

**COMIC
BANDIT
PRESS**

#11

TRUE WILL DEFIES BELIEF

VERSUS

VOL.1



**A. ADENJI
DAYO. A**

TRUE WILL DEFIES BELIEF
VERSUS

ISSUE ELEVEN

CREATED/WRITTEN/LETTERED BY
ADENIYI ADENIJI

PENCILS AND INKS
DAYO ANIMASHAUN

COVER ART BY: THE FREE COMPANY HD



ALL rights reserved. Used under authorization. Text and illustrations for VERSUS characters and story are the copyright of Adeniyi Adeniji. ComicBandit Press and the ComicBandit Press logo are trademarks of Adeniyi Adeniji. Registered in various categories and countries. All rights reserved. No portion of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted, in any form or by any means, without the express written permission of Adeniyi Adeniji. NAMES, CHARACTERS, PLACES, AND INCIDENTS FEATURED IN THIS PUBLICATION EITHER ARE THE PRODUCT OF THE AUTHOR'S IMAGINATION OR ARE USED FACTITIOUSLY. ANY RESEMBLANCE TO ACTUAL PERSONS (LIVING OR DEAD), EVENTS, INSTITUTIONS, OR LOCALES, WITHOUT SATIRIC INTENT, IS COINCIDENTAL.

KAYIN



VS



ZU



KAYIN...



...YOU CANT
...NNGGHH...
...BEAT HIM...
...HE'S TOO
...STRONG...

...TAKE
KESI AND
GO!



LOSHAN...
!!

WHO DO
YOU THINK
YOU ARE...
!?



I WAS BROUGHT HERE SAME AS YOU... !!!



...YOU THINK I CAME HERE TO WATCH YOU FIGHT!!!



.....



TAKE YOUR FRIEND'S ADVICE...LEAVE NOW AND YOU MAY KEEP YOUR LIVES.



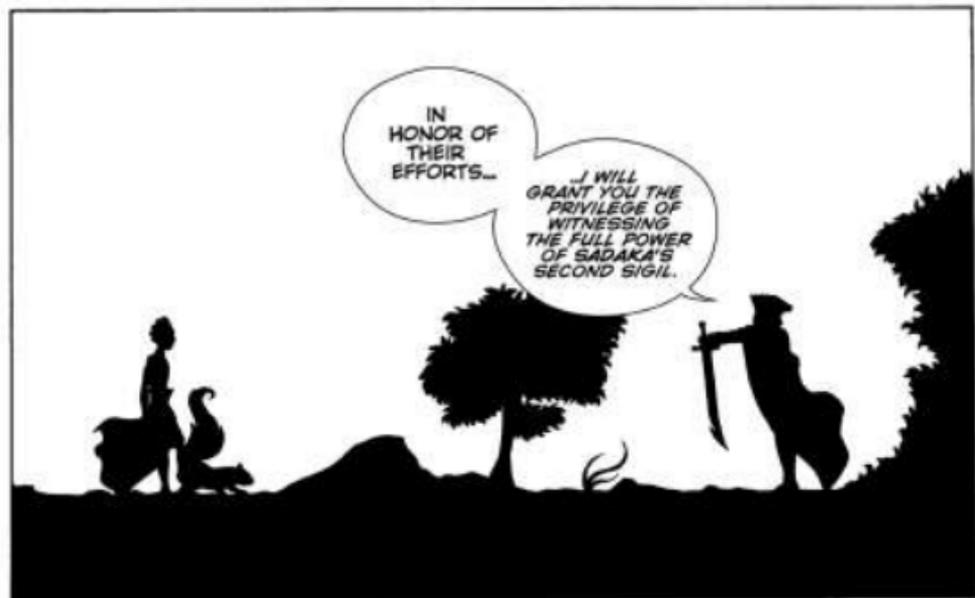
HEH? WHAT...YOU CHICKEN?

