

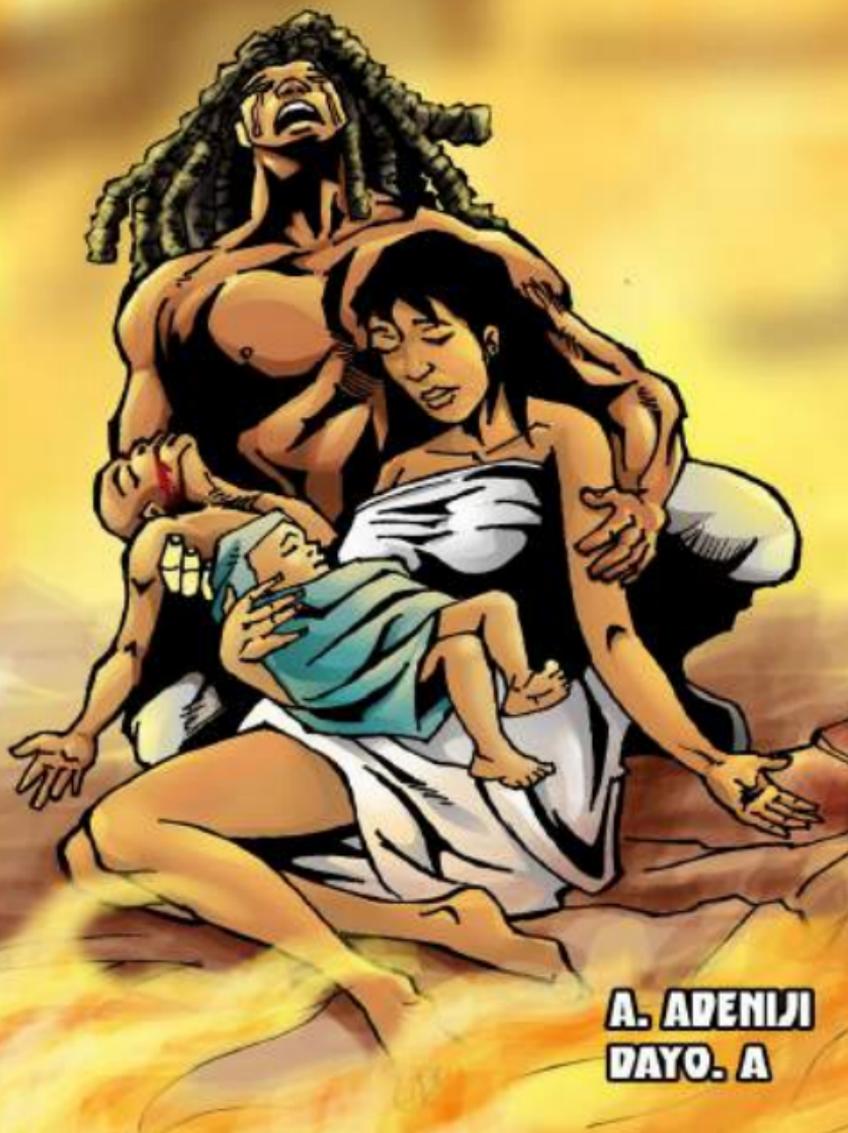
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SOMEWHERE ON THE EDGE OF A GALAXY...





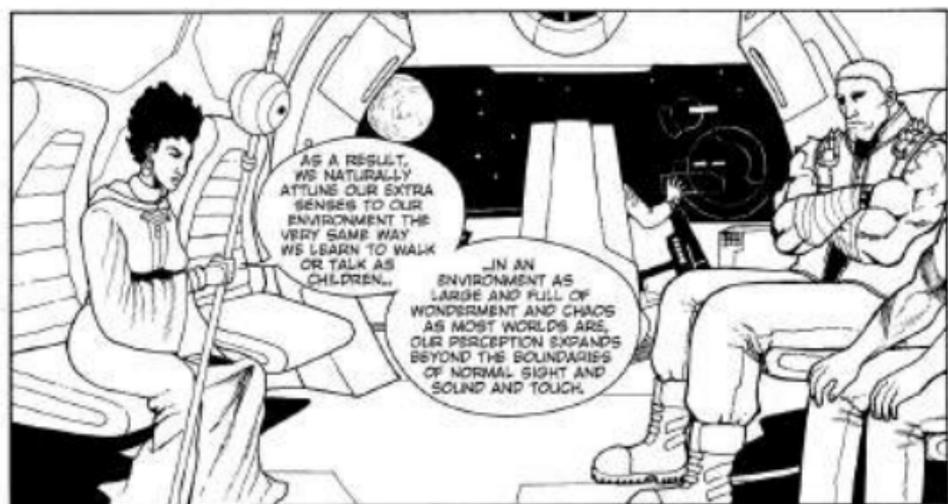


THOUGH,
I OFTEN FORGET
THAT I HAVE
NO REAL
CHILDREN OF
MY OWN.

