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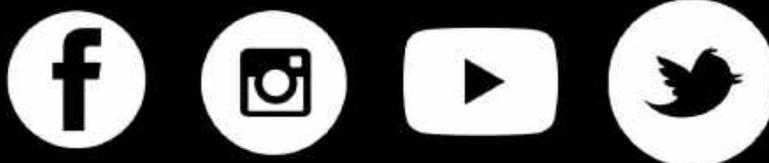




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TAURUS

CENTURIES AGO THE DOGON TRIBE DISCOVERED THE ANCIENT SCROLL OF TIMBUKTU WHICH ITS MYSTICAL POWERS UNLOCK THE WONDERS OF THE ZODIAC TO THE CHOSEN CHILDREN.

AFTER CENTURIES OF WAR FOR THIS POWER WITH THE DYNASTIES OF THE EGYPTIAN EMPIRE, THE DOGON TRIBE ALMOST A MYTH HAVE DISSAPPEARED ONLY TO RESURFACE WHEN THE ONE TRUE ZODIAC IS READY.

THIS IS THE STORY OF DANKARAN KIETA. THE JEWEL OF MALI. THE PROTECTOR OF THE STARS. THE LAST ZODIAC.

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LAOS SLUM.

DANKA!
DANKA! I HAVE
DINNNN-
-ERRRR!

DANKA?!
WHAT ARE YOU!
DOING UNDER
TRASH!

YOU LOST
YOUR WRAPPER
AGAIN?

C-C-C-COLD.

SIGH,
YOU CAN
HAVE MINE.

LOOK WHAT
I GOT YOU...
NOW EAT UP.

AREN'T
YOU HUNGRY?

I'M NOT SURE
WHEN NEXT WE'LL
FIND SOMETHING
TO EAT.

I CAN
HANDLE IT.
NOW EAT UP
BEFORE SOMEONE
SEES US.

TOO LATE.

YOU WEREN'T
PLANNING ON
EATING THAT ALONE, RIGHT?
WE SLUM KIDS HAVE TO
LOOK OUT FOR
EACH OTHER ABI.

PLEASE...
WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY REAL
FOOD IN TWO DAYS,
DANKA IS STARVING.

EXCUSES,
EXCUSES,
JAMBITO, TAKE
THE BREAD.

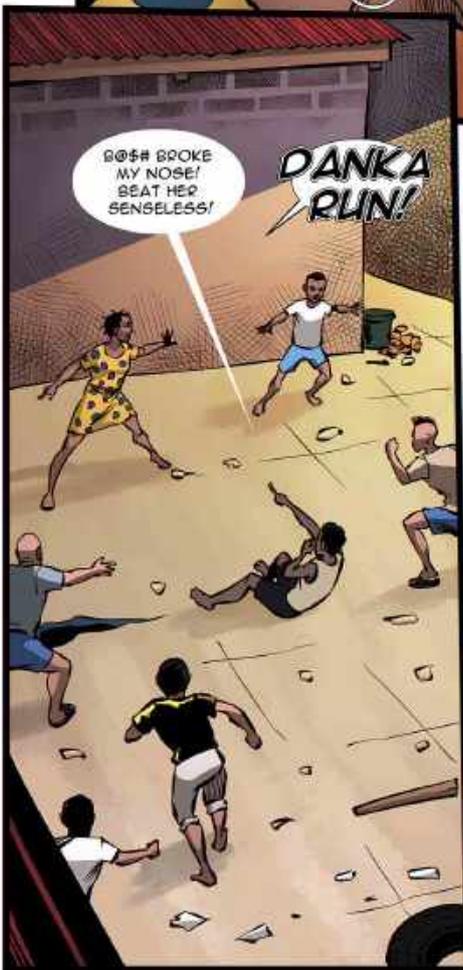


I TOLD YOU.....

?!



DANKA IS HUNGRY!



@@\$# BROKE MY NOSE! BEAT HER SENSELESS!

DANKA RUN!



SMAK
KRUK
THUD

DIALLO! LEAVE MY SISTER ALONE! PLEASE! YOU CAN HAVE THE BREAD JUST LEAVE HER!... SHE'S ALL I'VE GOT!



IS THERE NOTHING WE CAN DO?

YOU KNOW THERE ISN'T, WE ANCESTORS GUIDE NOT FIGHT THEIR BATTLES. IN TIME, HE'LL FIND THE STRENGTH...