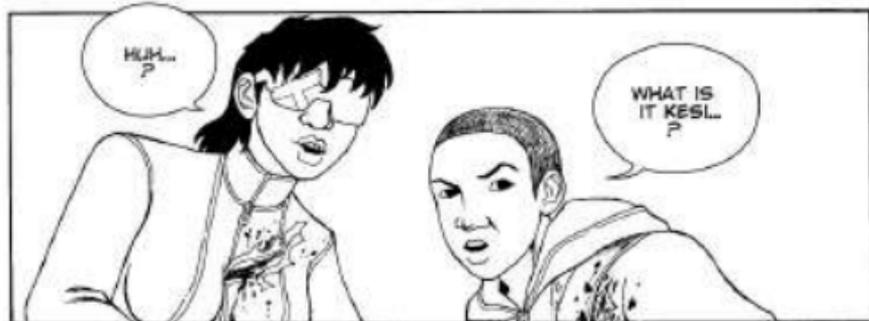


HAH! HE MAY BE A FOOL, BUT AT LEAST HE'S A BRAVE FOOL.



VERY WELL ...





OH NO!!

IT'S
THE SPIRIT
SIGIL!

NO
NO
NO

KAYIN!!!
RUUNNNN
!!!!

DEATH
BOW!!!

VO
SPIRIT
77
ICE

SHIRAKU

...

GO!!!

THWAKOOOOM

UNFORTUNATE...
BUT I HAVE
NO TIME TO
WASTE ON
CHILDREN.

?



**WHO DO
YOU THINK
I AM...
?**



**...SOME
KID THEY
SENT HERE
TO DIE!!!**





DONT
TREAT ME
SO
LIGHTLY
!!!

ELSEWHERE ON CEGK...



HONDO: NAME OF AFRICAN ORIGIN
MEANING "WAR".



WHY DO YOU KEEP TRYING ...



...WHEN I CLEARLY HAVE THE ADVANTAGE?

UNLESS OF COURSE... YOU BELIEVE BY JUMPING UP INTO THE AIR LIKE THAT, YOU'LL SUDDENLY LEARN TO FLY?



HONDO... WAS MADE FOR WAR...

I CAN ATTACK YOU AT WILL WITH WIND AND FIRE!



I CAN SEE YOUR EGO HAS GROWN AS WELL ...

...WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THAT WIDE-EYED GIRL I KNEW FROM YEARS AGO... SHE WAS SUCH A SWEET THING?



SHE CLOSED HER EYES AND FINALLY SAW THE UNIVERSE FOR WHAT IT IS ...

...FOR WHAT WE HAVE MADE IT?



YOUR
PEOPLE HAVE
ALWAYS ADVOCATED
THE RIGHT OF ALL
SPECIES TO LIVE
AS THEY CHOOSE...



...THE
ANDRIEL
WOULD NEVER
SUPPORT WHAT
IYAN'GURA IS
TRYING TO DO.



THEN
I GUESS IT
IS FORTUNATE
THAT, AS IT
APPEARS...
I AM THE ONLY
LIVING MEMBER
OF MY RACE.



WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT!??



POOR...
IGNORANT...
KAYA.



...IT WAS NOT LONG AFTER, THAT THE OTHERS CAME... CONQUERERS FROM SPACE. A RACE MADE OF PURE MALEVOLENCE, KNOWN AS THE FRENIN.

MY FATHER WAS ONE OF FEW WHO STILL FOUND THE TRAPPINGS OF THE OUTWORLDERS FASCINATING AND WONDROUS...

...WHEN THE FRENIN CAME, MY FAMILY AND A HANDFUL OF OUR PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE THE DESTRUCTION THE INVADERS BROUGHT, ON A SHUTTLE HE HAD SECRETLY KEPT FOR HIMSELF...

WE ESCAPED THE FRENIN, BUT CRASHED LANDED ON A PLANET TWO SOLAR SYSTEMS FROM OUR HOMEWORLD... I ALONE, SURVIVED THE CRASH... IT WAS HERE THAT IYANGURA WOULD EVENTUALLY FIND ME.

I'M SO SORRY BERHANE... YOU ALWAYS SPOKE SO FONDLY OF YOUR HOMEWORLD, THERE IS NO WAY I COULD HAVE KNOWN

...BUT THE ACTIONS OF THE FRENIN IS NOT CAUSE ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY WHAT IYANGURA PLANS FOR THE WHOLE UNIVERSE.

