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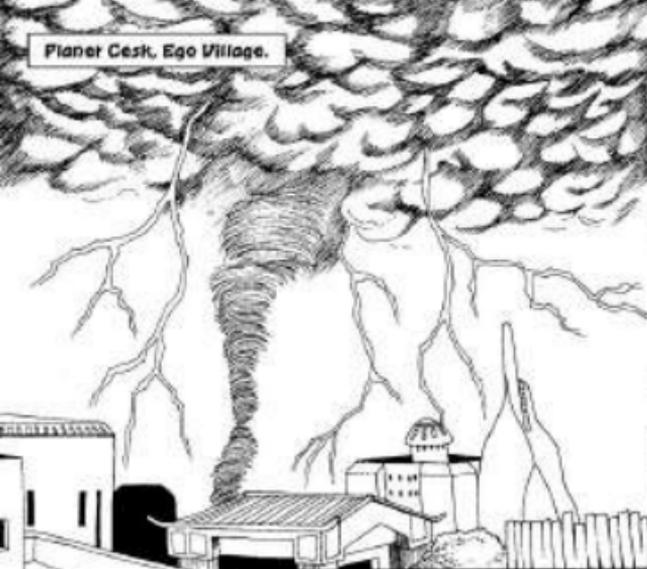
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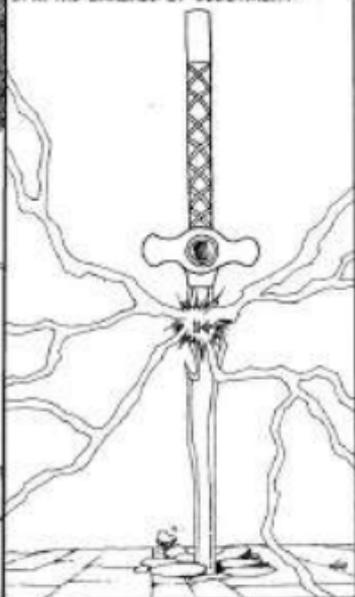


