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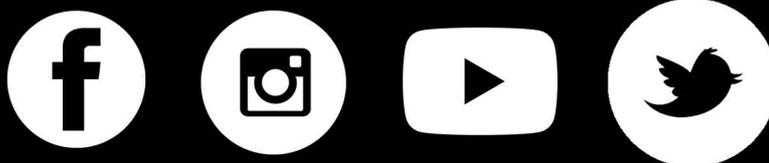
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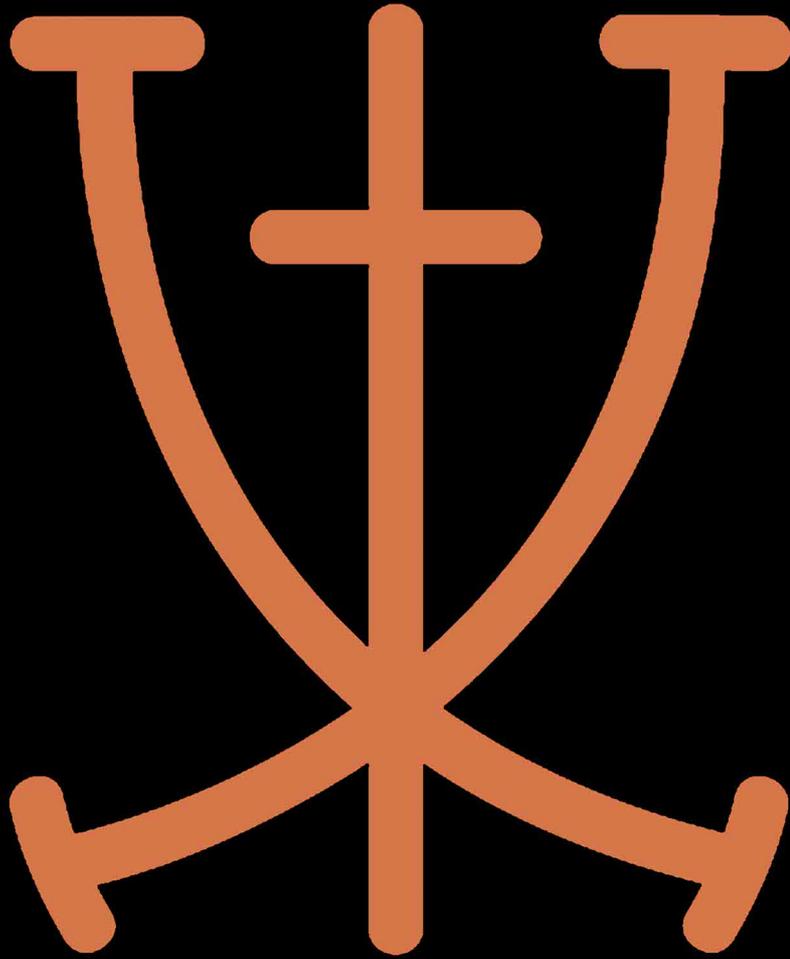


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"Tales By Moonlight"

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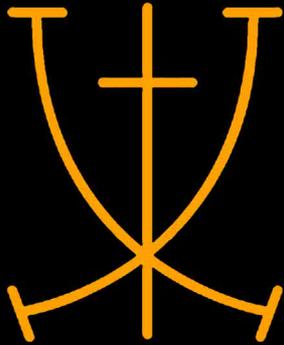
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THE LAST MASQUERADE

NSIBIDI SYMBOLS; SACRED LANGUAGE OF EASTERN MASQUERADES



WAR



CHILD



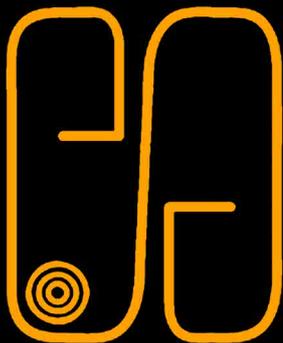
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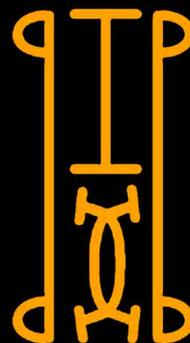
ROOT



MUSIC



SNAKE



NATION



FORTUNE

CENTURIES AGO, THE ANCIENT CALVARY OF MASQUERADES WERE THE MOST POWERFUL SPIRIT ARMY ACROSS ALL THE LAND SECOND TO NONE IN COMBAT AND JUJU (MAGIC). THE SACRED CALVARY SERVED MANY KINGDOMS FROM THE EAST TO WEST AS MERCENARIES

THEIR POWER BECOMES A THREAT TO THE EFIK EMPIRE LEADERS. UNABLE TO KILL THE MASQUERADES THEY POISON THEM INTO AN ENCHANTED SLEEP, LOCKED IN A NIGHTMARE FOR ETERNITY AND BURIED DEEP BELOW THE HIDDEN UFOT SHRINES.