PLEASE!

3 WEEKS AGO

TO PROTECT THE
ONES WHO HE LOVES...

LET MY
SISTER....

...AND THE
WORLD ITSELF.

SHOOM

SHOOM

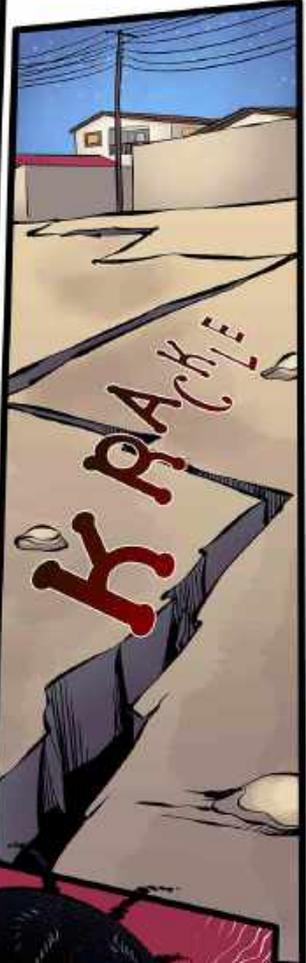
SHOOM

SHOOM

SHOOM

GO!





LIBRARY.



IT'S JUST A BAD DREAM, A DREAM IT WAS, A DREAM IT WILL ALWAYS BE...

DID YOU SAY SOMETHING, BOY?

NO... NOTHING.

3 WEEKS SINCE I AND THOSE CLOSEST TO ME, WERE ALMOST KILLED BY THE VIZIER AND HIS ARMY OF UNDEAD ZOMBREASTS, AS IF MY LIFE WASN'T COMPLICATED ENOUGH ALREADY.

LOOK, IT'S HOBON OF DOBON AGAIN. SINCE YOU'RE HERE, WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME HOW I MADE FLAMING LIONS BLAST FROM MY HAND.

SIMPLE. YOU TRIGGERED THE ZODIAC SEAL OF LEO. DIFFERENT EMOTIONS CAN INFLUENCE THE 12 SEALS OF AN UNTRAINED ZODIAC. IN YOUR CASE IT WAS YOUR---

RABE. I GET IT.

IT'S BEEN 3 WEEKS SINCE I DISCOVERED THAT I'M SOME CELESTIAL WARRIOR OF ANCIENT DOBON...





FOR CENTURIES, THE VIZIER HAD SEARCHED IN VAIN FOR THE CODEX, AND FEW DAYS AGO, HE CAME CLOSE... TOO CLOSE.

THE MAKER HAS SENT A WARRIOR FROM THE STARS, YOUR POWERS ARE KEY TO STOPPING HIM, THE

DONT I DONT WANT TO HEAR IT! THE WORLD DOESN'T NEED ME, I NEED ME! THREE WEEKS AGO, I CAME CLOSE TO LOSING FAMILY,

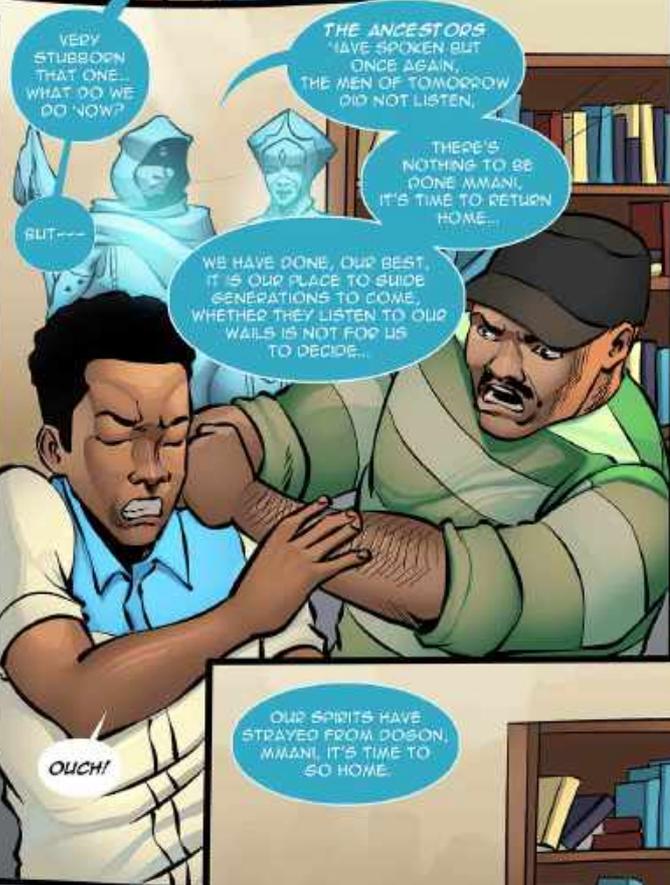
AND AFTER EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED TO ME... YOU CANNOT IMAGINE WHAT THAT WORD MEANS TO ME!