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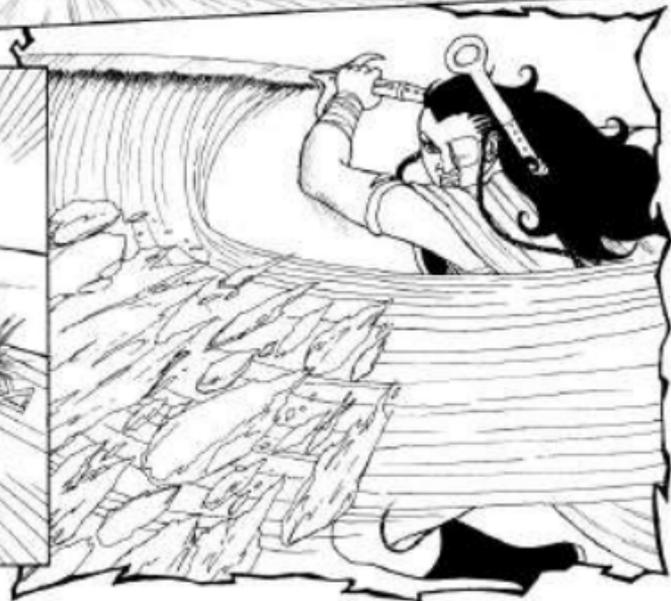
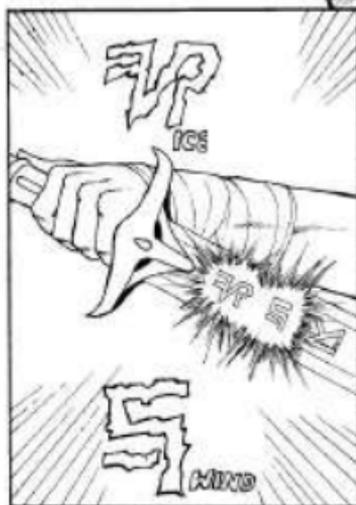
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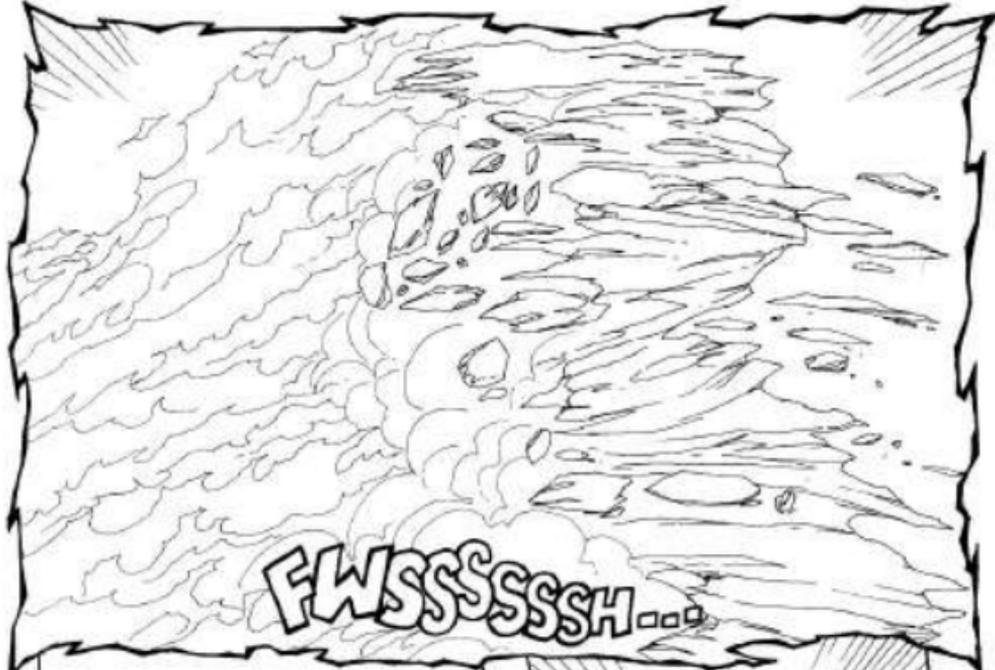


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FWSSSSSH...



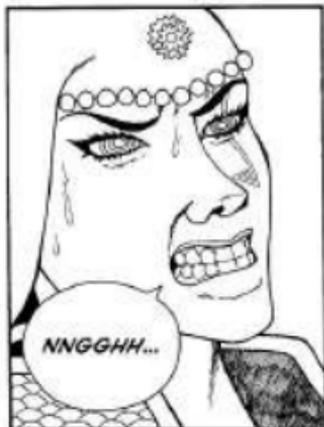
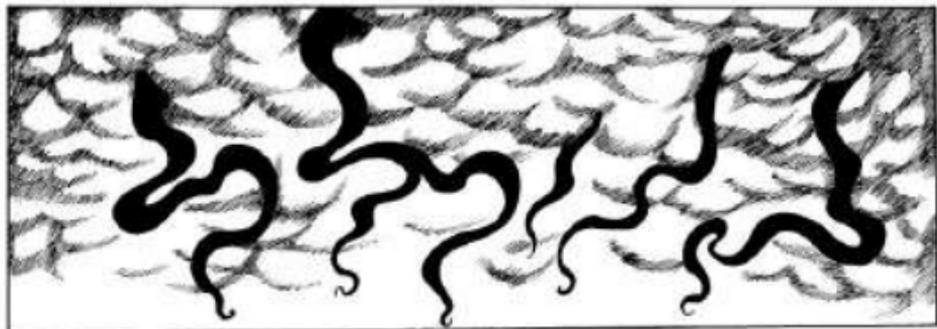
SFX: THE SOUND OF THE TWO SUBS ACTIVATING AT ONCE\*



MOON SHADOW!

