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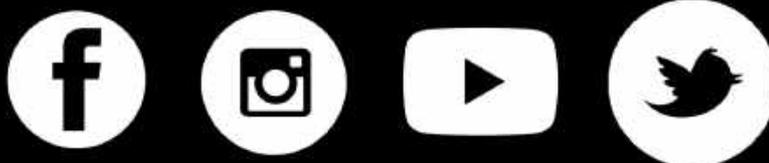




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THE YEAR 2220: AFRICA HAS RISEN TO THE APEX OF WORLD AFFAIRS AFTER A DEVASTATING NUCLEAR WAR IN THE WEST CRUMBLLED MODERN CIVILIZATION. ALL AFRICAN NATIONS HAVE UNITED TO FORM THE MOOR REPUBLIC STANDING TOGETHER AS A BEACON OF LIGHT TO THE WORLD AND A NEW AGE OF CIVILIZATION.



DEDICATED TO THE AFRICAN REVOLUTION

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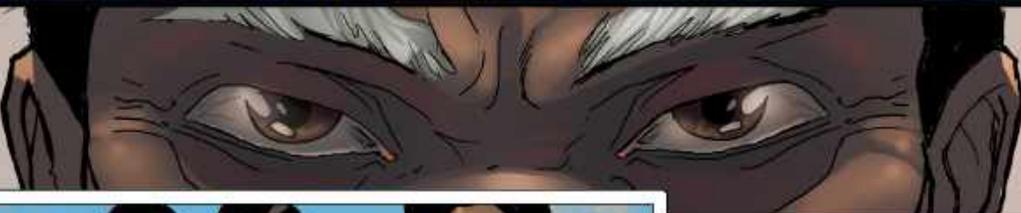
ANENI

HEAD OF SECURITY FOR MATAMA CORP AND PERSONAL SECURITY AND BABY-SITTER FOR MATAMA.

MATAMA

SUCCESSOR OF THE MATAMA EMPIRE NUMBER TRADER IN LUMIX.

"I THINK WE SHOULD GET AWAY FOR A WHILE, ANENI. INFORM THE WORLD OF THE ATTEMPT ON MY LIFE."



"TELL THEM I'VE BEEN HOSPITALIZED, IN CRITICAL CONDITION."



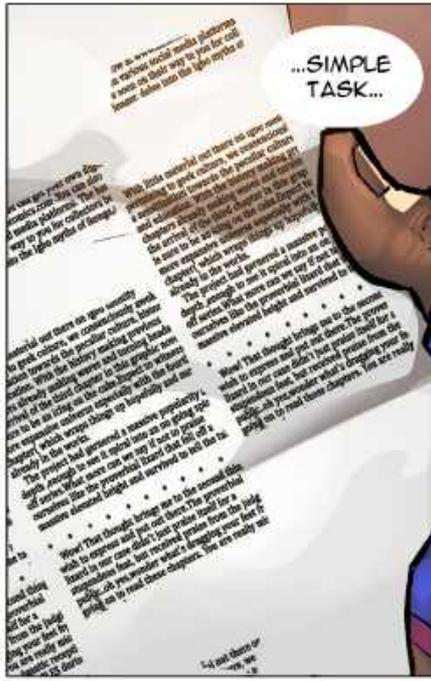
"OH, AND SEND MY UNCLE A THANK YOU NOTE."



"IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE HAD A REAL HOLIDAY."



<SIGH.>



WHY ISN'T
INFANTRY D
ALREADY OUT
THERE?!

I'M ON IT,
COMMANDER.



ELIZA.
COMMANDER.

LET'S SET
THIS THING
ON FIRE!

YEAH!

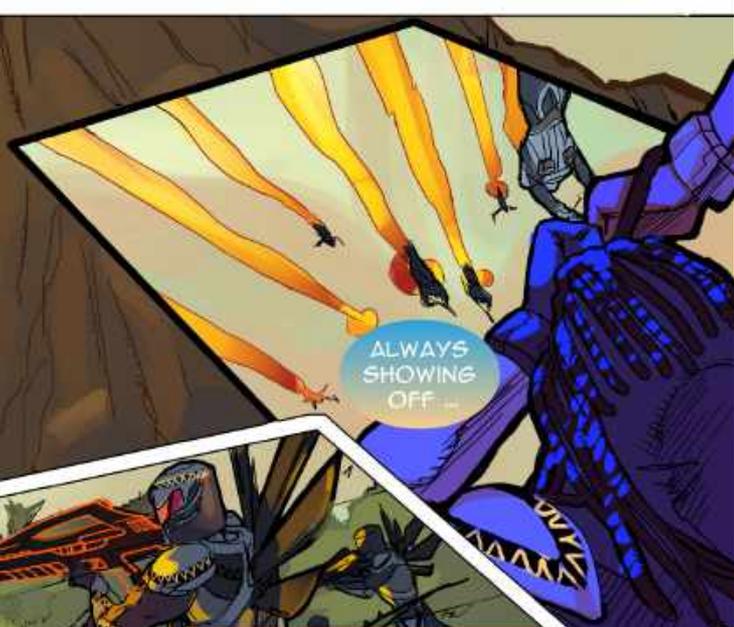
WOO!!!





THE OSHOBA

ARE MECHANICAL CREATURES THAT RUN ON *ORGANIC MATTER*, MAKING THEM *ELEMENTAL CYBORGS*.



ALWAYS SHOWING OFF...