MR. KEITA, YOU USED TO BE AN OUTSTANDING LIBRARY USER, WHAT KIND OF FRIENDS HAVE YOU BEEN KEEPING?

POOR BOY HAS GONE MAD WITH BOOKS! NO, HE MUSTA BEEN HOOKED ON CHEAP DRUGS BY HIS MARLIAN FRIENDS.

AND HERE I WAS THINKING THESE THINGS ONLY HAPPEN TO RITUALIST IN YORUBA FEEM ...



VEDY STUBBORN THAT ONE... WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

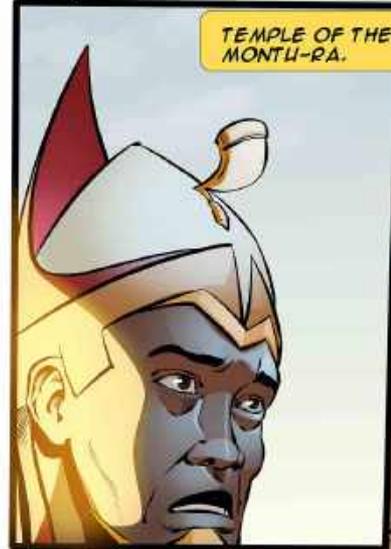
THE ANCESTORS HAVE SPOKEN BUT ONCE AGAIN, THE MEN OF TOMORROW DID NOT LISTEN,

THERE'S NOTHING TO BE DONE MWANI, IT'S TIME TO RETURN HOME...

WE HAVE DONE, OUR BEST, IT IS OUR PLACE TO GUIDE GENERATIONS TO COME, WHETHER THEY LISTEN TO OUR WAILS IS NOT FOR US TO DECIDE...

OUCH!

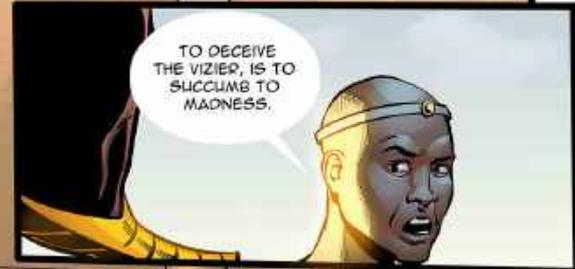
OUR SPIRITS HAVE STRAYED FROM DOSON, MWANI, IT'S TIME TO GO HOME.



TEMPLE OF THE FALCON GOD, MONTU-RA.



9 DAYS ON A CAMEL'S BACK IS NO JOKE FAROUK, ARE YOU SURE, THIS IS THE PLACE?



TO DECEIVE THE VIZIER, IS TO SUCCEUMB TO MADNESS.



WATCH THE CAMEL, THAT'S THE ONLY THING YOU ARE GOOD FOR ANYWAYS.

SHALL I COME ALONG MASTER?



GREETINGS, MONTU. IF I DIDN'T SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES, I WOULDN'T BELIEVE.

THE FALCON GOD HAS TRULY EXILED HIMSELF TO AN ETERNITY IN A CRUMBLING TEMPLE.

IF YOU BRING OFFERINGS, LAY THEM BY THE ALTAR, AND MAKE HASTE TO LEAVE THIS PLACE.

HUMANITY IS A RACE PLAGUED BY AMNESIA; THE ONE THING SHORTER THAN THEIR LIVES IS THEIR MEMORY.

SO QUICK TO FORGET TYRANTS AND MAD MEN, HOLOCAUSTS AND PLAGUES, CULTURE AND IDENTITY, A COUPLE HUNDRED YEARS PASS, AND THEY EVEN FORGET WHO THEY ARE. ALL IS BUT A FASHION DESTINED TO FADE FROM MEMORY.

