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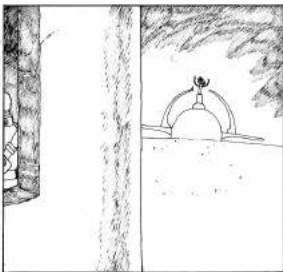
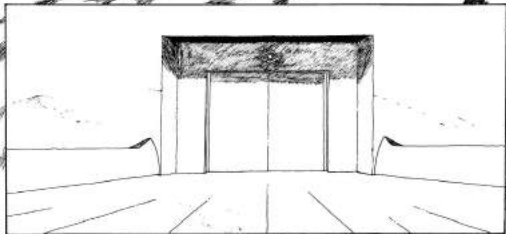
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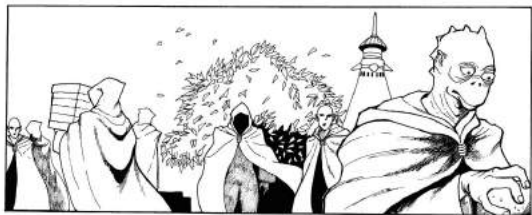
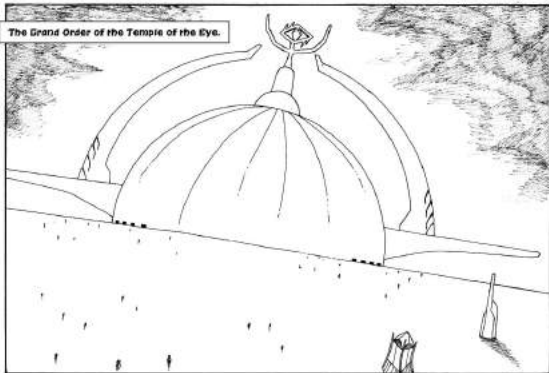
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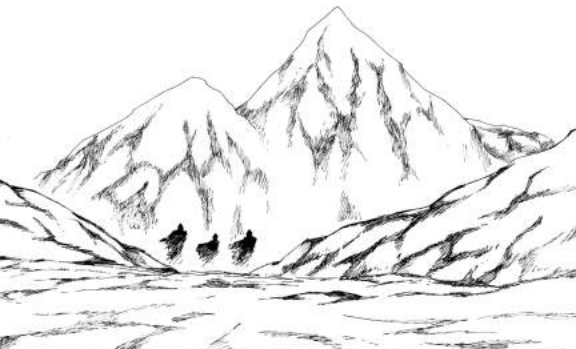
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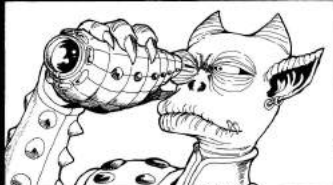
The Grand Order of the Temple of the Eye.



SFX: THE DISTANT WHIRRING OF A
MECHANICAL ENGINE*

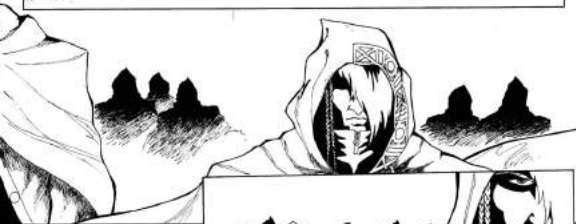
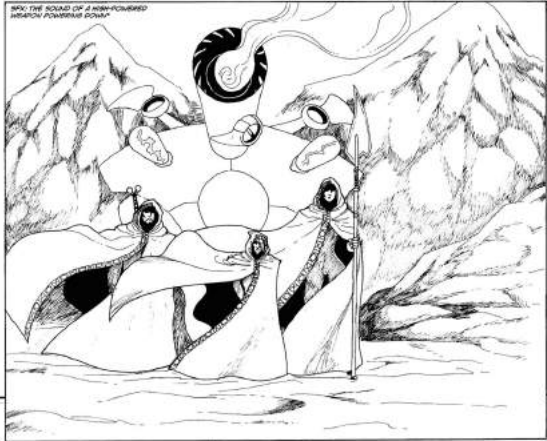




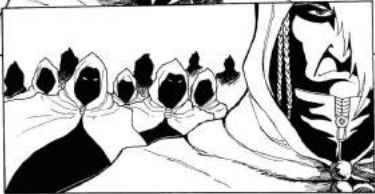




SFX: THE SOUND OF A HIGH-POWERED
WEAPON POWERING DOWN*



SFX: MULTIPLE
FOOTSTEPS
IN THE SAND*

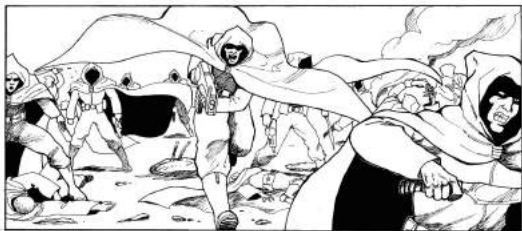


SFX: THE SOUND OF MULTIPLE FOOTFALLS
RUNNING THROUGH THE SNOW*



WOLFE BATTLE WITH REBELS FIVE AND
SEVEN

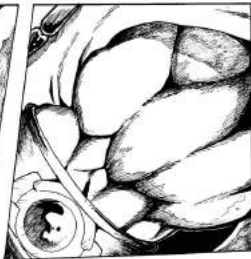
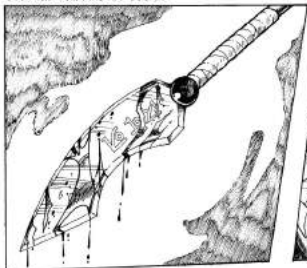