THE BLACK ORCHID BURIED SEVERAL OF THEM ACROSS THE EARTH BEFORE TAKING REFUGE IN OUTER SPACE.



I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE THIS BIG!



CONTROL, WE'RE GETTING KILLED OUT HERE!

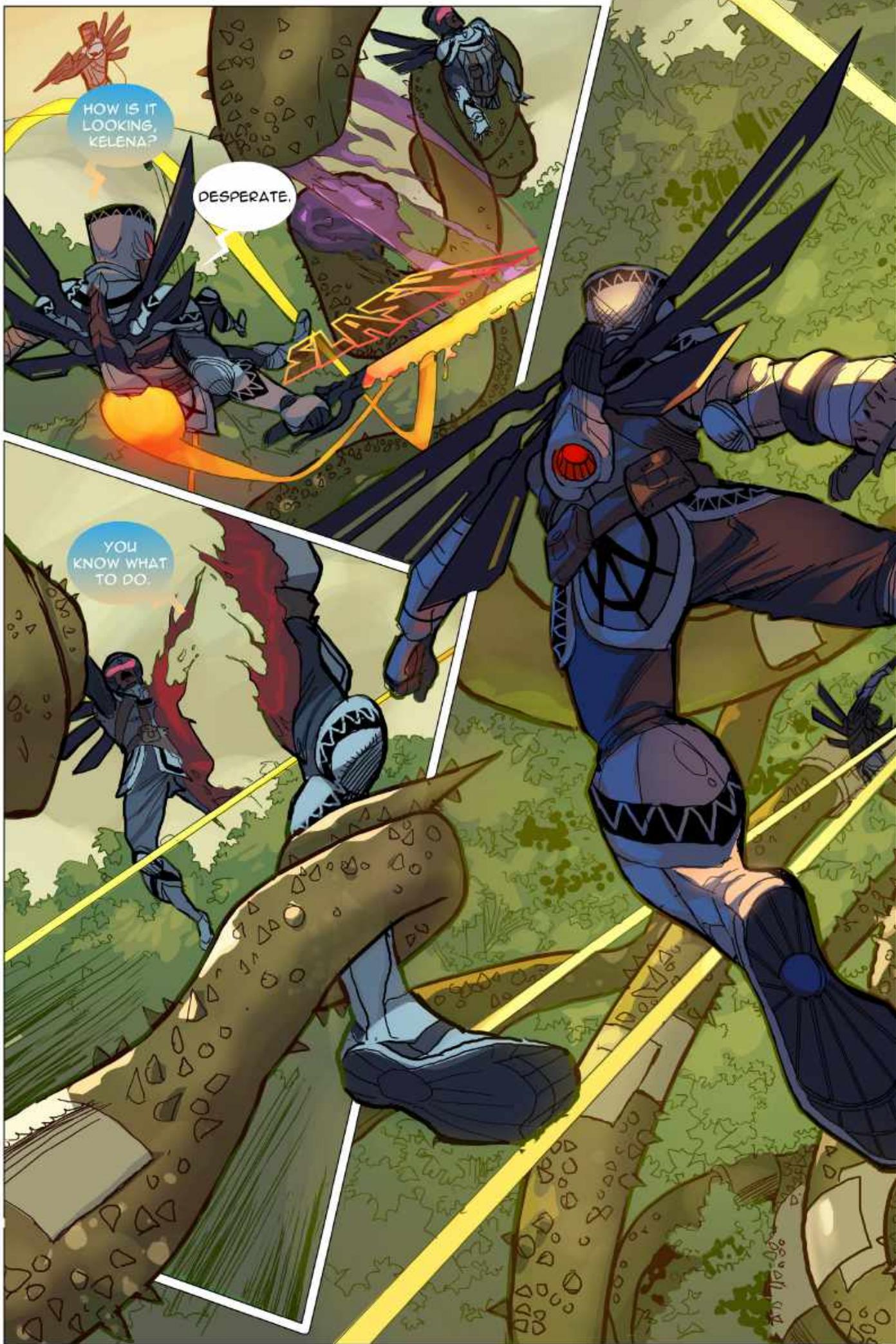


I DON'T KNOW IF WE -

SPLAK



"HOLD TIGHT. INFANTRY D IS ON ITS WAY."