200 YEARS LATER, FROM COINCIDENCE & DESTINY THE SPELL BREAKS ON ONE MASQUERADE; **IHEME ODIETE**, THE ONE KNOWN AS **THE OJUJU** AND WITH HIM COMES VENGENACE & JUSTICE ON THE EMPIRE THAT BURIED HIS COMRADES AND THE FACE OF A GIRL **ARALIA** WHICH HUNTS HIS MIND, VOICES TELLING HIM HOW HE MUST FIND & PROTECT HER. THIS IS THE STORY OF THE LAST MASQUERADE



LOOK AT THEM. THEY CHEER FOR YOU.



BUT IF YOU CAN MAKE A **GOD BLEED**, PEOPLE WILL CEASE TO BELIEVE IN HIM.



UFOT, I HAVE LIVED THROUGH MANY GENERATIONS, GUIDING THE ROYAL FAMILY,

AND I KNOW, YOU HAVE ENEMIES, PEOPLE ARE AFTER YOUR THRONE.



THINK OF IT, WHAT'S A MAN TO A **KING**, WHAT'S A KING TO A **GOD**, WHAT'S A GOD TO A **NON-BELIEVER**.



WHAT ARE YOU PROPO-SING?



A RITUAL,
TO INCREASE
YOUR POWER.



WHAT IS
NEEDED?



A FEMALE,
ONE FROM YOUR
FAMILY.



I DON'T
RECALL HAVING
ANY FEMALE
COUSINS.