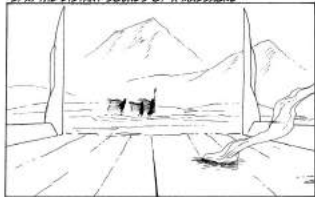
SFX: THE FORCEFUL SOUND OF FLESH BEING RENDERED*











...IT APPEARS THE MONKS HAVE
A READER IN THEIR MIDST.



AND A
DEATHLY
SAINT
NO LESS.



AS
YAN'GURA
SUSPECTED
ALL ALONG
NO DOUBT.



PERHAPS
BERHANE...



BERHANE: NAME OF AFRICAN ORIGIN MEANING "LIGHT".



DAMBUDZO: NAME OF AFRICAN ORIGIN MEANING "ADVERSITY".

SFX: THE WIND WHISTLING THROUGH THE VALLEY*





WHOEVER
YOU ARE...
LEAVE NOW
AND YOU MAY
YET ESCAPE
THIS PLACE
WITH YOUR
LIFE!!

REMAIN
AND YOUR
END IS
ALL BUT
ASSURED
!



I SEE...
YOU ARE A
READER LIKE
ME...



RRRAARR
RGHHHHH-
HHHH!!



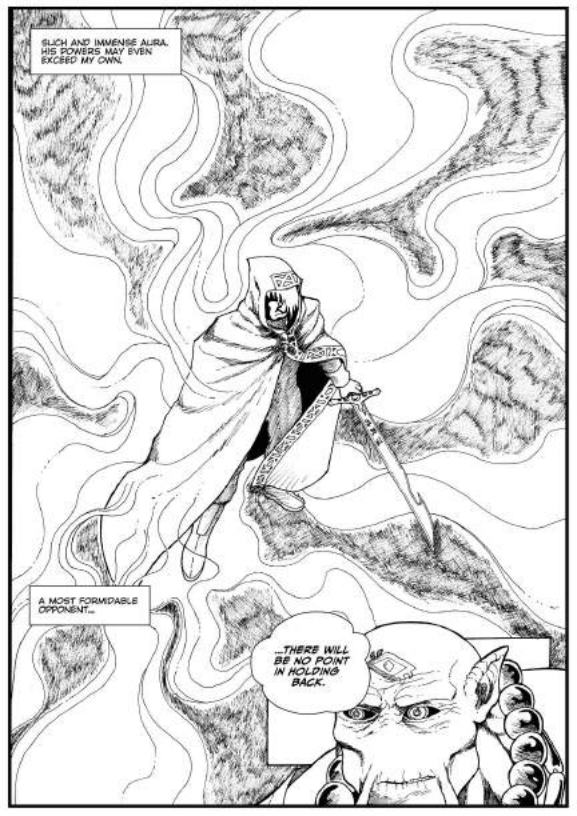
KLANG!!





CONCENTRATES TO SEE WITH THE EYES OF A READER*

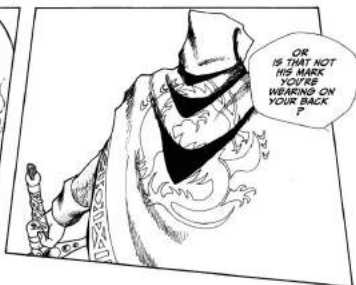




SUCH AND IMMENSE AURA.
HIS POWERS MAY EVEN
EXCEED MY OWN.

A MOST FORMIDABLE
OPPONENT...

...THERE WILL
BE NO POINT
IN HOLDING
BACK.





NOTHING
TO SAY...
?

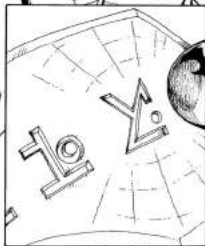
VERY WELL...
LET US
BEGIN.

I AM
THE GUARDIAN
OF THE
EYE...

...THIS
WEAPON IS
WACHIRU.

TOGETHER
WE HAVE
DEFENDED
THESE WALLS
FOR MORE
DECADES THAN
I CARE TO
REMEMBER...

...WE ARE
AS MUCH A
PART OF EACH
OTHER AS THE
RUNE SIGILS
ETCHED INTO
THE FLAT OF
IT'S BLADE.



PREPARE
YOURSELF
!!

SFX: THE SOUND
OF THE FIRST
SIGIL ACTIVATING.*





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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, Ista, 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.