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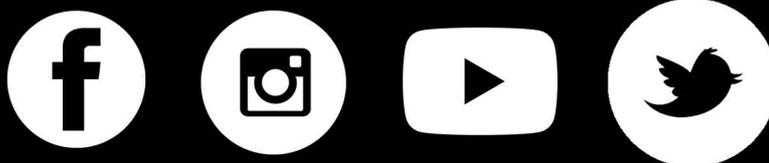
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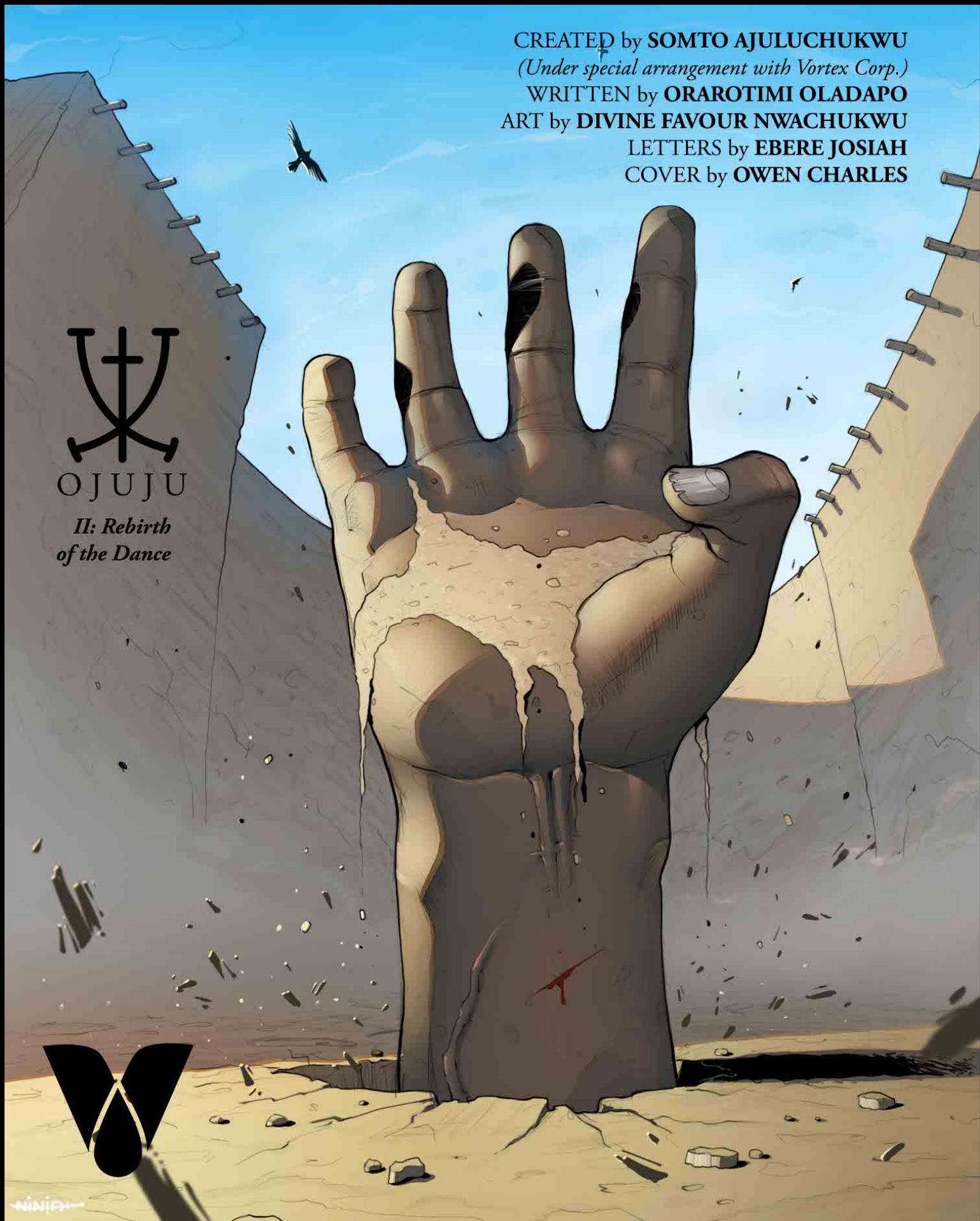
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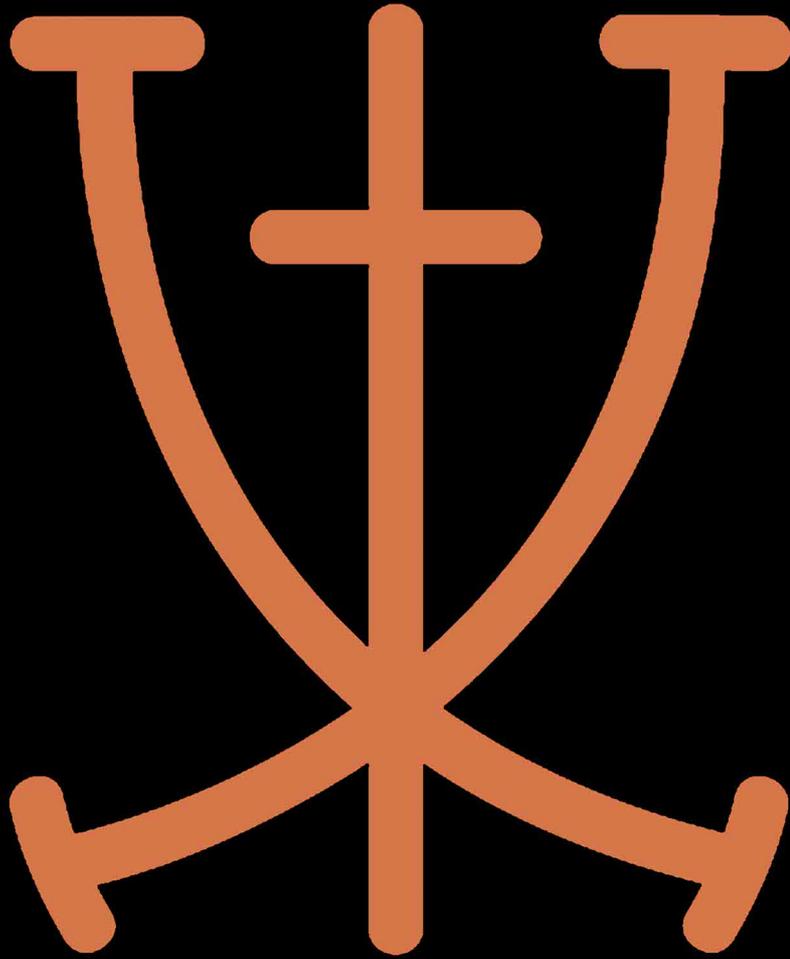