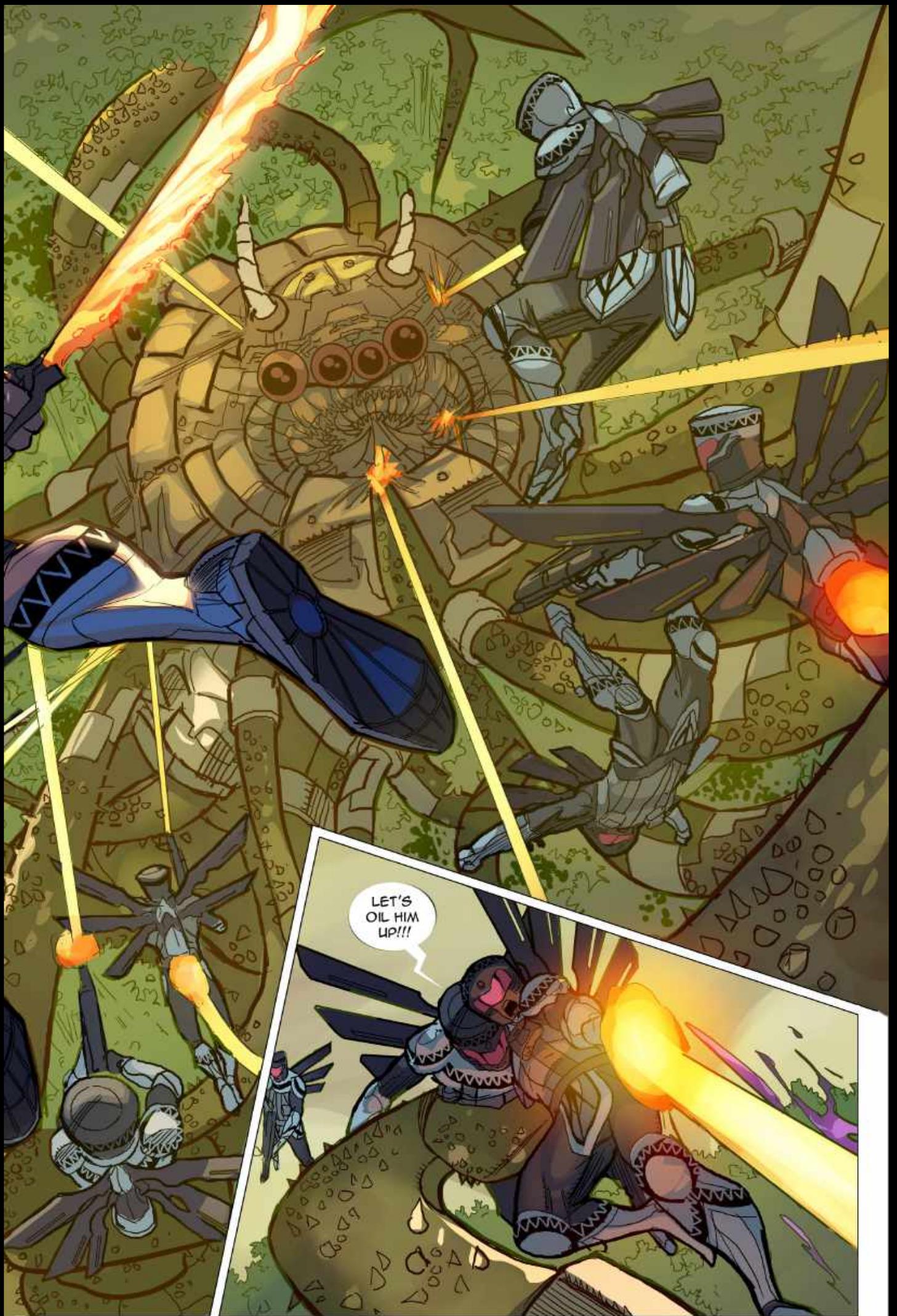


HOW IS IT
LOOKING,
KELENA?

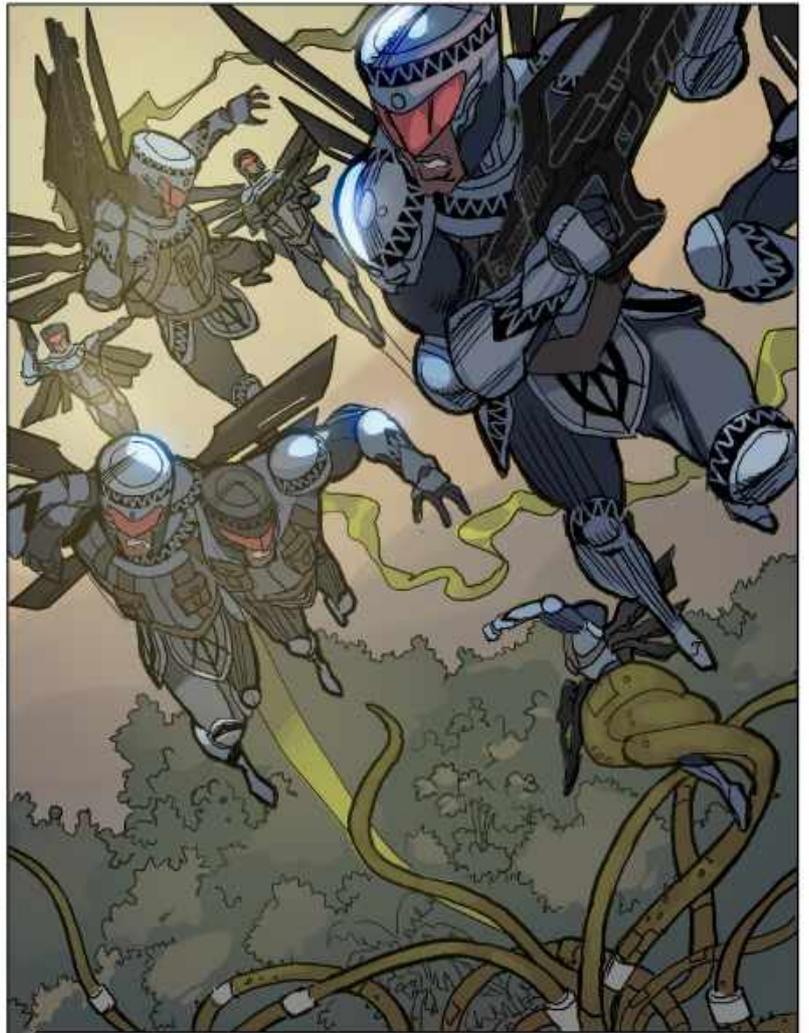
DESPERATE.