YET DOES IT NOT AMAZE YOU THAT THEY FAIL TO RECALL JUST WHO THE FIRST PEOPLE WERE KNOWLEDGE 300,000 YEARS OLD, BUT NEVER FORGOT THE ANSWER TO WHO THE FIRST TRUE GOD WAS? BEARING WITNESS TO CREATION, AND THE EXECUTION OF A DIVINE BLUEPRINT TENS OF BILLIONS OF AGES IN THE MAKING?

SIGH. IF I BLESS YOU, WILL YOU CEASE TO SORE ME WITH THE RANTS OF A RESTLESS MIND?

THE POINT, MY GOOD GOD IS, WHAT EXACTLY IS IT THAT DRIVES MAN TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD?

EGYPT IS A MOTHER CIVILIZATION, TECHNOLOGY, PHILOSOPHY, SCIENCE ALL FOUND THEIR FOOT ON THE VERY EARTH UPON WHICH I TREAD.

THE WORLD IS STRUGGLING TO REMEMBER OUR EXPLOITS BUT THEY NEVER FORGOT THE NAMES OF THOSE WE CALL GODS.

SIGH... MORTAL IS THERE A POINT TO THIS?

OR IS IT MY FATE TO SPEND IMMORTALITY LISTENING TO A MAN WITH MANGLED THOUGHTS? SO?

SO... THERE MUST BE A REASON, AND IT'S SIMPLE, POWER.

HANKING IS DRAWN TO POWER LIKE MOTH TO A FLAME, SWEET SWEET REFUGE UNDER THE HANDS OF A DIVINE POWER UNDER WHICH PARADISE IS ASSURED, WHICH BRINGS ME TO THE REASON FOR MY RAMBLINGS...

WHY HAS MAN FORGOTTEN THE NAME OF MONTU-RAP?

HAVE YOU COME TO MOCK A GOD?



A GOD?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN
THAT IT TAKES THE
WORSHIPPER TO MAKE A GOD,
LOOK AROUND YOU,
DO YOU SEE
ANYONE?



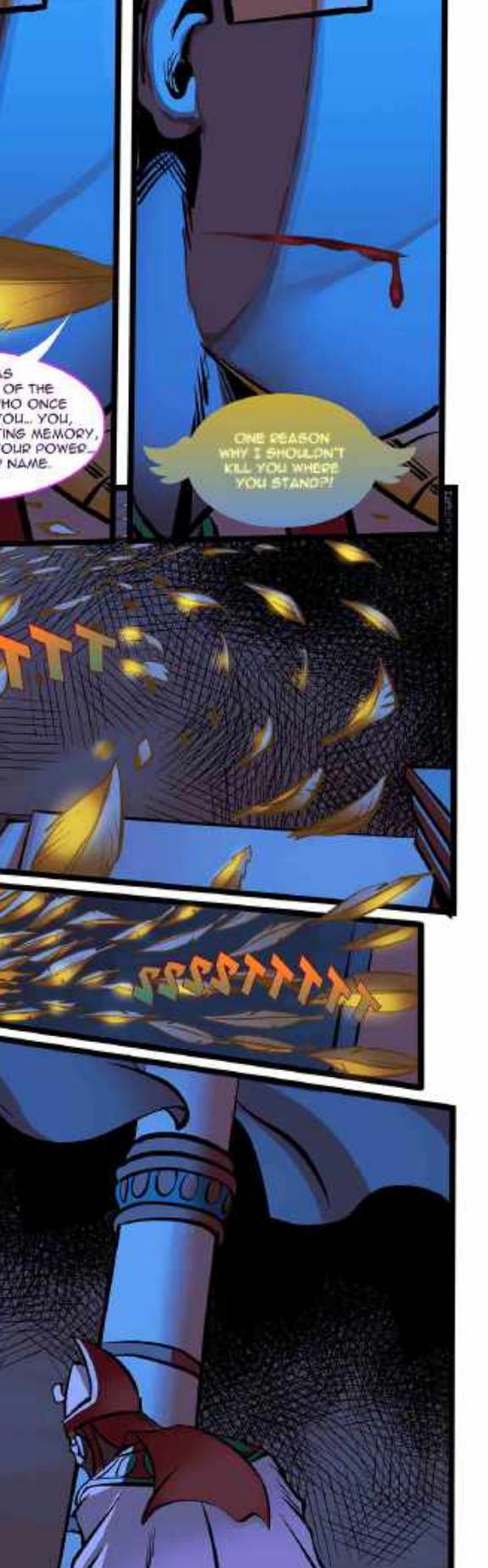
MANKIND HAS
RUN TO THE FEET OF THE
MOUNTAIN GODS WHO ONCE
COVERED BEFORE YOU... YOU,
MONTU-RA ARE A FLEETING MEMORY,
THE WORLD FORGETS YOUR POWER,
AND THUS, YOUR NAME.