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"Tales By Moonlight"

THE LAST MASQUERADE



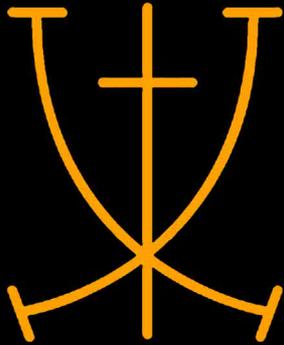
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THE LAST MASQUERADE

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CHILD



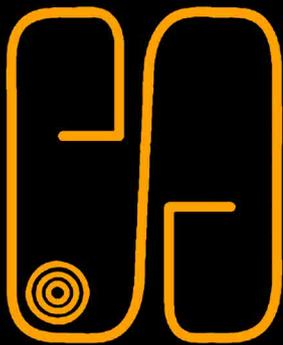
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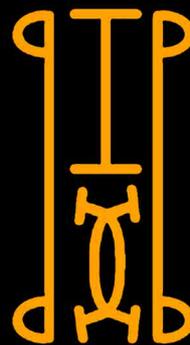
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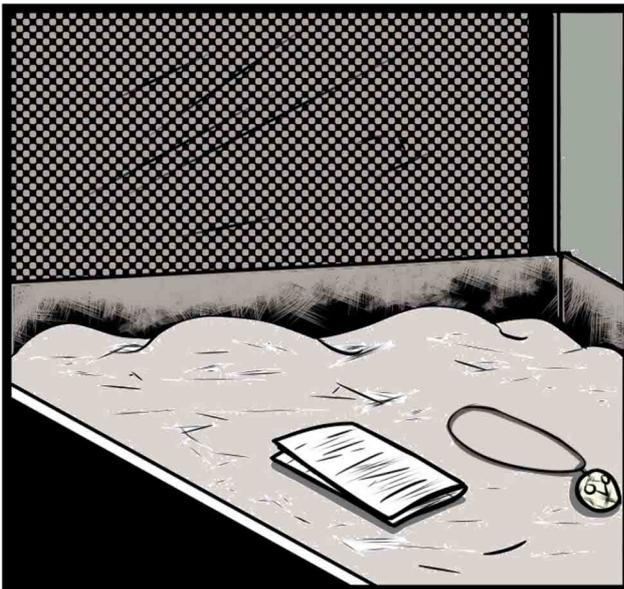
FORTUNE