MOON

DARKNESS



HONDO...

...RELEASE !!





YOU  
TRULY HAVE  
BECOME  
STRONGER  
...

...AND  
CLEVER  
TOO...

...USING  
THE LIGHT FROM  
WONDO'S FIRE  
TO DISPEL MY  
MOONSHADOW  
BUT NOT THE  
FIRE ITSELF  
...

...LIGHT  
OVERWHELMING  
DARKNESS.



AND YOU  
ARE JUST AS  
DEADLY AS  
EVER  
...

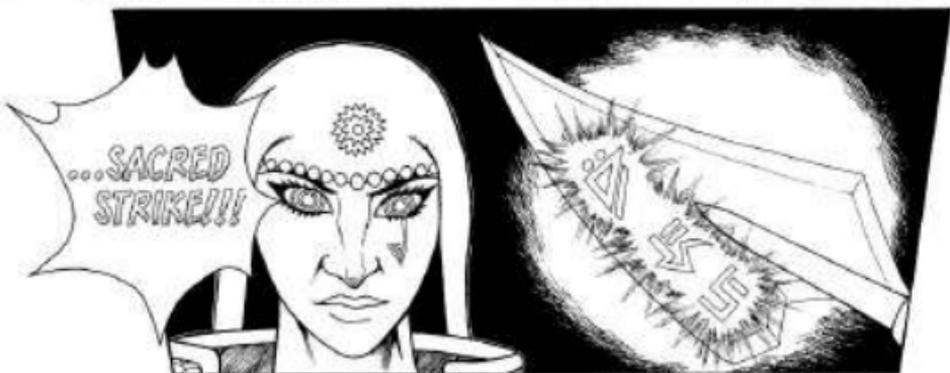
*IYAN'GURA*  
ALWAYS SAYS...  
THAT THE TRUE  
SKILL OF A  
DEATHLY SAINT  
IS NOT IN THE  
LEVEL OF THEIR  
POWER...

...BUT IN  
HOW WELL  
THEY COMBINE  
THE SIGILS ON  
THEIR SWORDS.



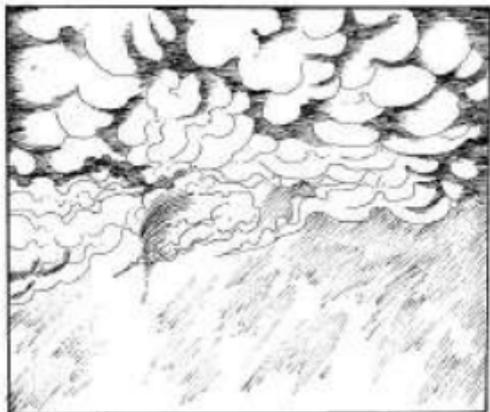
END  
THIS NOW  
*BERHANE*...  
I HAVE NO  
WISH TO TAKE  
YOUR LIFE...  
?