ONE REASON
WHY I SHOULDN'T
KILL YOU WHERE
YOU STAND?!



BECAUSE I
HOLD THE ANSWER
TO THE RIDDLE OF
LOST GLORY.



I'M
LISTENING.



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I'VE BEEN HIDING FROM DR. BALA SINCE WE PARTED WAYS THAT DAY, I SUSPECT HE KNOWS MORE ABOUT WHO I AM THAN EVEN ME, IT'D EXPLAIN HOW SUCH A POWERFUL SCROLL FOUND ITS WAY TO HIS POSSESSION, WHO IS HE?



HELLOOOOO!

HONESTLY, I DON'T LIKE THE WAY HE WAS LOOKING AT ME THAT DAY, LIKE A SPECIMEN HE HOPED TO DISSECT AND STUDY... BUT HE'S THE H.O.D. OF MY DEPARTMENT... HOW LONG CAN I DODGE THAT GUY?

AND THEN YOU WERE LIKE LEAVE MY FRIEND'S BAE ALONE! AND THEN THERE WERE FLAMING AMOTEKINS FLYING ALL OVER THE BRIDGE, AND SHIT WAS LIKE WOOOSH! KABOOM! KABOOM!

MAN, IT WAS SO AWESOME, I THINK I JACKED OFF A BIT... OR WAS IT PEE?



DANNNNK --KKKKA --AAAA!

WHAT? WHAT?!

WHERE IN THE UNIVERSE DID YOU GO TO?

SORRY, I JUST HAVE A LOT ON MY MIND IS ALL

AND THEN THERE'S DIALLO... LUCKILY HER CONCUSSIVE HEAD TRAUMA RESULTED IN MILD AMNESIA. I'VE LITERALLY NEVER BEEN THAT LUCKY. SHE DOESN'T REMEMBER MUCH FROM THE ACCIDENT, BUT WHAT IF HER MEMORIES RESURFACE, WHAT WILL ---



YOU HAVEN'T BEEN SLEEPING MUCH HAVE YOU?

-THE COMICS... WE'VE LOVED COMICS ALL OUR LIVES, I REMEMBER HOW COOL I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE TO HAVE ACTUAL POWERS... IT'S LIKE EVERY KID'S FIRST DREAM...

WE THOUGHT BEING STRONGER THAN A LOCOMOTIVE WILL MAKE US UNTOUCHABLE BUT... ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT IS WHEN ALL OF THIS GETS ME HURT OR WORSE SOMEONE I CARE----



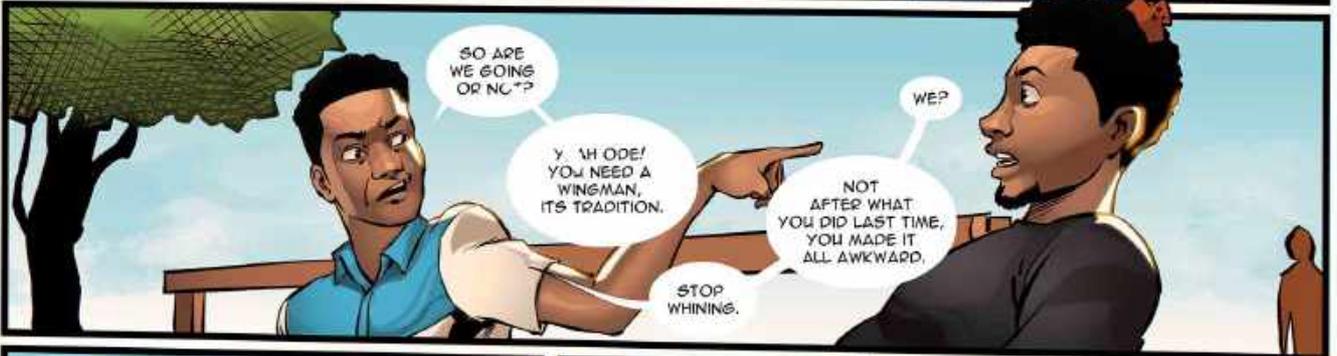
BZZZZZZ!