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

ARALIA GRANDMA'S ROOM.





"NAIMA,
MY BELOVED.
I DEEPLY ENJOYED
YOUR OKRAW SOUP,
THE ONE YOU SENT
ME."





" IT WAS
SO DELIGHTFUL,
THAT MY COMRADES
ALL HAD A TASTE OF IT.
I HAVE FELT YOUR ABSENCE,
I HOPE TO SEE YOU BENEATH
THE TREE AT DAWN. "



" BE CAREFUL,
NOT TO BE SEEN
BY THE PALACE GUARDS,
FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY
NOW SUSPECTS US
OF TREASON AND
MUTINY. "



HAHAHA



NO
ONE DOES LOVE
LETTERS THESE
DAYS.

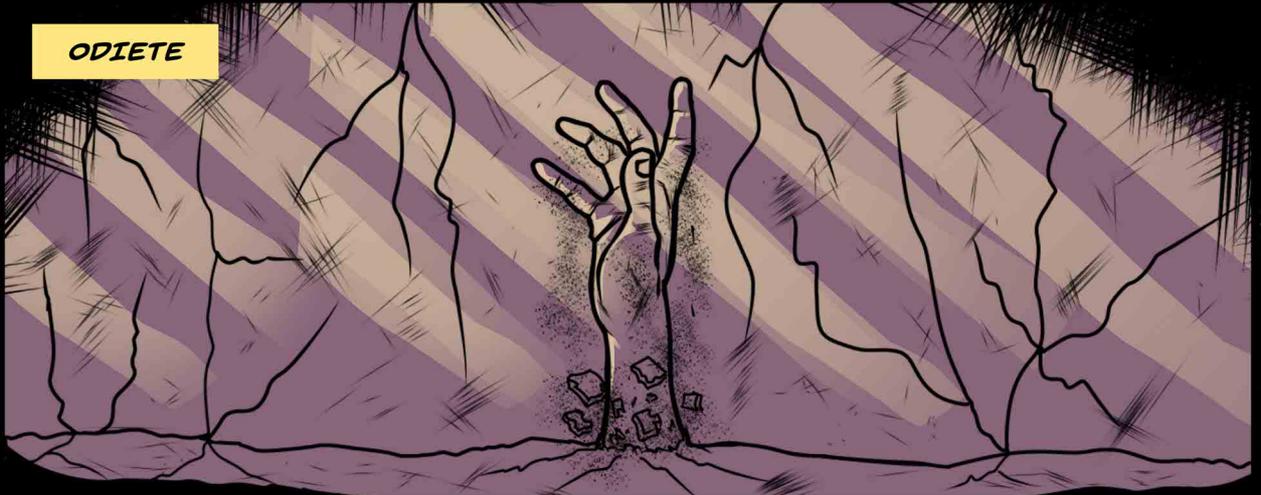
FORMER "OMATA MINING SITE",
NOW TURNED "TOURIST
ATTRACTION SITE".