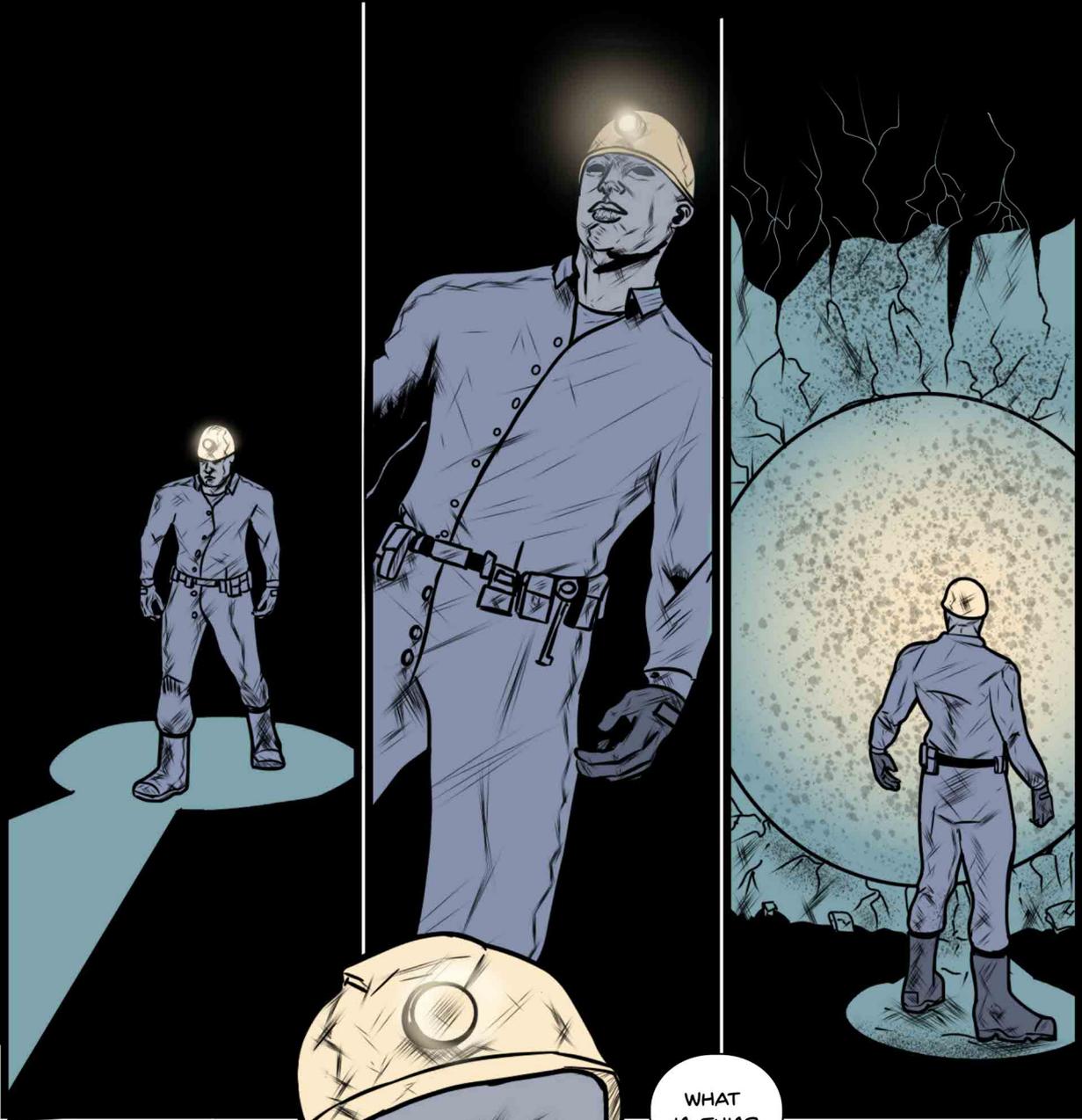


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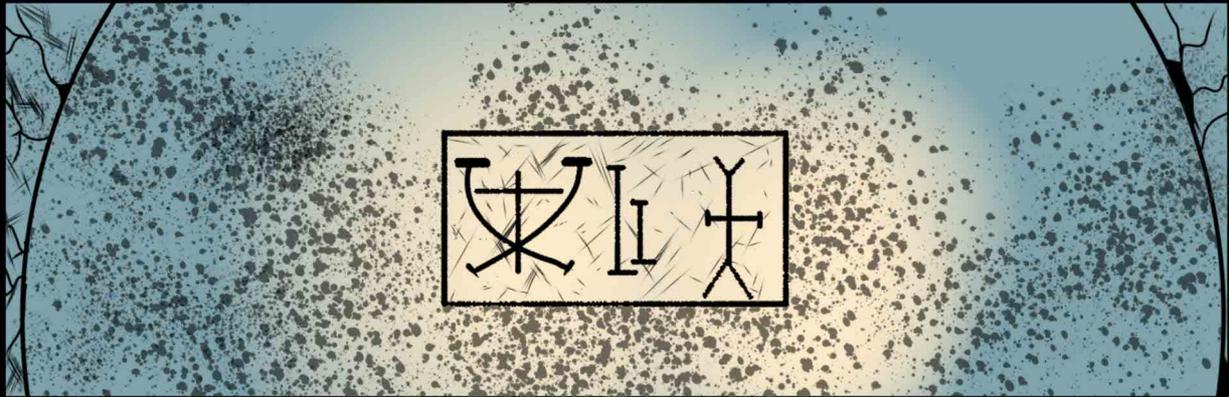
THE BEST WAY TO
KEEP PEOPLE IN CHECK,
TO CONTROL THEM, IS TO
GIVE THEM THE CRUMBS,
NOT THE WHOLE
BREAD.



OMATA MINING SITE



WHAT IS THIS?



EVERYONE!
I'VE FOUND
SOMETHING.



WHAT
LANGUAGE
IS THIS?



PALACE.



MY KING,
THERE'S BEEN A
RECENT DISCOVERY
AT THE *OMATA*
MINING SITE.





TELL ME
SOMETHING I
DON'T KNOW..



TWO

YEARS

LATER

GRANNY'S HOUSE, CALABAR, 2008.