**HAHAHA!**  
DON'T MAKE ME  
LAUGH... I RESPECT  
YOUR SKILL...  
BUT THAT DOES  
NOT MEAN YOU  
ARE MY SUPERIOR  
...



SPX: THE HALVED CHISEL OF ALL THREE ACTIVATED SIGN SYMBOLS\*

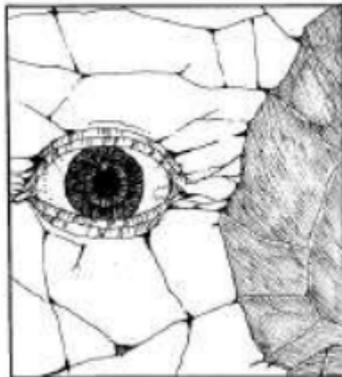
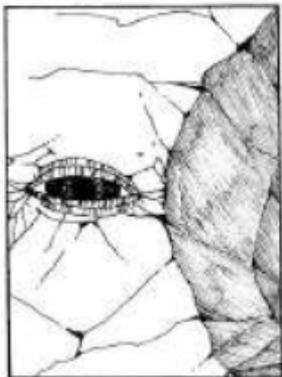
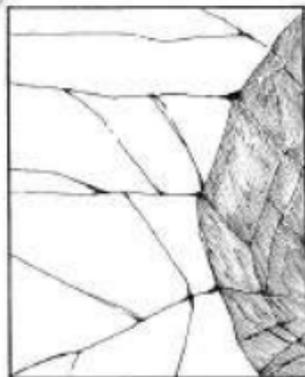
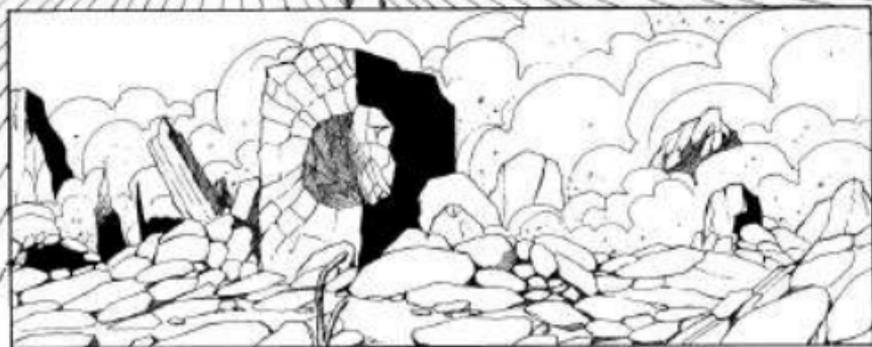




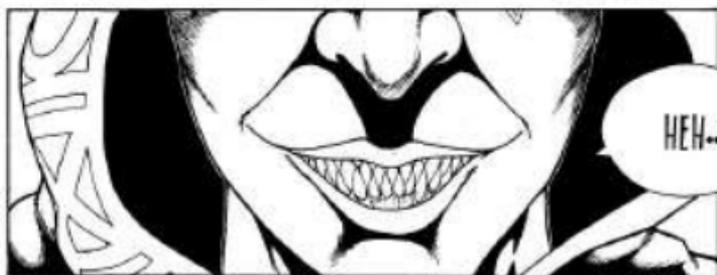
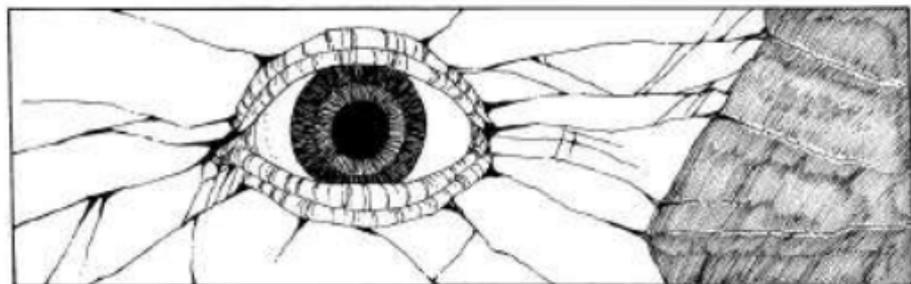


STRAIGHT  
FROM THE  
HEAVENS!!!

...SPEAR OF  
ENDERS!!!