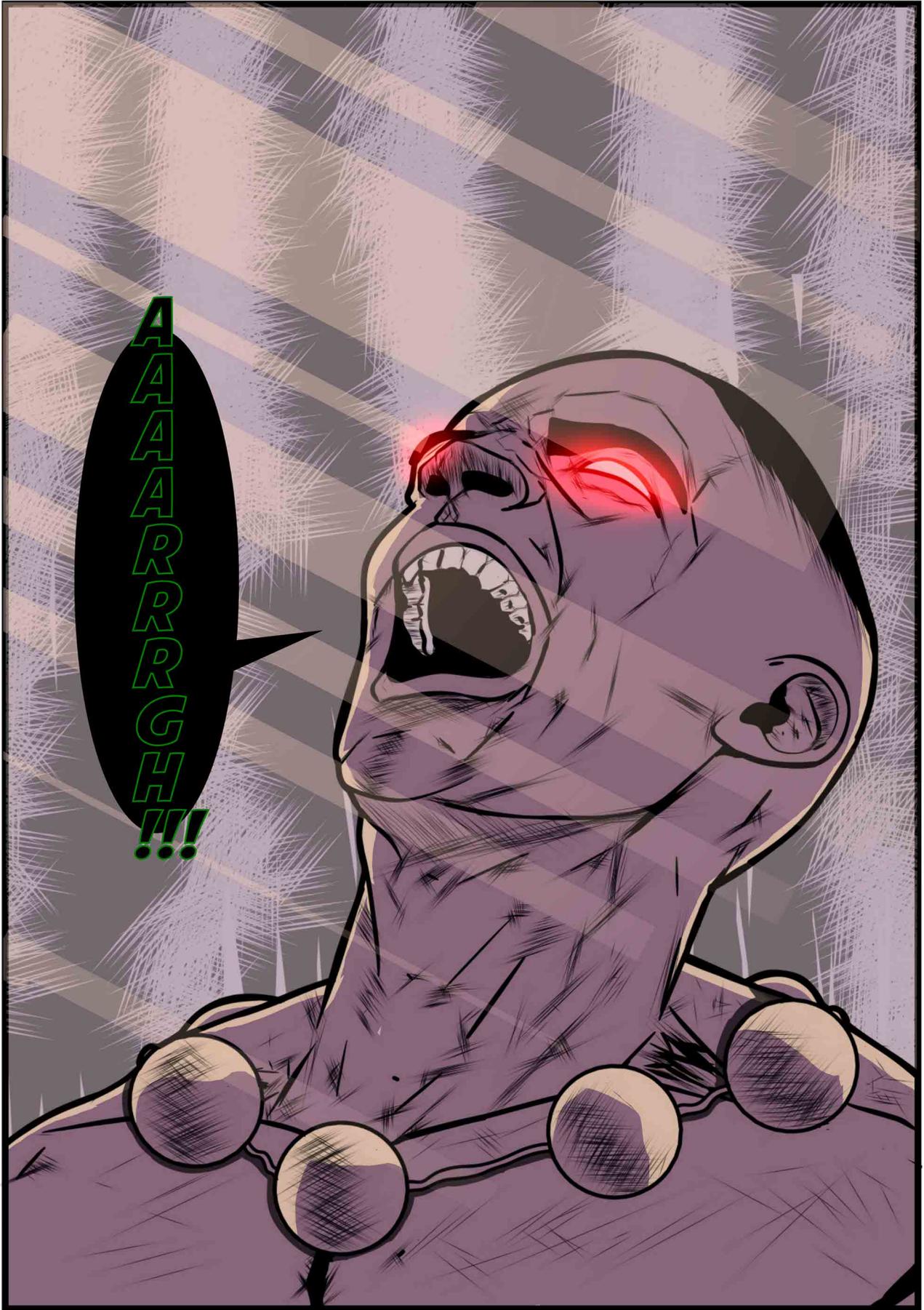


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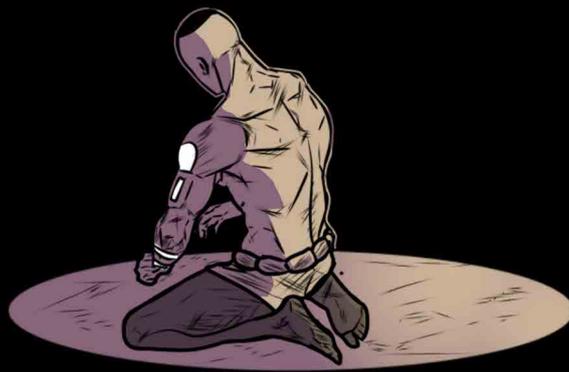


ODIETE





AAAAARRRGH!!!



LOWER THE BODIES FAST. THE **OJUJU CALABARI** WILL NO LONGER BE A THREAT.