CAUSE ENOUGH!!!
YOU THINK THE MURDER AND DESTRUCTION OF ALL I LOVED IS NOT JUSTIFICATION ENOUGH!!!!



HEH...
THEN LISTEN
CAREFULLY

...MY PLANET
WAS AN OLD
WORLD FREE OF
TECHNOLOGY,
WILD YET
CIVILIZED.



YOU SEE...THE PROTOCOLS OF THE
GALACTIC ALLIANCE FORBODE THE
INTERFERENCE OF MORE TECHNO-
LOGICALLY ADVANCED SOCIETIES
IN THE AFFAIRS OF LESSER
DEVELOPED WORLDS...



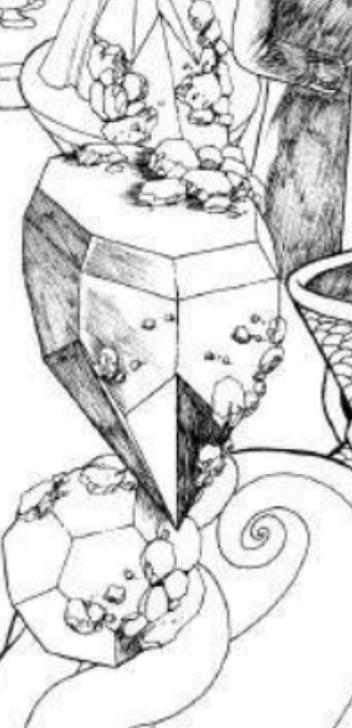
...THE GALACTIC COUNCIL OVER-TURNED
THIS MANDATE ON THE SPECIAL GROUNDS
THAT MY RACE HAD REACHED THE PINNACLE
OF SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT. WE HAD NO WARS,
NO FAMINE, NO POVERTY OR DISEASE.



WE WERE A PERFECT SOCIETY
AND THEREFORE ALLEGEABLE
FOR INCLUSION IN THE ALLIANCE.
THIS WAS THE LIE THEY TOLD US
AND THEMSELVES.



I DISCOVERED
LATER, THAT THE REAL
REASON THE COUNCIL
HAD OVER-LOOKED
THEIR OWN PROTOCOLS
WAS THE VERY SAME
REASON THE FRENIN
HAD RAVAGED
MY WORLD.



ALCATRITE...
A RARE MINERAL
NECESSARY FOR THE
REFINEMENT OF THE
ELEMENT USED IN
YOUR POWER
CORES

...**MARIPOOR**
WAS LADEN WITH IT...
AND SO WHEN THE
ELDERS REJECTED
ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP,
THEY ALSO, INADVERTENTLY
REJECTED ANY TRADE
AGREEMENTS THAT COULD
HAVE BEEN MADE
BETWEEN THE COUNCIL
AND MY PEOPLE.



YOU'RE NOT SUGGESTING THAT THE COUNCIL SENT THE FRENIN TO YOUR WORLD.



PERHAPS NOT...BUT THE FRENIN HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE *ALCATRICE* ON MY WORLD, AT LEAST, NOT BEFORE THE COUNCIL CAME. WHEN THE FRENIN ATTACKED, EMISSARIES FROM MY WORLD MANAGED TO ESCAPE AND APPEARED BEFORE THE COUNCIL TO BEG THEM FOR HELP...

...BUT AS NONE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE, THEY WOULD HAVE TO DELIBERATE OVER WHETHER OR NOT TO GRANT THEIR REQUEST.



BY THE TIME THE CHOICE WAS MADE...IT WAS TOO LATE. THE FRENIN HAD ALREADY STRIPPED MY WORLD BARE...

...AND IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO REPRISALS FOR THEIR ACTIONS...THE FRENIN MOUNTED A PLANET-WIDE *GENOCIDE*.

IN THEIR GRIEF...THE EMISSARIES AND THE FEW REMAINING *GLIV'NORS*, NOW WITHOUT A HOME OR PEOPLE, FELT THEY HAD NO CHOICE

THE RESULT...*A MASS SUICIDE*...AND THAT WAS THAT.