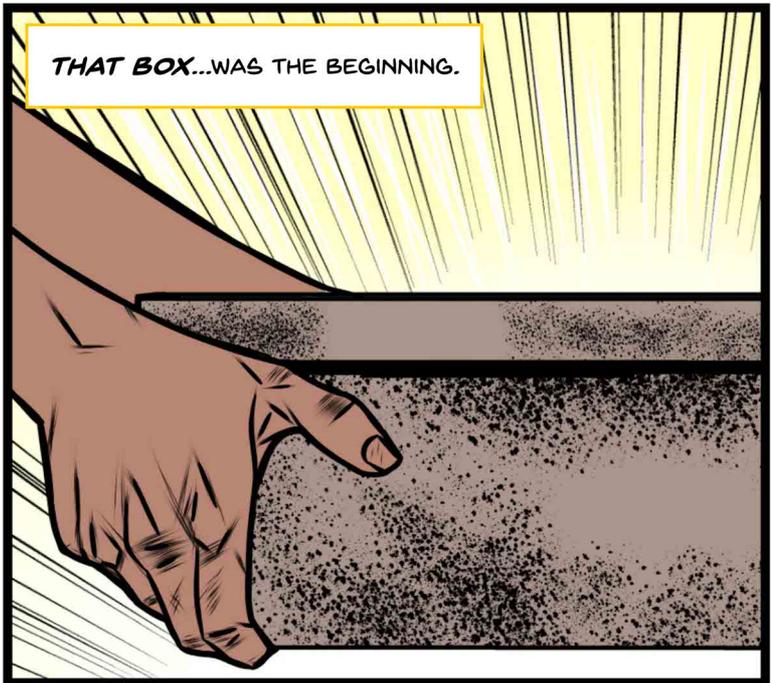
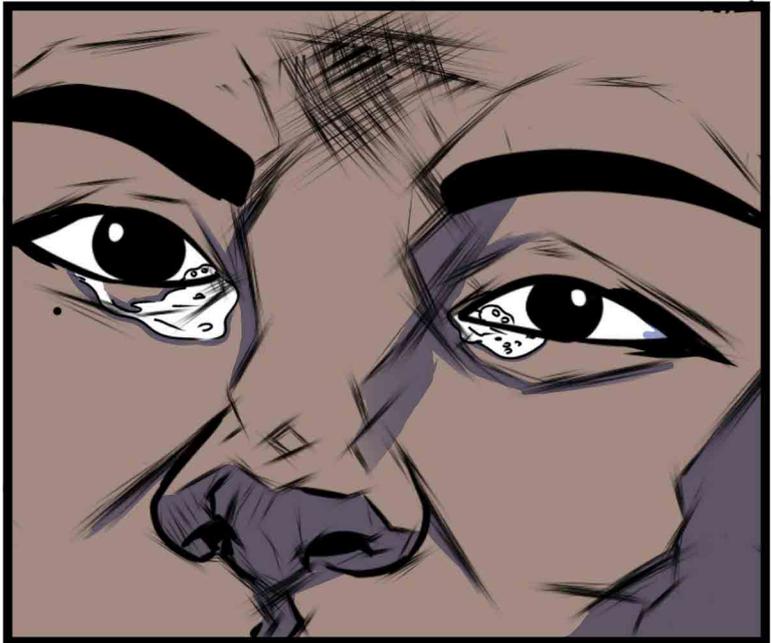
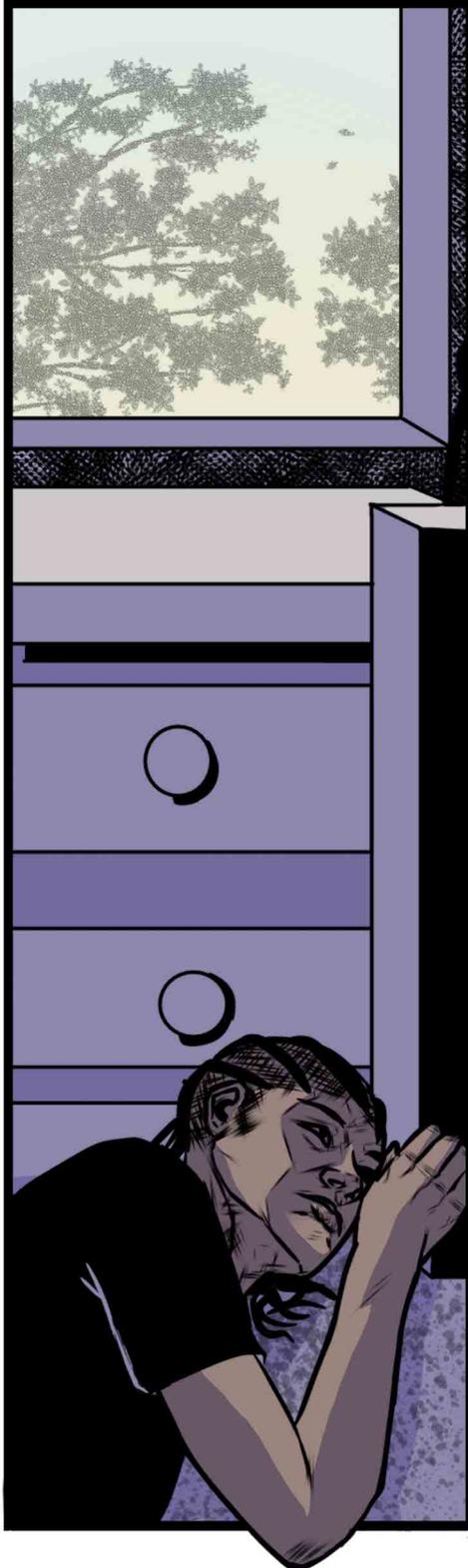
SHE NEVER FINISHED THAT STORY...