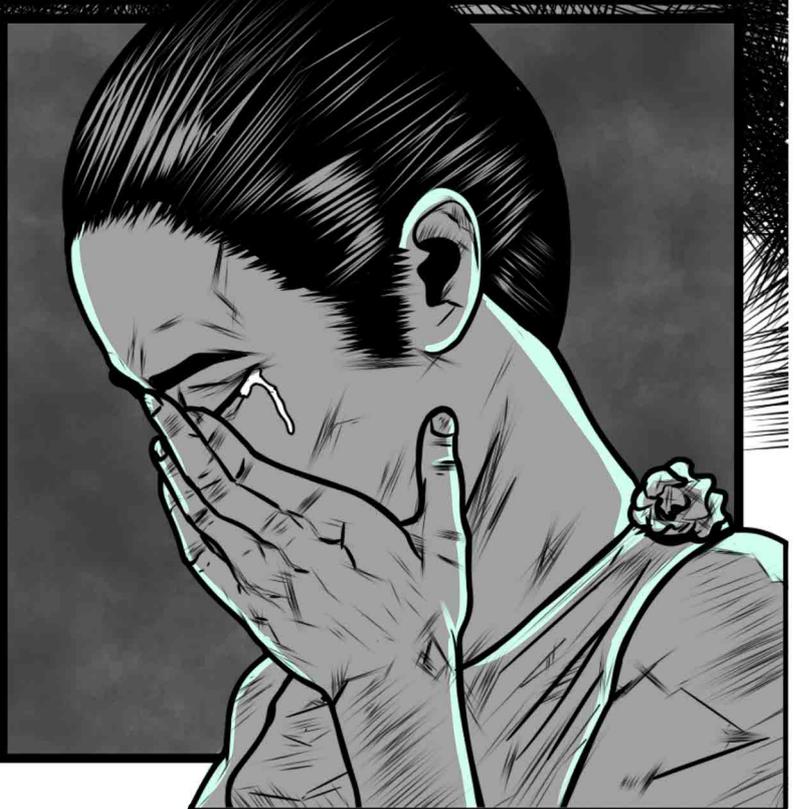
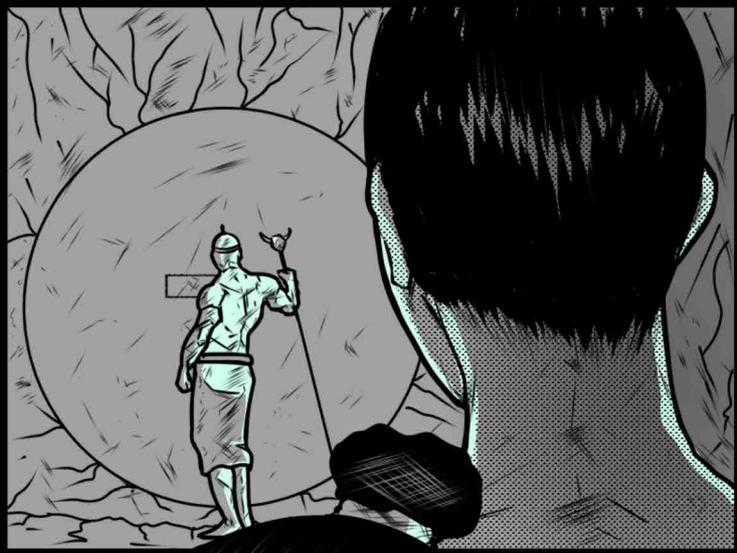


HERE LIES THE **OJUJU CALABARI**.

NAIMA.



MY
BELOVED....