OVER A DECADE LATER...*IYAN'GURA* TOOK ME TO *MARIPOOR* TO SEE WHAT WAS LEFT OF MY HOMESWORLD AND REVEAL THE COUNCIL'S FINAL BETRAYAL...

TO COVER UP THEIR EMBARRASSMENT OVER THE INCIDENT, *MARIPOOR* WAS QUARANTINED AND ALL RECORD OF THE TRAGEDY WAS EXPUNGED FROM GALACTIC RECORD.







**HAH!
WHAT DO YOU CARE
WHO DIES!!
THE QUEEN
OF BLADES
WAS NOTHING
MORE THAN
A MASTER
ASSASSIN FOR
YEARS!!!!**



**EVEN
THE SWORDS
ON YOUR BACK
WERE TAKEN
FROM THE
CORPSES OF
YOUR VICTIMS
!!**

RAFIKI: NAME OF AFRICAN ORIGIN MEANING "FRIEND".



RAFIKI...

EREBOS: ANKADIAN "EREBU" FOR SUNSET (HENCE: DARKNESS).



EREBOS...

ILMATAR: FINNISH UNISEX NAME MEANING "AIR".



ILMATAR...

GULBRAND: NORWEGIAN ORIGIN MEANING "GOD'S SWORD".



GULBRAND...



**...AND
SUTEKH**

**SUTEKH: NAME OF
EGYPTIAN ORIGIN
MEANING "SON OF
SEB AND NUT"
ALSO MEANS
"TO DAZZLE".**



HAH!
YOU WERE
THE MOST
RUTHLESS
ASSASSIN
I HAVE
EVER SEEN!
**COLD AND
UNFAILING!!!**

DO
YOU TRULY
EXPECT ME TO
BELIEVE THAT
AFTER ALL THE
BLOOD YOU
SPILLED WITH
THOSE WEAPONS
--

...THAT YOU
SUDDENLY
GIVE A DAMN
ABOUT THE
UNIVERSE..



PERHAPS...
YOU ARE
RIGHT
--

...BUT YOU
ARE WRONG
ABOUT ONE
THING...
I DID FAIL...
ONCE.

IS THIS
WHAT YOU WANT
CHILD... IS THIS WHY
IYAN'GUBA HAS
SENT YOU TO ME...
TO SEE IF YOU WERE
STRONG ENOUGH TO
TAKE MY SWORD
?



TAKE IT THEN!!
BUT KNOW THIS...
A LIFETIME DEALING
IN DEATH IS ONE
SPENT ALONE...
AND THAT WHICH
WE ALL SEEK SHALL
NEVER BE HOURS, BUT
PERHAPS NOW... I SHALL
KNOW DEATH.



AND
WHAT IS IT
YOU SEEK
KAYA?



REDEMPTION.





SUTEKH

...

RISE!