YOU
KNOW WHAT
TO DO.

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LET'S
OIL HIM
UP!!!



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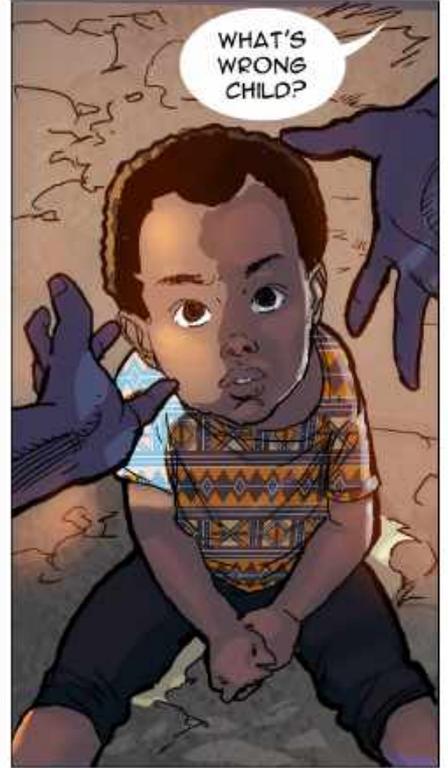
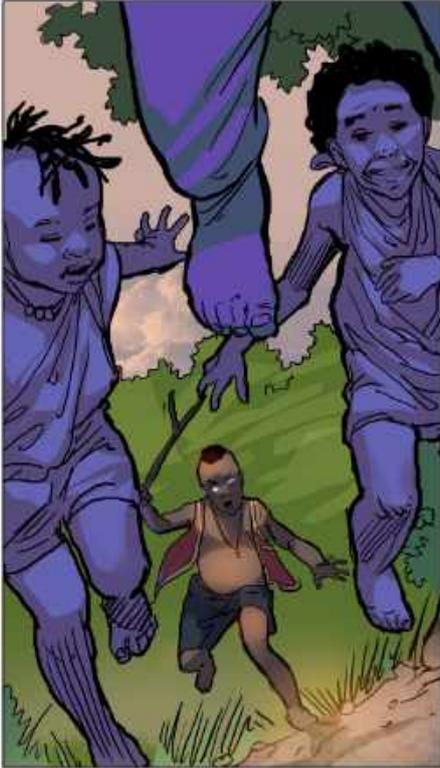
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THE SPHINX

HEADQUARTERS
OF MOOR REPUBLIC
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE.

SIR,
THE OSHOBA
TERROR HAS BEEN
ELIMINATED.

MORE
TROOPS HAVE
BEEN REQUESTED
IN CASE OF ANOTHER
STRIKE.

SEND HER
WHATEVER
SHE NEEDS.

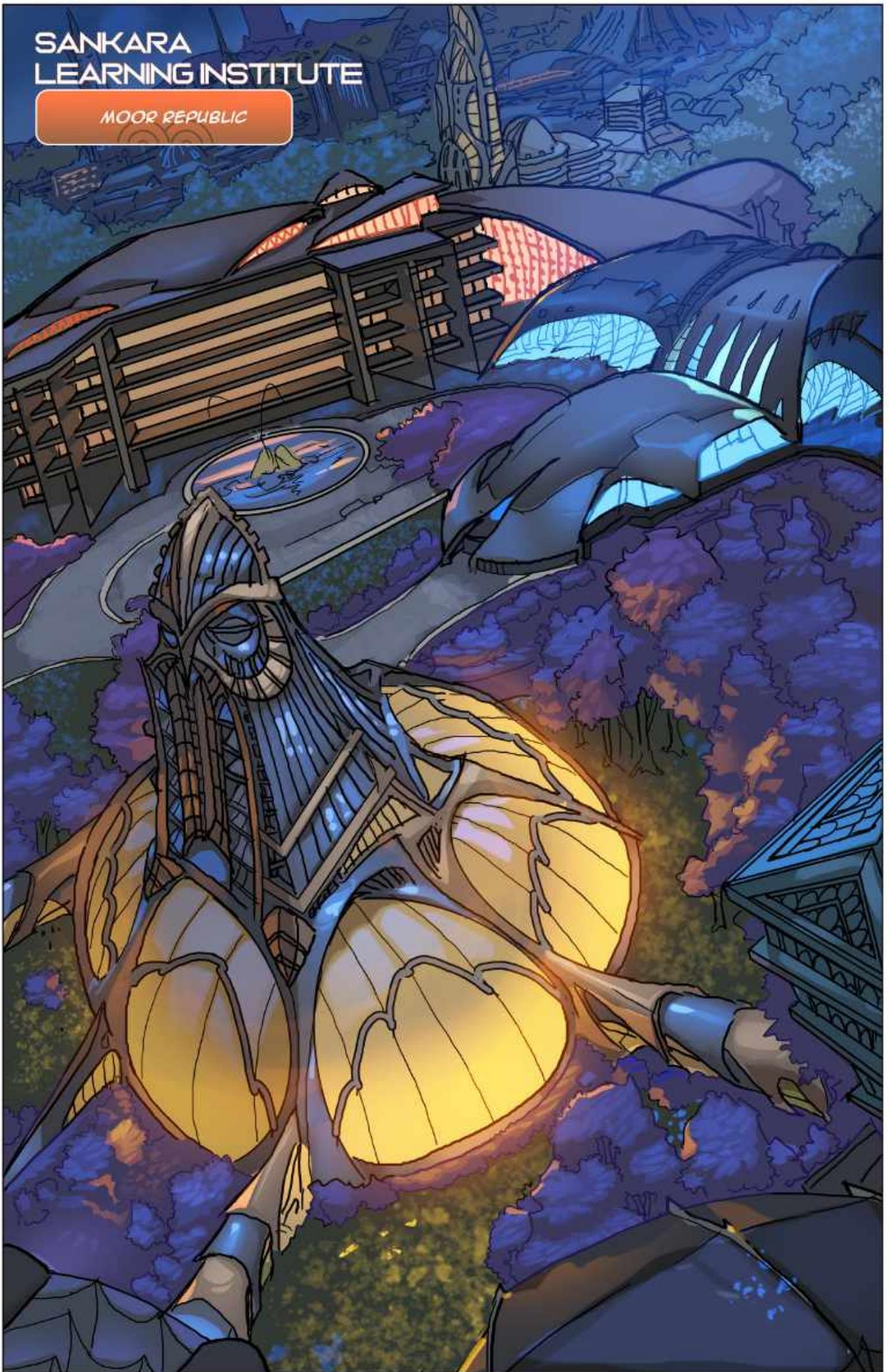
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CASUALTIES
WERE HIGH, BUT THERE
WERE NO CIVILIAN
DEATHS.