...IRONIC
NOP

CLOSE
YOUR MOUTH
KID OR YOU
REALLY MIGHT
SWALLOW A
BUG.





IMAGINE, IF YOU WILL KID, THAT YOUR BODY HAD THIS INVISIBLE FIELD OF ENERGY AROUND IT, LIKE A BUBBLE OF SORTS...



AND OVER TIME THIS BUBBLE HAS GOTTEN SO BIG, IT'S LIKE A HOUSE.



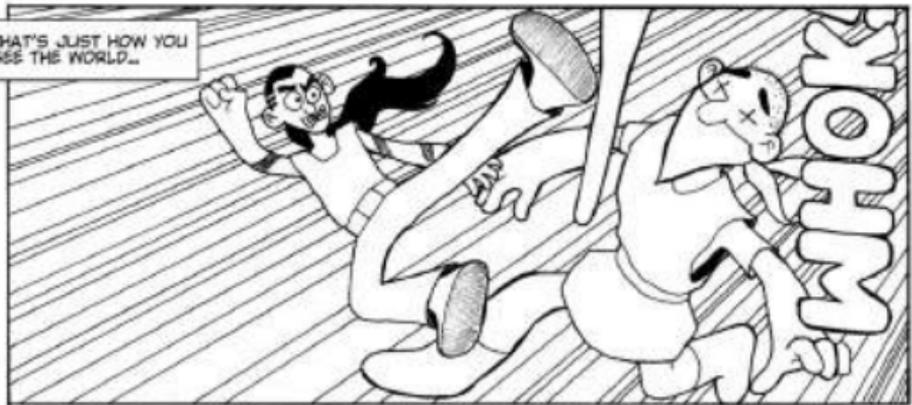
A HOUSE YOU TAKE EVERYWHERE WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES, AND EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE NEVER SEEN THAT BUBBLE, OR PROBABLY NOT EVEN AWARE IT WAS EVER THERE...



FOR AS LONG AS YOU CAN REMEMBER, IF SOMETHING OR SOMEONE ENTERED THAT BUBBLE, YOU'D FEEL IT, YOU'D JUST KNOW IT WAS THERE.



THAT'S JUST HOW YOU SEE THE WORLD...





A FEW MOMENTS LATER..

CLOSE YOUR EYES
AND CONCENTRATE ON
THE SOUND OF
MY VOICE.

YOU'VE
NEVER HAD TO
CONTROL YOUR
AURA, SO YOU NEVER
LEARN'T TO.

YOU CAN'T
REALLY RESTRICT
THE SIZE OF YOUR
AURA, BUT YOU
CAN LIMIT THE EFFECT
IT HAS ON YOU.

YOU MUST FEEL
THE FULL RANGE
OF YOUR SENSES..
LEARN ITS LIMITS
AND DRAW IT INTO
YOUR CENTER.

MASTERING
THIS, WILL GRANT
YOU THE FOCUS TO
CONTROL WHAT
YOU FEEL AND HOW
IT MAKES YOU
FEEL...

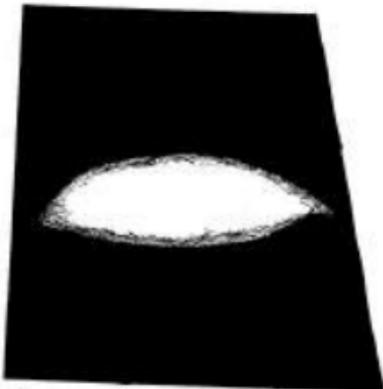
...BUT IT
WILL TAKE
TIME.



JABARI..



JABARI!!!



ALERT

JABARI!!
WAKE UP
YOU FOOL
!!!!

WUAHHHH-
HHHHH!!!!



HOLD UNTO
SOMETHING!!
THE SHIPS
GOING TO
CRASH!!!

SEVERAL LIGHTYEARS AWAY...



YOU'VE
GONE THROUGH
CONSIDERABLE
TROUBLE TO
FIND ME...

I WONDER
...



...WHAT
BUSINESS COULD
I POSSIBLY STILL
HAVE WITH THE
ALIGHST
PRESTS...

...OR
HAVE YOU
COME TO SAVE
WHAT'S LEFT
OF MY SOUL?



IN
A WAY
PERHAPS.



REALLY...
?