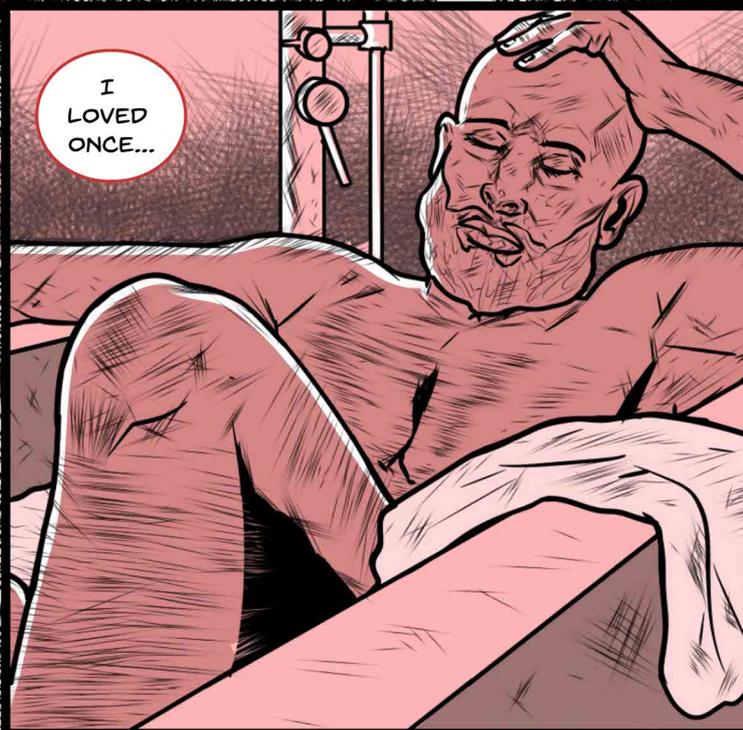




ROYAL PALACE.



A
THOUSAND YEARS
IS IT? OF WATCHING
THESE WEAKLINGS DIE,
TURN TO DUST.

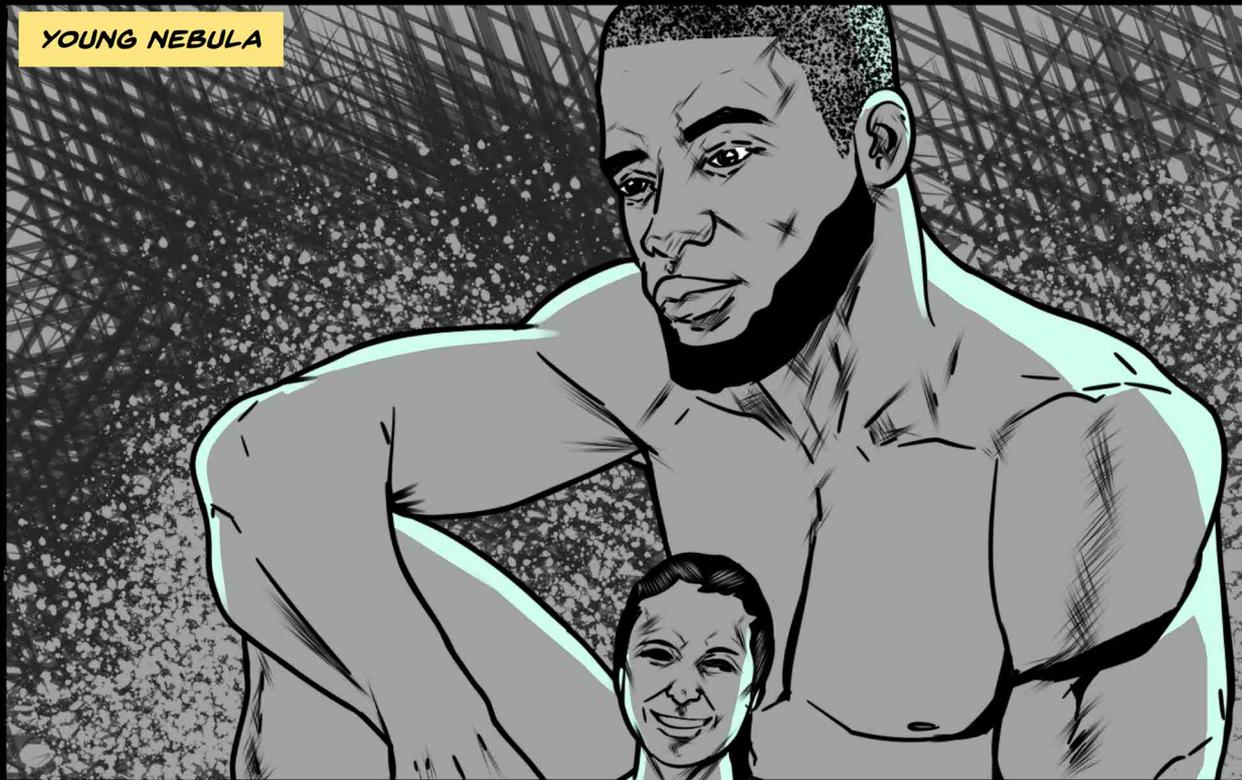


I
LOVED
ONCE...



SHE
WAS BEAUTI
-FUL

YOUNG NEBULA



HMM.
THANK YOU
MY LOVE.