"MAN BEHIND"

SANKARA LEARNING INSTITUTE

MOOR REPUBLIC





... BUT IT SEEMS TO BE ONE OF THE MOST IRRATIONAL PERIODS OF WESTERN PERIODS.



FEAR AND IRRATIONALITY HAVE ALWAYS GONE WELL TOGETHER.



OUR LABOR WAS ALWAYS ESSENTIAL TO THEIR SUCCESS, BUT THEY FEARED OUR GROWING STRENGTH.



OUR SELF-DETERMINATION.

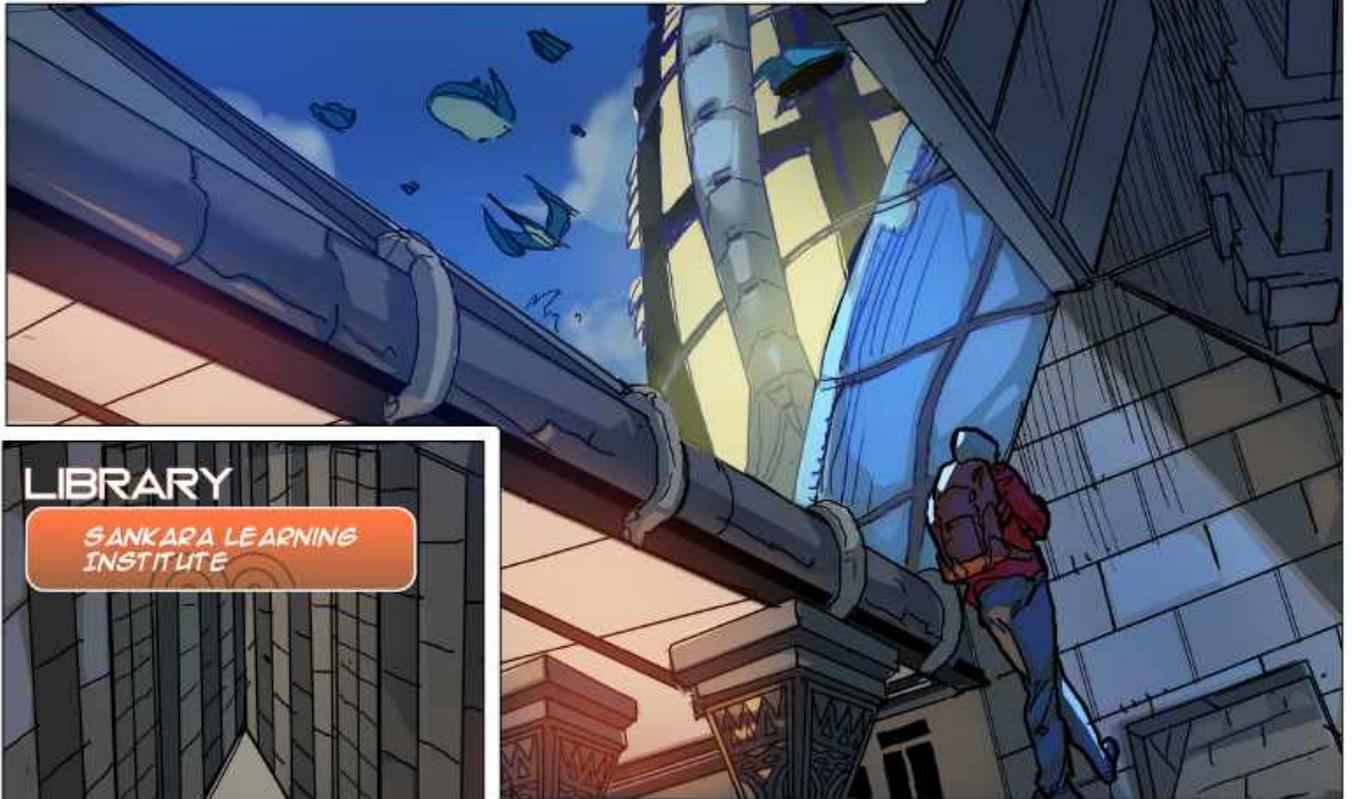


SO THEY SHUT US OUT. AND THEIR EMPIRES CRUMBLLED.