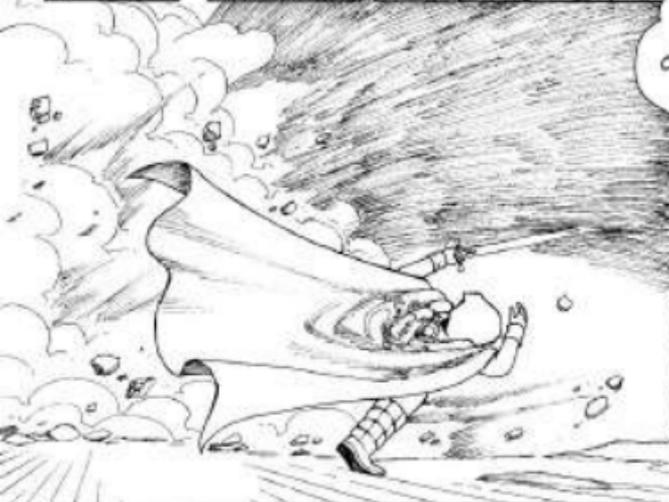
AT A UNKNOWN LOCATION ON CESA..



ELSEWHERE ON CESA...



WHAT  
KIND OF  
CREATURE IS  
THIS...?



THEY ARE  
CALLED THE  
**SHARDRIN**

*DONT*  
WORRY,  
I'M NOT A  
MIND-READER.



I SEE...  
CREATURES  
MADE OF  
TANGIBLE  
ENERGY.

LIVING  
ENERGY  
IN SOLID  
FORM.





SINGITA: SOUTH AFRICAN ORIGIN OF THE SHANGAAN LANGUAGE MEANING "PLACE OF MIRACLES".



...BUT  
THIS IS  
**SHIRAKU'S**  
TRUE FORM.

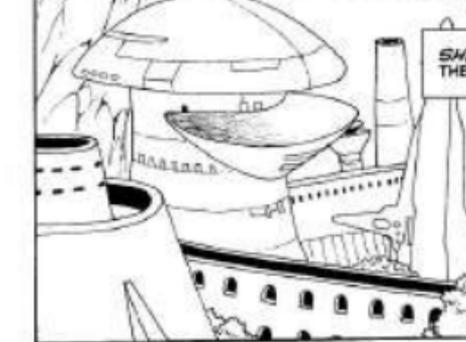


THE PEOPLE  
OF MY WORLD  
HAVE LEARNED  
TO TAME THE  
**SHARDRIN**

...TOGETHER  
WE DEFEND OUR  
WORLD AGAINST  
OUR ENEMIES.



BUT EVEN AMONGST THE  
NUMEROUS SPECIES IN THE  
JUNGLES OF **SINGITA**...



**SHIRAKU'S BREED...**  
THE **ZI-BEAST**, IS KING.



**SSSN-GRRWL**



...AND I AM THE ONLY ONE TO EVER TAME A **KING SHARDRIN!**



HEH... SO YOU'RE JUST GOING TO STAY UP THERE AND LET YOUR PET DO ALL YOUR FIGHTING FOR YOU.



...BUT THEN I GUESS WE ALL HAVE OUR WEAPONS.



SHIRAKU  
ISN'T SOME  
WEAPON  
YOU JERK!!  
HE'S MY  
FRIEND!!!



I SEE...

...STILL  
YOU LEAVE  
ME NO  
CHOICE.



TIME IS  
A LUXURY  
I CANNOT  
AFFORD  
...

...AND I  
BELIEVE I  
HAVE WASTED  
ENOUGH ON  
THIS BATTLE.

IT HAS  
BEEN SOME  
TIME SINCE  
I HAVE HAD  
TO ACTIVATE  
SADAKA'S  
THIRD SIGIL.



SADAKA...



...  
SACRED  
STRIKE!!!

**BRAGG**



**VS**

**ULTRA  
KIMERA**



HIS NAME IS LIEUTENANT  
J.T. BRANEGAN...

**KROOM!**

...ONCE UPON A TIME, HE  
WAS A SOLDIER IN THE  
SPECIAL FORCES ARM OF  
THE RIMM GOVERNMENT  
ARMY CORPS KNOWN AS  
THE ZEROS.

BUT THAT WAS A LONG  
TIME AGO.

**THE BUTCHER OF  
WORLDS...**

THESE DAYS, THEY  
CALL HIM BRAGG...