FATHER
...IS...
DEAD.



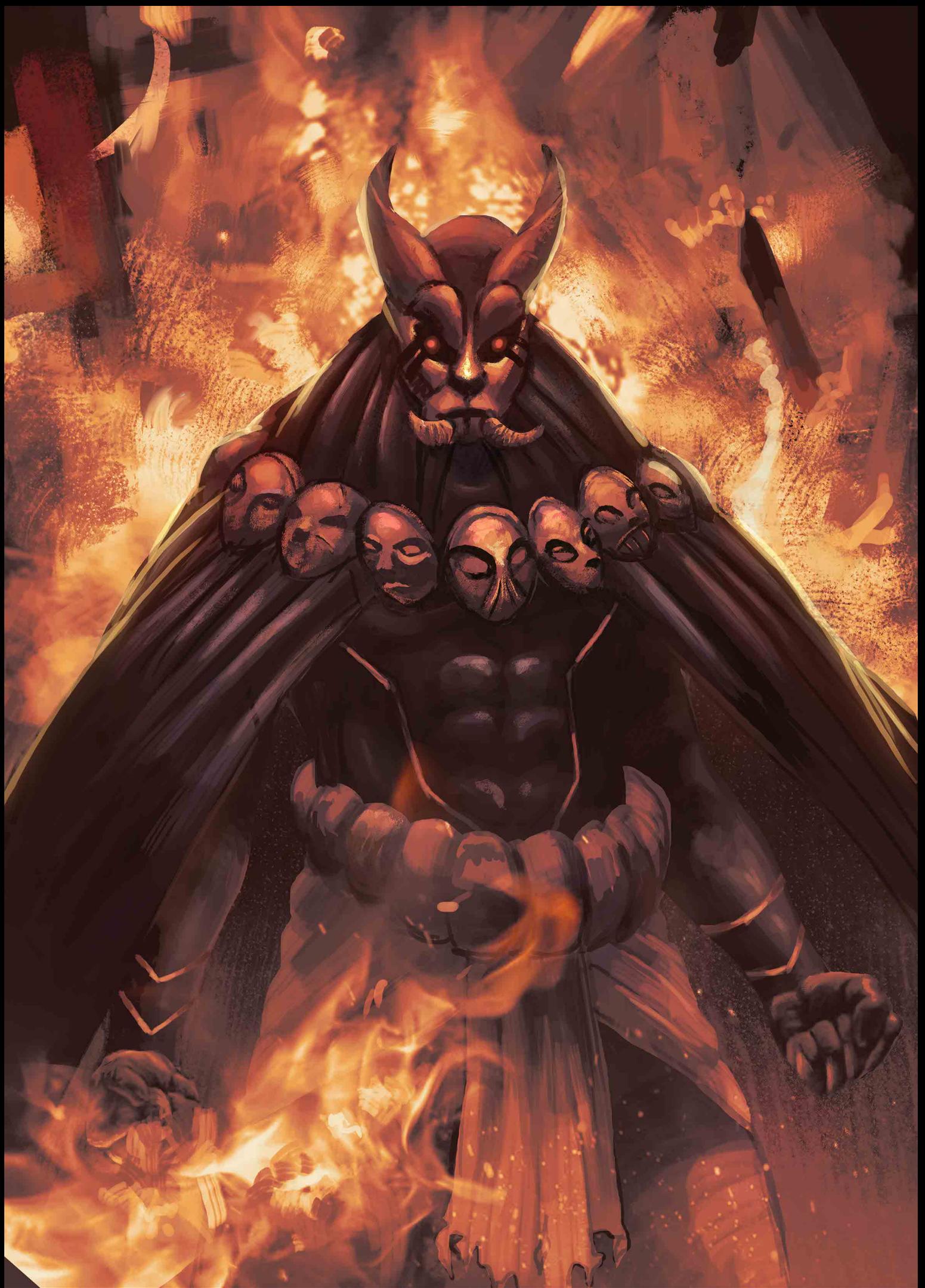
THAT WAS IT,
FATHER PASSED ON
TO ME THE MANTLE
OF *WITCH DOCTOR*.



*THE CURSE
OF IMMORTALITY,*
I HAD TO WATCH
HER DIE, WHILE
I LIVED ON.



HM HM HM
HA HA HA HA!



KUUNGANA



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