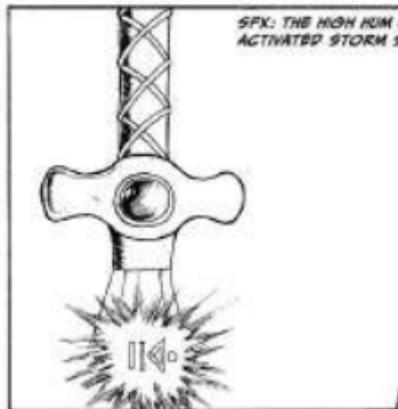
SPX: THE CRACKLE OF
ELECTRICITY*

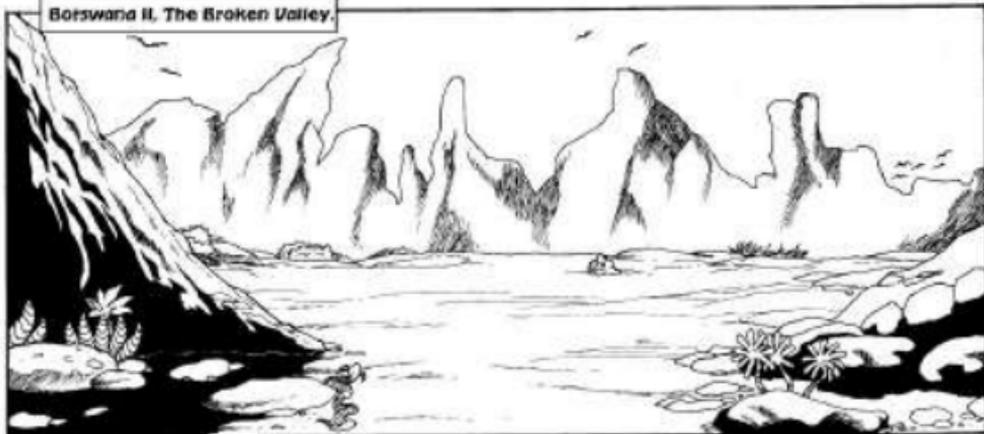
SPX: THE SOUND OF A BUILDING
LIGHTNING STORM!

SFX: THE SUDDEN AND ABRUPT SWIRL OF A TORNADO*



SFX: THE HIGH RIM OF AN ACTIVATED STORM SIGIL*







...IT SEEMS
SPLITTING UP
WASN'T SUCH
A BAD IDEA
AFTERALL.



SIGH.
IT APPEARS
CROWNAK'S
REPUTATION
WAS HIGHLY
EXAGGERATED.



HEH!



HE HAD NO
PROBLEM GIVING
YOU UP ONCE WE
RIPPED HIS MEN
TO PIECES...

AND HE
WAS MORE THAN
HAPPY TO LOAN
US SOME BIKES
SO WE COULD
CATCH UP WITH
YOU.



DON'T
TELL ME
YOU THOUGHT
THOSE DESERT
SCUMBAGS
WERE A MATCH
FOR US...





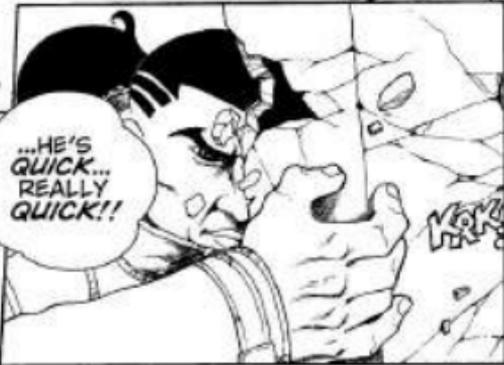
WHAT THE HELL!!!

KRAK!

I HARDLY HAD TIME TO BLOCK THAT ATTACK



SKRRRRRRRR



...HE'S QUICK... REALLY QUICK!!



HMMM...
I SEE YOU'RE
NOT WITHOUT
SOME SKILL

...BUT
YOU'LL NEED
MORE THAN
HONED
REFLEXES
TO DEFEAT ME.



HEH...
YOU'RE
QUICK...
I'LL GIVE
YOU THAT.

KOK

KOK



I'M JUST
GLAD I FINALLY
FOUND A GOOD
ENOUGH REASON
TO USE
THIS.

KRAK

KO

KRX

SFX: THE CRUMBLING SOUND
OF BREAKING WOOD!



!

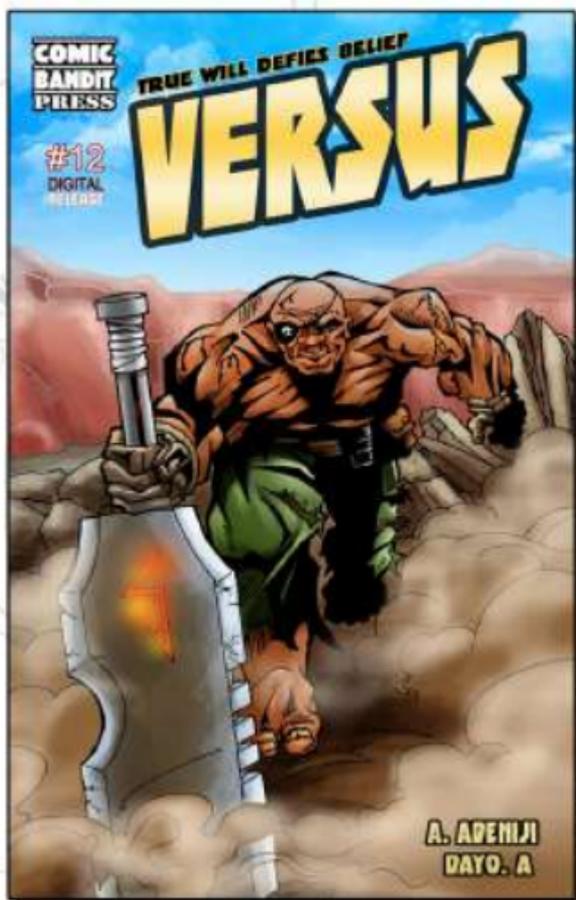
THAT
SWORD...