**THE WORLD CLEAVER...**  
A NAME HE MORE THAN  
EARNED WHILE FIGHTING  
FOR THE GOVERNMENT  
WHICH WOULD ONE DAY  
COME TO IMPRISON HIM.

**CRACK**

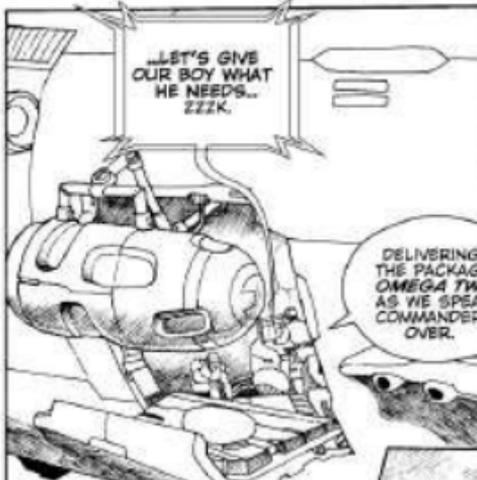
THAT BEING SAID...

AFTER ALL...

IT'S BEEN SOMETIME SINCE  
J.T. BRAGO ENJOYED A  
GOOD FIGHT...

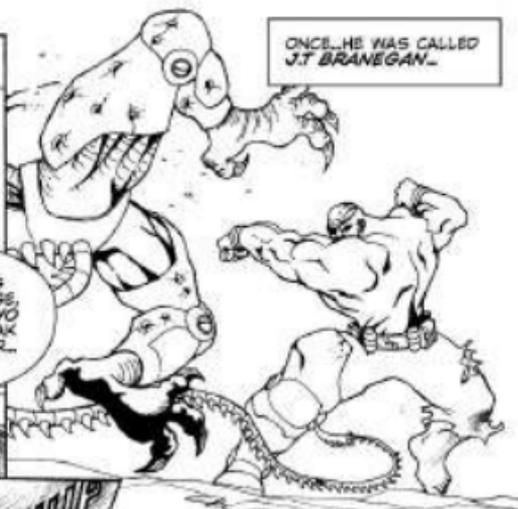
...THERE AREN'T MANY  
THINGS AROUND THAT  
CAN GIVE HIM ONE.





...LET'S GIVE  
OUR BOY WHAT  
HE NEEDS...  
ZZZK.

DELIVERING  
THE PACKAGE,  
OMEGA TWO  
AS WE SPEAK  
COMMANDER...  
OVER.



ONCE...HE WAS CALLED  
J.T. BRANEGAN...



...DUE TO HIS SOME WHAT  
QUIET DEMEANOR, EVEN  
INSPIRE OF HIS AWESOME  
PHYSICAL PROWESS...



...HE WOULD BE GIVING  
THE IRONIC NICKNAME OF  
"BRAGG", BY THE ONLY  
MAN HE EVER TRUSTED.

YES...IT HAS BEEN AGES  
SINCE THE LIEUTENANT  
HAD A GOOD FIGHT...



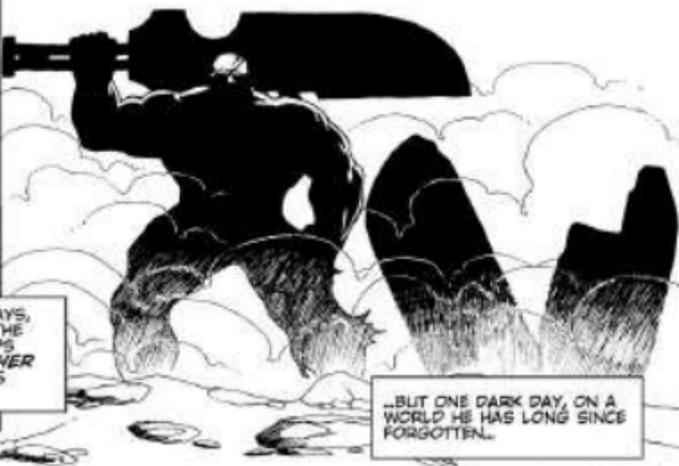
BUT EVEN HE KNOWS  
THAT ANY FIGHT WORTH  
FIGHTING...