BUT AFRIKANS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN REMARKABLY RESILIENT.





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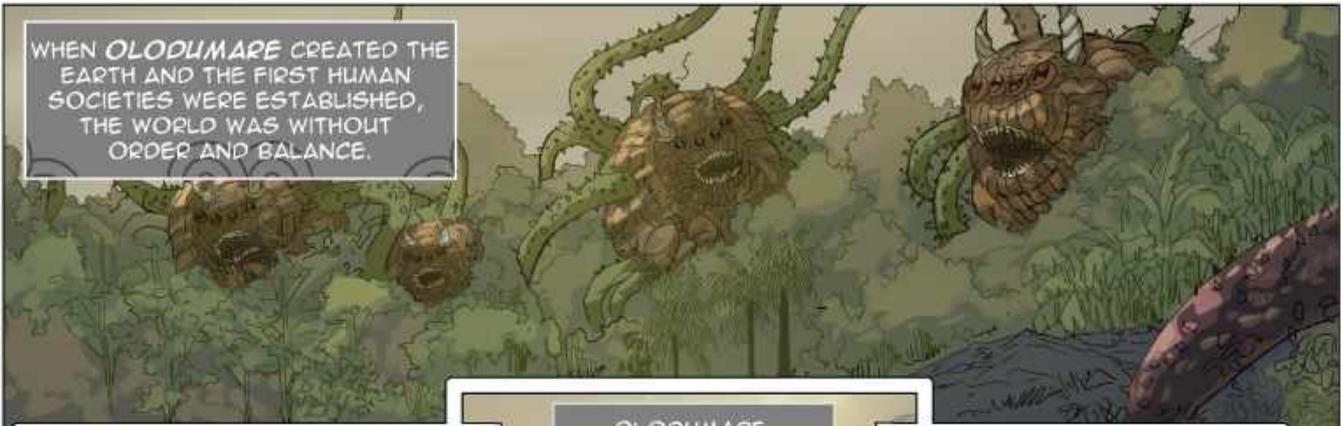
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WHEN *OLODUMARE* CREATED THE EARTH AND THE FIRST HUMAN SOCIETIES WERE ESTABLISHED, THE WORLD WAS WITHOUT ORDER AND BALANCE.



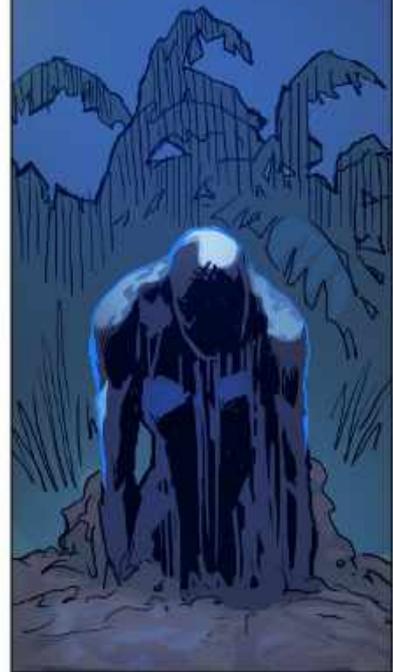
OLODUMARE SAW BETTER FOR HIS BELOVED CREATION.



NATURE WAS WILD AND WITHOUT CAUTION. MAN WAS AT THE MERCY OF HIS OWN HABITAT, VICTIM TO HIS ENVIRONMENT.

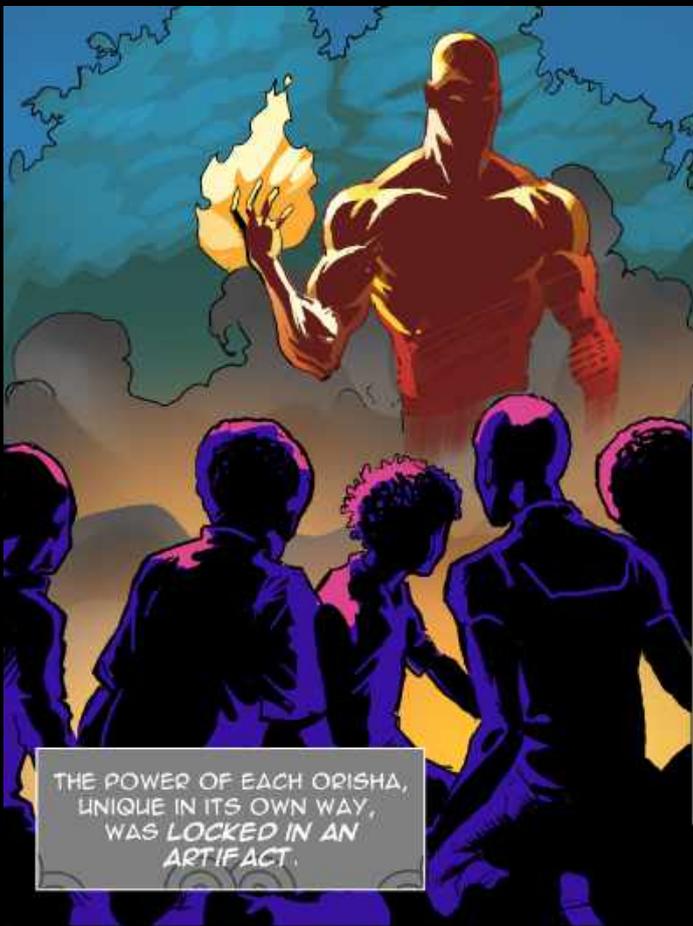


FROM THE DUST OF THE EARTH AND HIS OWN SPIRIT, HE FORMED THE *ORISHAS*.