**ISKINDER!!
THE NEMESIS
BLADE!!!**



*ISKINDER: EGYPTIAN VERSION OF
GREEK ALEXANDER MEANING
"DEFENDER OF MANKIND".*

TO BE CONTINUED...



**EVERY MONTH FIRST @
WWW.COMICBANDIT.COM**

SIGIL SWORDS



TIME



SOUND



MOON



FORCE



ICE



LIGHT

The Sigils/Runes/Symbols on Sigil Swords are taking from the Ranghoul race's ancient language. Each symbol represents the embodiment of a fundamental law or element and grants the User of the weapons access to a pre-programmed manipulation of the element in question. The Swords themselves aren't magical, but a highly evolved form of technology. Technologically created conduits for a Saints massive psychic energy, programmed to replicate the synaptic process a Saint would otherwise have to learn through training or natural processes. Normally a Soul Saint would have to be taught specifically to control one or the other of these elements or would naturally attune themselves to one (or sometimes more) of these elements in question, often due to the nature of their environment. In other words, a Sigil Sword/Weapon does the brainwork for the Soul Saint and gives him/her access to fundamental or elemental forces they would otherwise spend a lifetime trying to master. This highly advanced synaptic replication has caused the Sigil blades to develop a sort of sentient intelligence of their own, as they record and mimic the brainwaves of their various Users. It has often happened, where Sigil Blades choose their Masters rather than just being giving to a Soul Saint. However, even with this, a Soul Saint/Deathly Saint, can often force or bend the blade to their will, if they know how.

The Power level of the symbols on a Sigil blade is determinant on the arrangement of the Sigils on the flat of the blade (as well as the power of the User). With the symbol close to the hilt being the weakest and the one at the top, towards the point of the blade being the strongest. The range and power of the elements the Sigils are able to access are also determinant on this arrangement. For instance, a Sigil sword with a "Force Sigil" at the top of the blade would be able to summon far more powerful attacks and a wider range of techniques, than one with the "Force Sigil" at the hilt. Also, the way a Sigil User combines the abilities of the symbols is also limited by this hierarchy. The position of the sigils on the blade also indicate the level or amount of Will a Soul Saint would have to muster to activate them, the least tasking of which being the weakest symbol at the hilt and the symbol above it, going up to the tip of blade, requiring the most psychic energy to activate. In order to activate the sigils, most Saints use "keywords" or "Mantras". In truth, these Mantras aren't really necessary, activating the symbols has nothing to do with the spoken word, but is initially used to train Saints through the mental process of unlocking the power of the Sigils.

Most Sigil Swords have three to two symbols. There are, however, Sigil weapons with only one symbol. These are often amongst the rarest Sigil Blades, due mostly to the great difficulty it took for the Ranghoul Sigil Masters to craft a single symbol weapon of any real worth or power. However, single sigil weapons are amongst the most powerful of the Sigil weapons, with legendary blades like Sutekh, Isla, Mongo and Shani, to name a few. It is also said that the most powerful Sigil weapon in history was also a single sigil weapon. Its ability was so feared, even by the Sigil Masters, that all record of its name was expunged from the Ranghoul archives.

It is also important to note that no civilization has ever been able to successfully replicate the technology of the Sigil Blades. Only the Order of Priests on a planet known as Brail ever came close.

"...and much to our combined dread he called out the name of his sword and then his opponent...and his enemy was no more."

-ISHAK, SIGIL MASTER OF THE RANGHOUL.