OH MY GOD! OH MYF@#\$#@# GOD!

WHAT'S UP LEMME SEE! LEMME SEE!

IT'S A TEXT FROM ENNY, ASKING ME TO MEET HER??

HMM... LOOKS LIKE THE CHICK IS TIRED OF SALIVATING FROM AFAR





JUST 1,008 LIKES? SIGH. HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO MAKE A MODELLING CAREER WITH A THOUSAND LIKES!

LIMMM... HI, ENNY. [GASPS]



Y--YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO SEE ME?

ENNY?

OH, UH YES I DID. THE THING IS...



I ONLY HAD YOUR NUMBER CUZ I'M CLASS REP.

EH, I DON'T MIND, YOU CAN SAVE IT SEF. SO WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?

WELL, IT WAS DR. BALA WHO ASKED ME TO CALL YOU HERE?

BA--BALA?

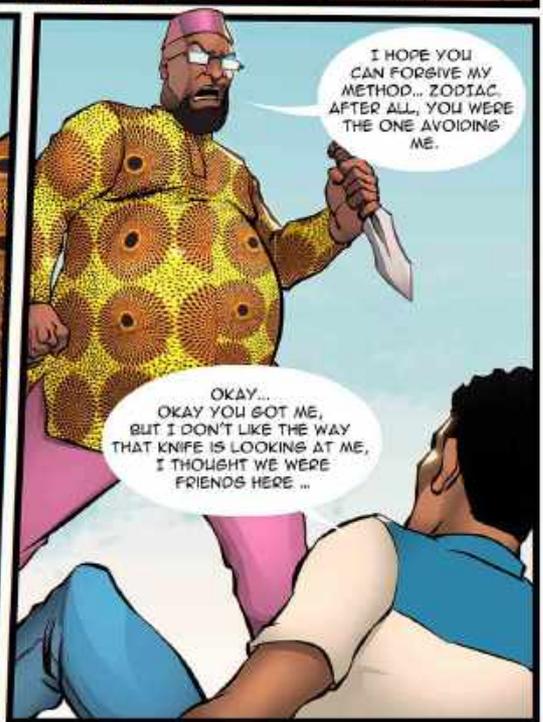


MO GBE! IT'S A TRAP!

WHAT?! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



BONG



I HOPE YOU CAN FORGIVE MY METHOD... ZODIAC. AFTER ALL, YOU WERE THE ONE AVOIDING ME.

OKAY... OKAY YOU GOT ME, BUT I DON'T LIKE THE WAY THAT KNIFE IS LOOKING AT ME, I THOUGHT WE WERE FRIENDS HERE ...

EVENING.

AT THE VICINITY WHERE DANKA RESIDE.



EVENING.
ARE YOU MISS
KOFOWOROLA
AJAYI?

EVENING
AND YES,
HOW CAN I
HELP YOU?

I AM THE ORGANISER
OF THE Y.A.R.D. CONTEST
IN WHICH YOUR SON, DANKA
IS PARTICIPATING AND I'VE
PERSONALLY COME TO CONGRATULATE
HIM FOR WINNING I GOT YOUR
ADDRESS FROM DANKA'S
Y.A.R.D. SUBMISSION.