I NEVER KNEW I WAS PART OF THAT STORY....

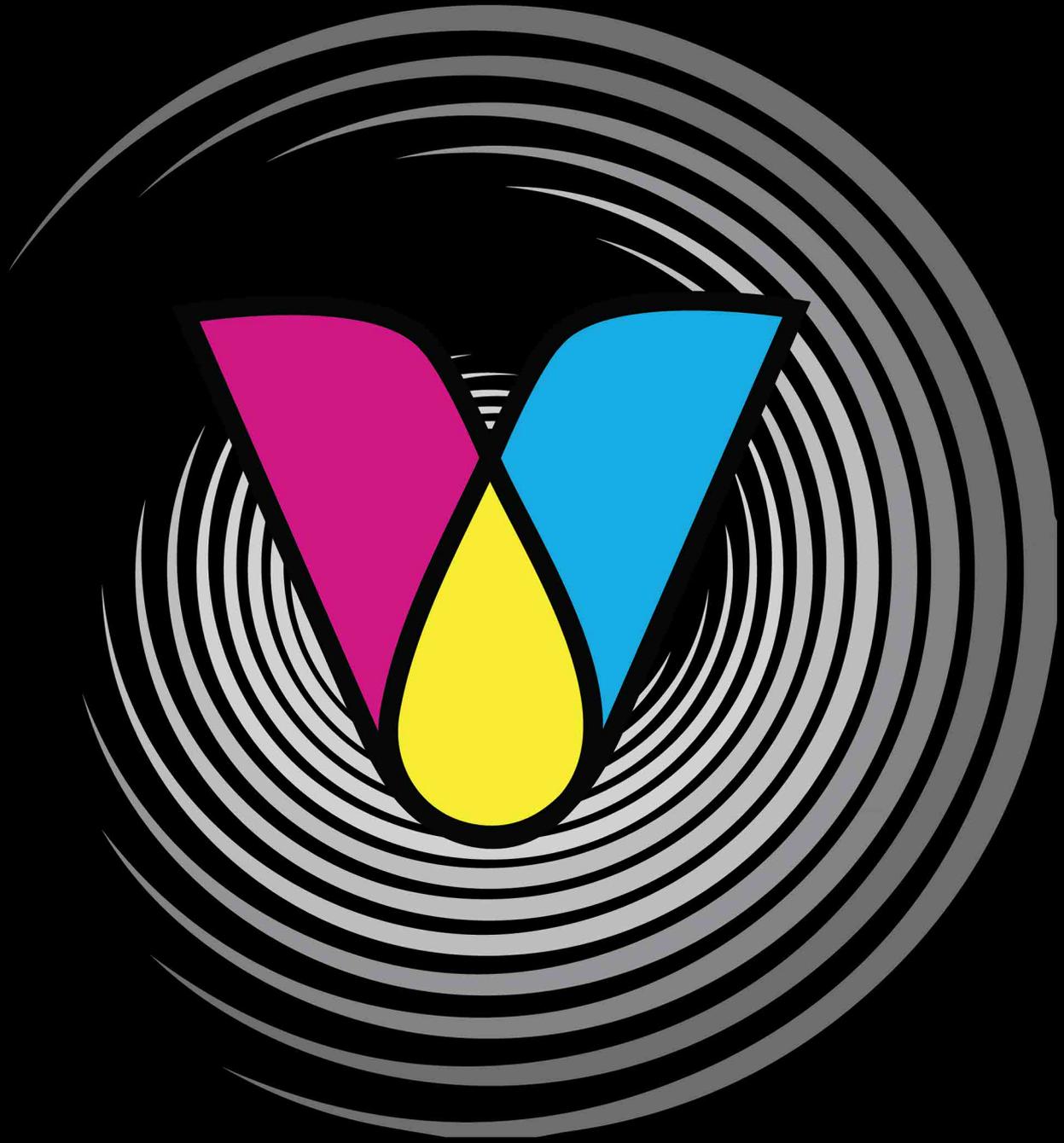






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