PLEASE,
ENLIGHTEN
ME.



AND
WHAT DOES
A MEMBER OF
THE ALIGHSTAN
ORDER KNOW OF
THE SHADOWS...
?

YOU'RE
A MAN WITH
CONSIDERABLE
RESOURCES
JIFUNZA...

...AND YOUR
REPUTATION
AMONGST THE
SHADOWS IS
WELL KNOWN
TO ME.



JIFUNZA: AFRICAN SWAHILI MEANS 'TO TEACH ONE'S SELF'.



A WISE MAN ONCE SAID...
"THAT IN ORDER TO SERVE THE LIGHT ONE MUST FIRST UNDERSTAND THE DARK".



HAHAHAHAHA
HAHAHAHAHA
HAHAHA...
!!!

...SO,
YOU KNOW
MORE ABOUT
ME THAN I DO
ABOUT YOU..



...A RARE HAPPENSTANCE.

I WAS A DIFFERENT MAN THEN, AND I'VE SINCE COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT IN THIS UNIVERSE THERE IS ONLY DARKNESS.

BUT I MUST ADMIT THAT YOU HAVE PIGLED MY CURIOSITY

...WHAT IS IT YOU WISH OF ME PRIEST?



INFORMATION



ABOUT...
P



I'M SURE YOU ALREADY KNOW.

PERHAPS I DO..

...BUT THE PENTACLES ARE A DANGEROUS LOT AND I AM NOT IN THE HABIT OF MAKING ENEMIES OF WELL FLUNDED FANATICS. AT LEAST, NOT WITHOUT GOOD REASON.







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THE SHADOWS

The SHADOWS...are a race of beings who have become the Kings of the Galactic Underworld.

The Homeworld of the Shadows is considered to be uninhabitable, at least, by any other species, but their own. With nothing to trade with the outside world and finding themselves on the brink of universal alienation, their kind turned to using their ability to pass through dimensional rifts to secure a foothold as the leading smugglers and spies of the Galaxy.

The term "Beware of Shadows", speaks directly to the notorious reputation of their race as illegal traders of information. It is also worthy of note, that no living person in recent history has ever seen a Shadow, save perhaps for the heralds and middle-men they often employ out of the numerous races of the Galaxy.



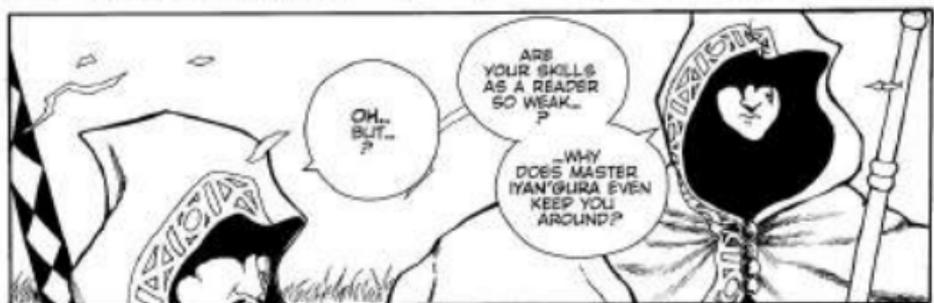
JIFUNZA OF THE SHADOWS

The man known simply as Jifunza, is said to have once been a member of the August Priests and a devout and humble follower of the August Idyll. But after his family was murdered on his homeworld of Hyboria, he renounced his fealty to the Order and took to the stars.

It is believed that he became an Agent of the Shadows for the sole purpose of using their vast information network in tracking down the man responsible for the deaths of his wife and child.

Planer Cesk, The Wild Lands.







SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE OF
THE WILD LANDS FORESTS...



THO



KAYIN
REPORT
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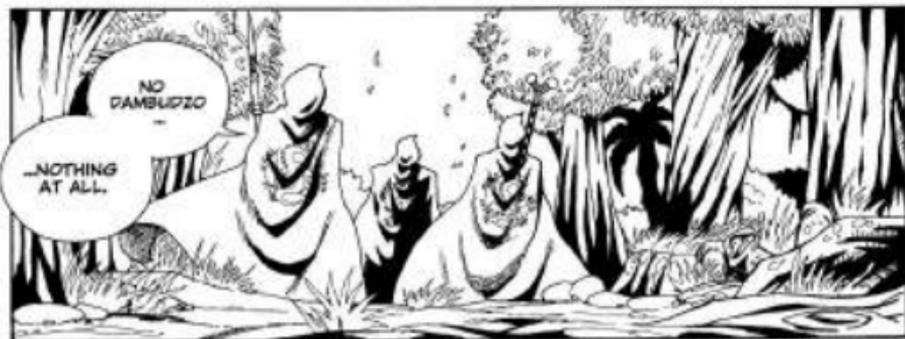


SEEMS
LIKE THEY'RE
STILL HEADED TO
THAT ABANDONED
VILLAGE JUST
LIP AHEAD...