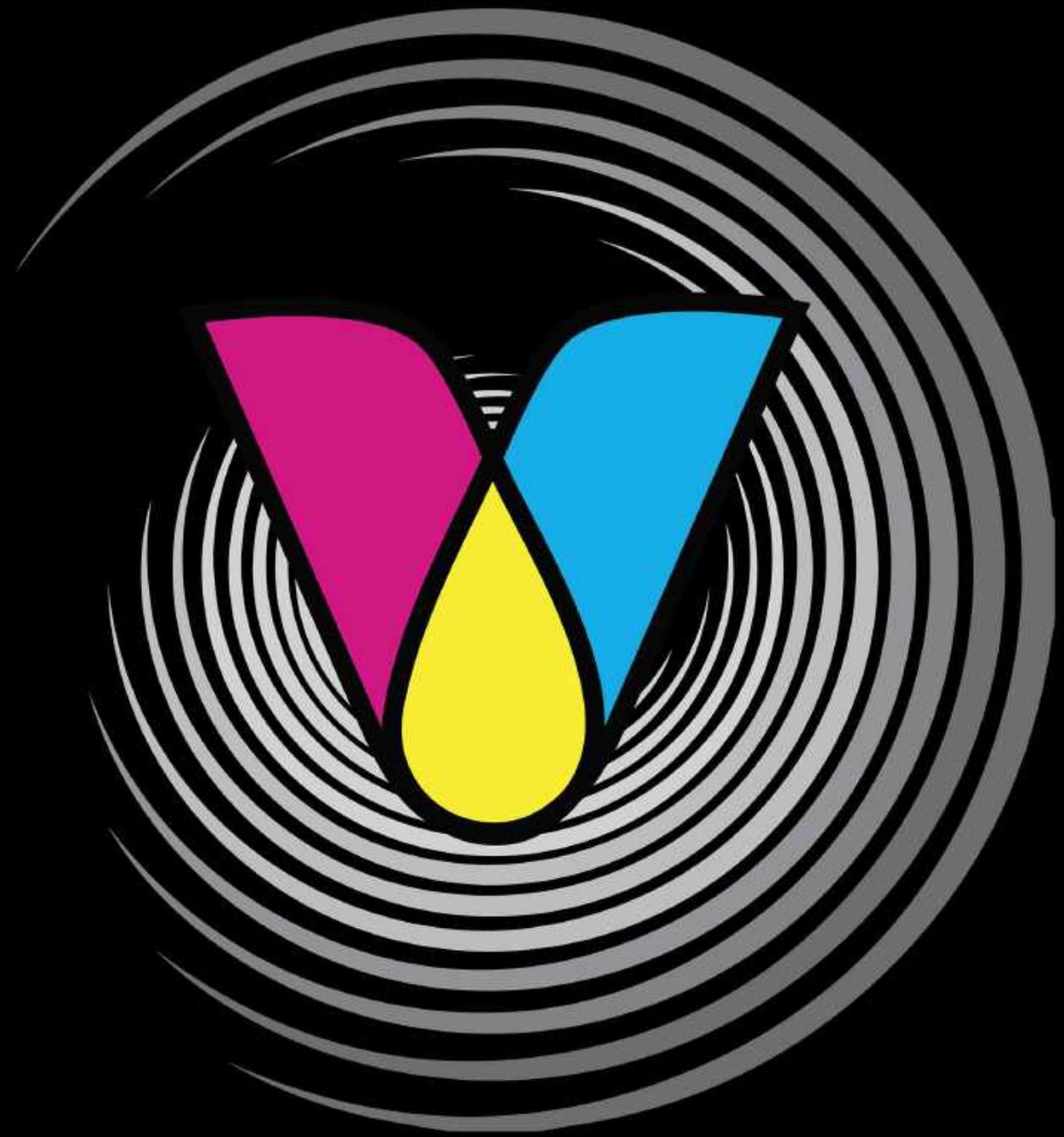
WOW!
REALLY?

YOUR
NAME SIR?

ER YES! MY NAME!
IT'S DR. AKINBODE
"LOVE" MATTHIAS,
BUT YOU MY DEAR
CAN CALL ME
DR. LOVE.



