricultural areas by runoff, and this may enter the food chain, explained Dr. Crentsil at the time, a medical consultant.

"You see the people who drank the contaminated water and others who consume food laced with cyanide are not going to die now, but the effects will manifest with time - cancers, miscarriages, nervous problems, you name them," he said.

With an annual output of around 50,000 tonnes, Ghana is Africa's second largest gold producer after South Africa.

Source: Environment News Service

AFRICA'S SOMALI PIRATES:

In squalid huts in villages along coastal Somalia, young women gave birth to deformed babies, with missing limbs, malformed heads, and tumors. Healthy young men and women developed abdominal hemorrhages, mouth bleeding, and cancer. For over twenty years, Somalia's coastal waters have been the world's largest dumping ground for nuclear toxic waste and chemicals. Global conglomerates have taken advantage of the country's descent into chaos to cheaply remove hazards, including nuclear waste, from Europe.

Along the blue waters of the Indian Ocean, once home to thousands of species of fish, fishermen and their families die of malnutrition. There are no fish. European, Chinese and South Asian trawlers plunder Somalia's unprotected coastal waters, dramatically decreasing fish stock.

The fishermen there would complain time and again, and it eventually got to the UN security council, but was ignored and thrown out. Months after that, who we are now calling pirates, are these fishermen who mobilized themselves and brought street militia on board to protect the Somalia waters. What they would do initially is hijack them and hold them for ransom. And of course, with greed, this expanded. But the truth is, all of this started with the western companies dumping the waste on Somali shores.

Oscar-nominated movie, Captain Phillips would not share this story!

Source: K'Naan on Somali Pirates, Huffpost.