**THOOM**

...IS ONE WORTH  
WINNING.



BACK IN HIS ARMY DAYS,  
HE WAS KNOWN AS THE  
ONE MAN ARMY CORPS  
DUBBED "THE BUTCHER  
OF WORLDS" BY HIS  
PEERS.



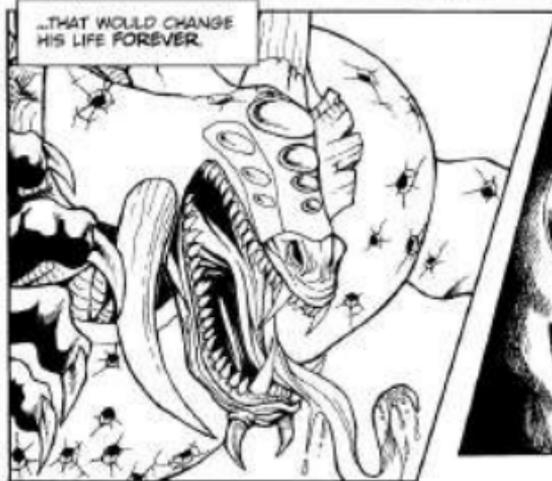
...BUT ONE DARK DAY, ON A  
WORLD HE HAS LONG SINCE  
FORGOTTEN...



HE WOULD COME ACROSS  
SOMETHING UNEXPECTED...



...SOMETHING QUITE  
REMARKABLE.



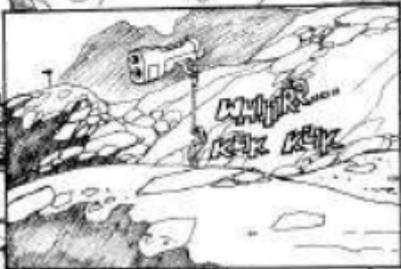
...THAT WOULD CHANGE  
HIS LIFE FOREVER.



AND ON THAT DAY,  
THE BUTCHER OF  
WORLDS BECAME  
KNOWN AS...



...BRAGG  
"THE WORLD  
CLEAVER."



SOMEWHERE, AT AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION...

MOST  
INTRIGUING.

I GUESS  
I SHOULD BE  
FLATTERED...

...THE RIMM  
GOVERNMENT  
OBVIOUSLY CONSIDER  
ME ENOUGH OF A  
THREAT TO LET THE  
BUTCHER OF WORLDS  
OUT OF HIS  
CAGE.

AND  
THOUGH  
IT APPEARS  
HE LACKS THE  
REQUISITE  
SKILL TO LITILIZE  
HIS IMMENSE  
POWER...

...HE  
MAY STILL  
PROVE TO BE  
ENOUGH OF  
A CHALLENGE  
...

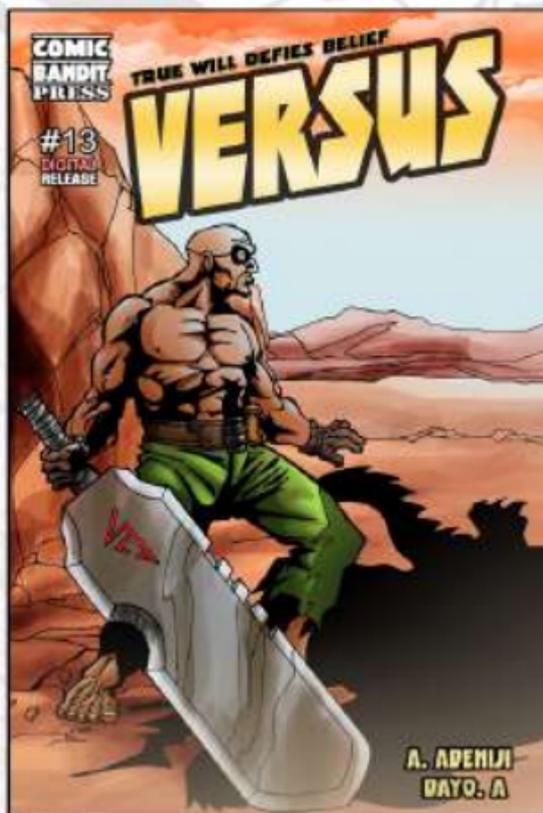
...EVEN  
FOR YOU  
...