KUUNGANA

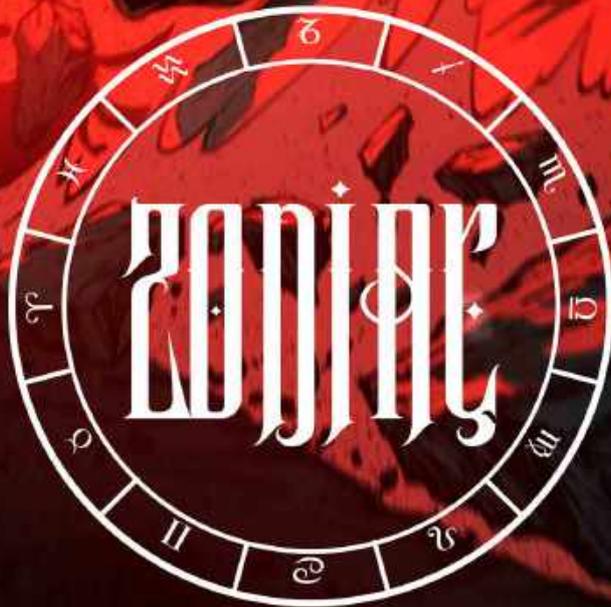
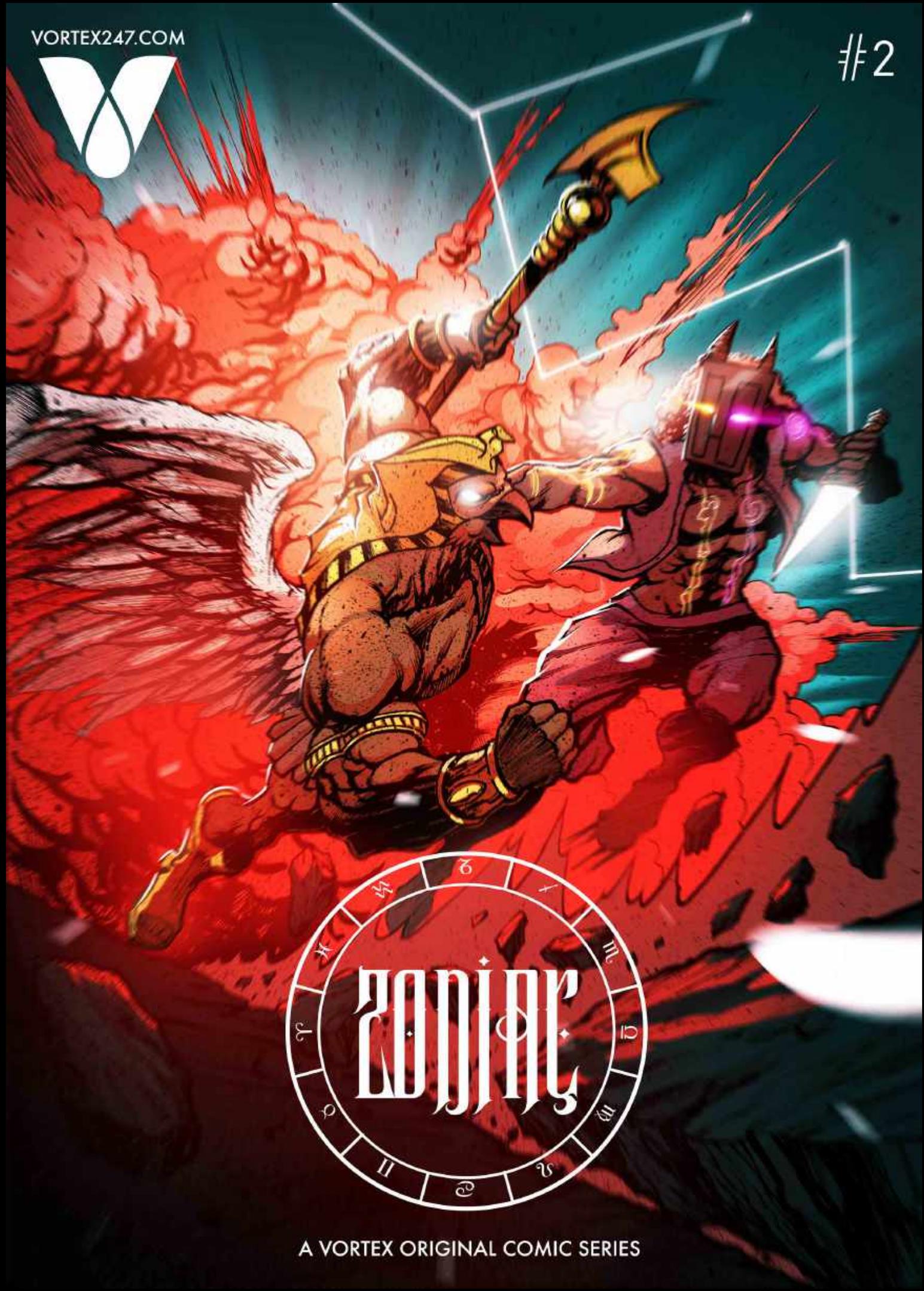


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