HEHEH
DON'T THINK
THEY KNOW
WE'RE HERE
YET.





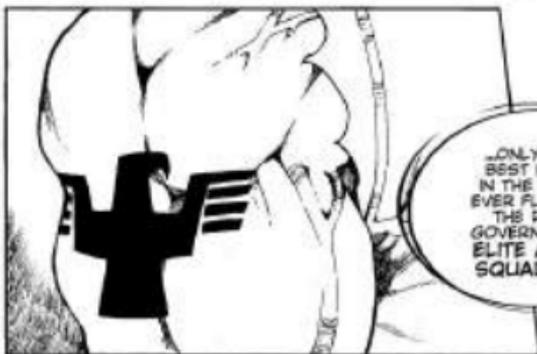
KAYA: NAME OF AFRICAN ORIGIN MEANING
"STAY AND DON'T GO BACK".

SOMEWHERE ON A PLANET FAR, FAR AWAY...



SFX: SOUND OF SOMEONE TINKERING WITH AN ENGINE*

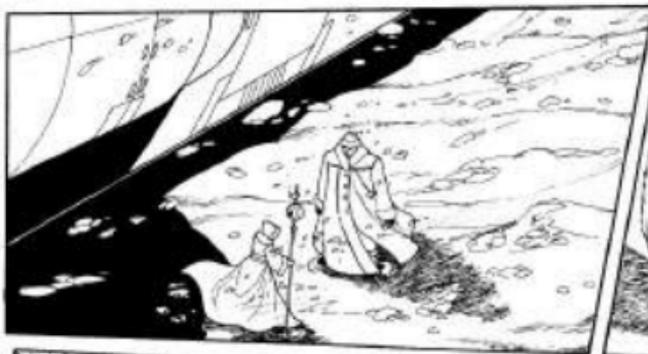














I THINK
WE MANAGED
TO PUT
SOMETHING
PRETTY GOOD
TOGETHER...

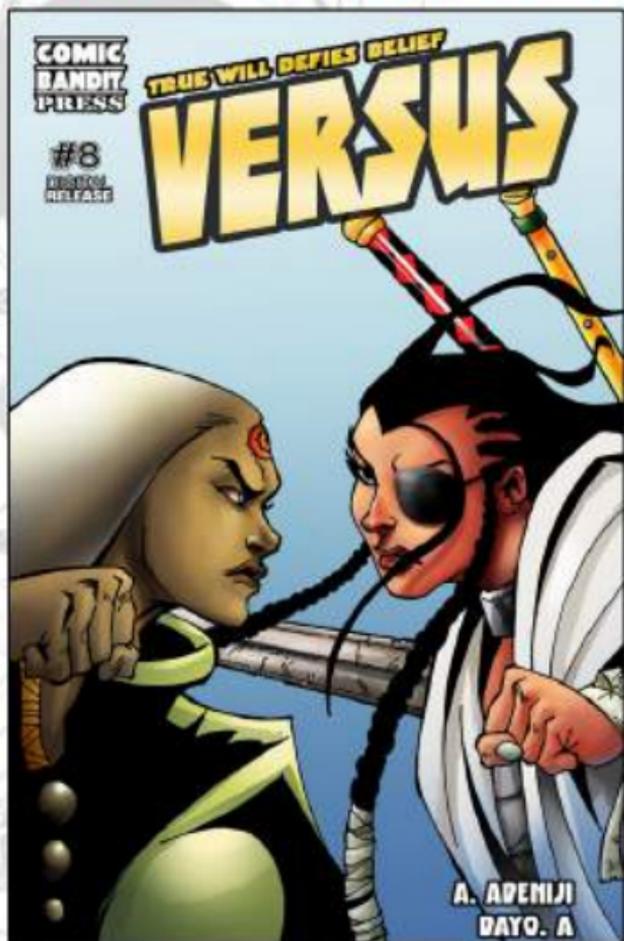
...AND THE
THERMO-FIBRES
SHOULD KEEP YOU
GOOD NO MATTER
WHAT THE
WEATHER'S LIKE.

AND
TOBI SAYS IT'S
SELF-REPAIRING
TOO.



NOT
TOO
SHABBY
KID.

TO BE CONTINUED...



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SIGIL SWORDS

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.



TIME



SOUND



MOON



FORCE



ICE



LIGHT