KEEPERS OF THE REALM, PROTECTORS OF HARMONY.

THEY HAD ONE PURPOSE: TO PROTECT MANKIND.



THE POWER OF EACH ORISHA, UNIQUE IN ITS OWN WAY, WAS LOCKED IN AN ARTIFACT.



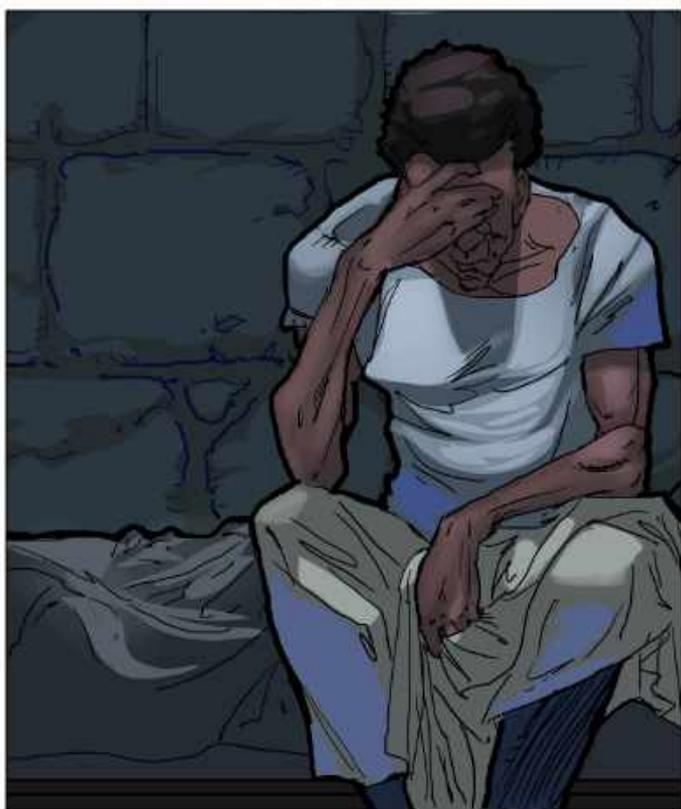
THESE ARTIFACTS WERE TIED TO PARTICULAR MORTAL BLOOD LINES, CHOSEN TO SERVE MANKIND SHOULD THE NEED EVER ARISE.