MAHARI: NAME OF AFRICAN  
ORIGIN MEANING "FORGIVER".



**MAHARI**  
...THE  
UNFORGIVER.

**TO BE CONTINUED...**



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# ULTRA KIMERA

The ULTRA KIMERA was created by Pentacle scientists and left on a planet known as Gruul, as a trap for the Rimm Alliance forces, who had been sent after the Pentacles and former Alliance hero Iyan'gura. By using high-alloy armoring and cybernetic enhancements to increase its already formidable power, the "Ultra Kimera" is a highly efficient killing machine, knowing no remorse or regret.

The Kimera...one of the most feared and revered creatures in the known universe. It is believed that there is a Kimera on every habitable planet in the known Galaxies; a fact which has often led to the Kimera, being worshipped as gods. These ancient and primal beings are made even more mysterious by the somewhat unusual fact, that no two Kimera are alike in appearance or form. Only by studying their D.N.A and the tragic event known as the "Cleansing" has the relation between the Kimeras been established. However, while all Kimeras share a large part of their genetic structure in common, their highly adaptable bodies have often mimicked traits from the indigenous life of the planets they have come to inhabit. However, it has been common knowledge for eons that the Kimera did in fact possess a highly functional intellect and the innate ability to communicate with each other and other sentient life forms, through a crude form of telepathy.

Not much is known about where the Kimera originally came from, and for centuries academic scholars from all over the Galaxies argued that these creatures- in spite of their presence on most of the known inhabited worlds- couldn't possibly be of the same specie, citing the fact that the Kimera- possessing no technology of their own- had no feasible way of traversing through space. But then, came the Cleansing.

## "THE CLEANSING"

The tragic tale of the Cleansing began with two races, known as the Prudd and the Kalah'Sar. For centuries the Prudd and the Kalah'Sar had been mortal enemies. Locked in decades of war and bloodshed, all attempts to find a peaceful resolution to the conflict had only resulted in escalating their hatred for each other. At the height of the conflict, the Kalah'Sar developed a new weapon, one which would not only destroy their enemies, but the Prudd homeworld as well. After the destruction of the Prudd planet, the Kalah'Sar Armada made the long journey home, victorious and rejoicing in the demise of their long time foes. But they had made one fatal mistake. They had destroyed a planet, that a Kimera called home.

In the abysmal emptiness of space, the Kalah'Sar Armada suddenly found itself surrounded by hundreds of thousands of Kimera spawn, and much to their terror, the seven Arch-Kimeras. With the Kalah'Sar Armada besieged and ripped to shreds, the Kimera would continue their vendetta. For once the Kimera had identified their enemy; there was no place they could not find them. The great Cities and Colonies of the Kalah'Sar fell within hours, its people wiped from the very face of the universe. A harrowing tale for all who understood, that the Kimera did not attack the Kala'Sar simply because they killed one of their own, but rather, because they had done the unforgivable...they had destroyed a planet.

"The Cleansing" would become a cautionary tale for any who sought to destroy the habitable planets of the universe and confirmation that the Kimera could indeed traverse the great expanse of space, but not with technology- as most space-faring races of the universe did- but by an innate ability to open inter-dimensional portals.

# 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.