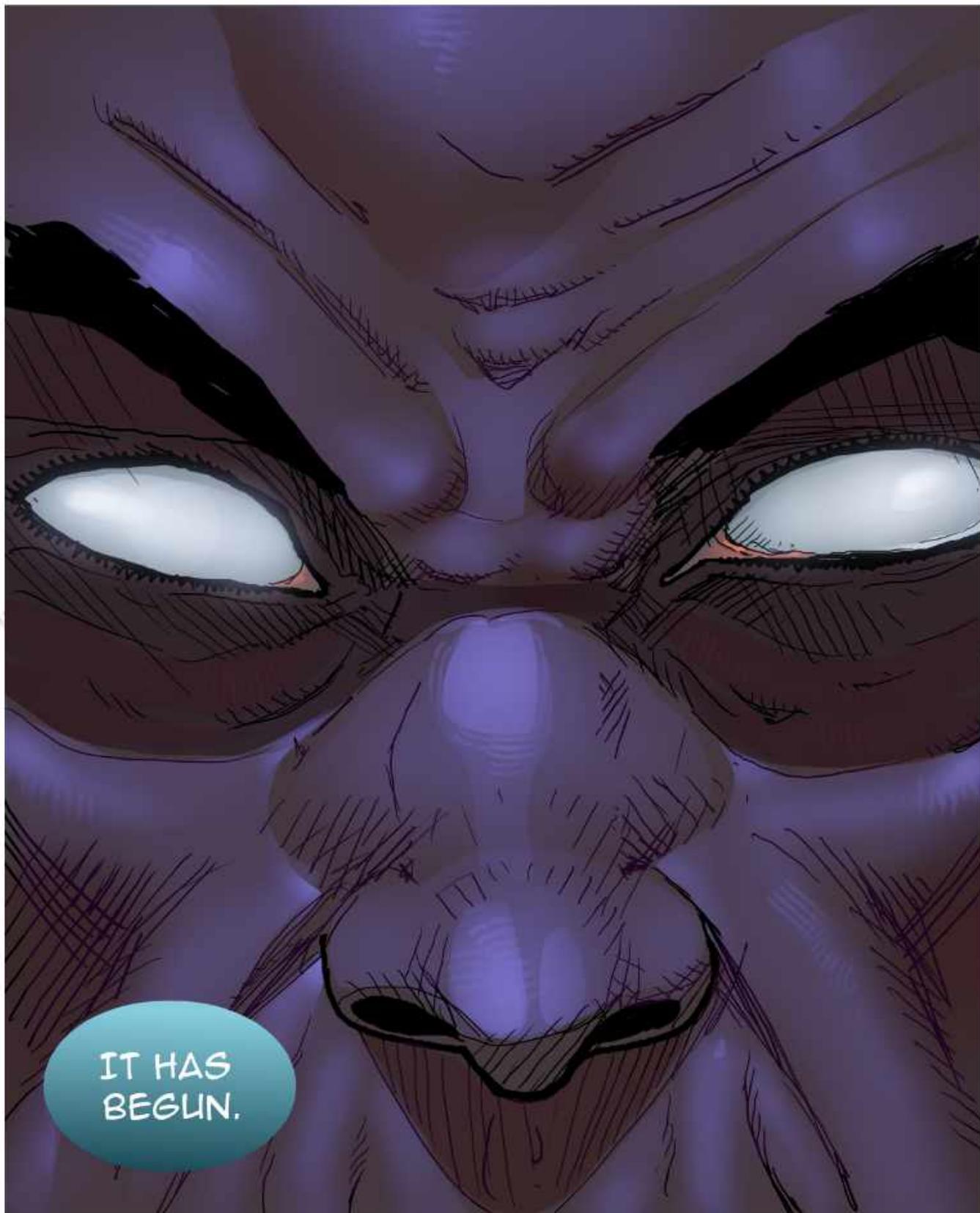


TO THIS DAY THE NUMBER OF ORISHA'S CREATED REMAIN UNCERTAIN.



NEW DISCOVERIES CONTINUE TO BE MADE.





IT HAS
BEGIN.

TO BE CONTINUED

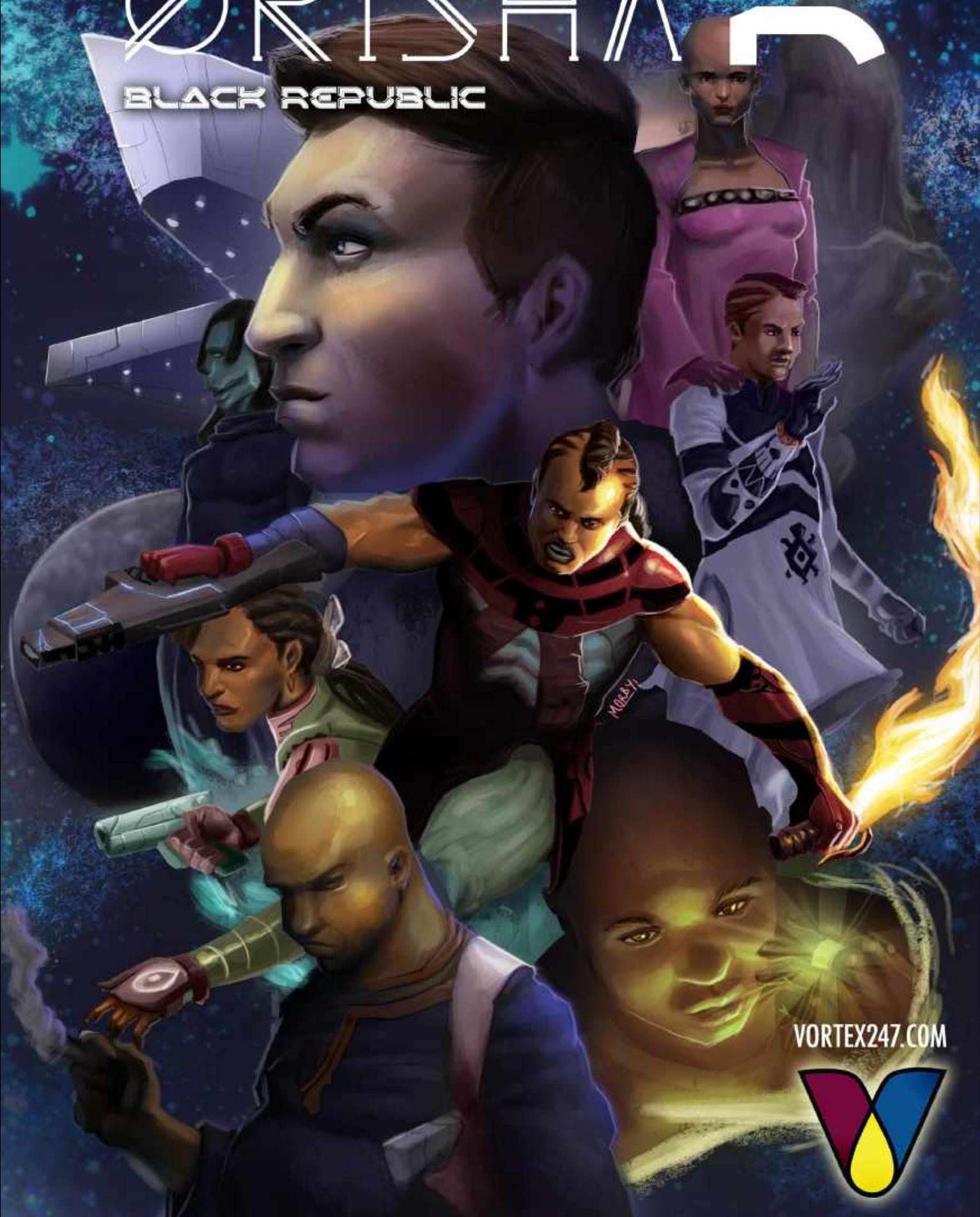
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