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CHILDREN OF THE ARCH

In our reality there are worlds that exist within worlds, spirit realms running parallel to our human existence, yearning to cross over the void, so close, yet so far. The Students of PPA secondary school are not your ordinary students they are ARCHS. Children born with powerful dark Alkebulan spirits within them known as ROHO, these spirit beast are fighting to escape their mortal shells to consume all of humanity.

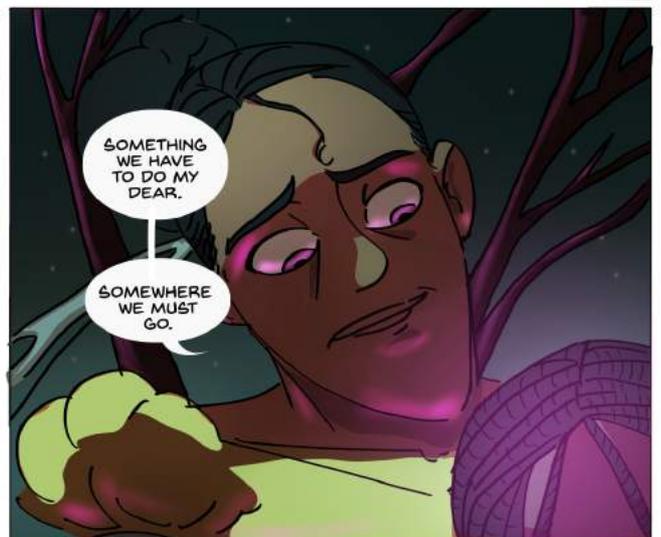
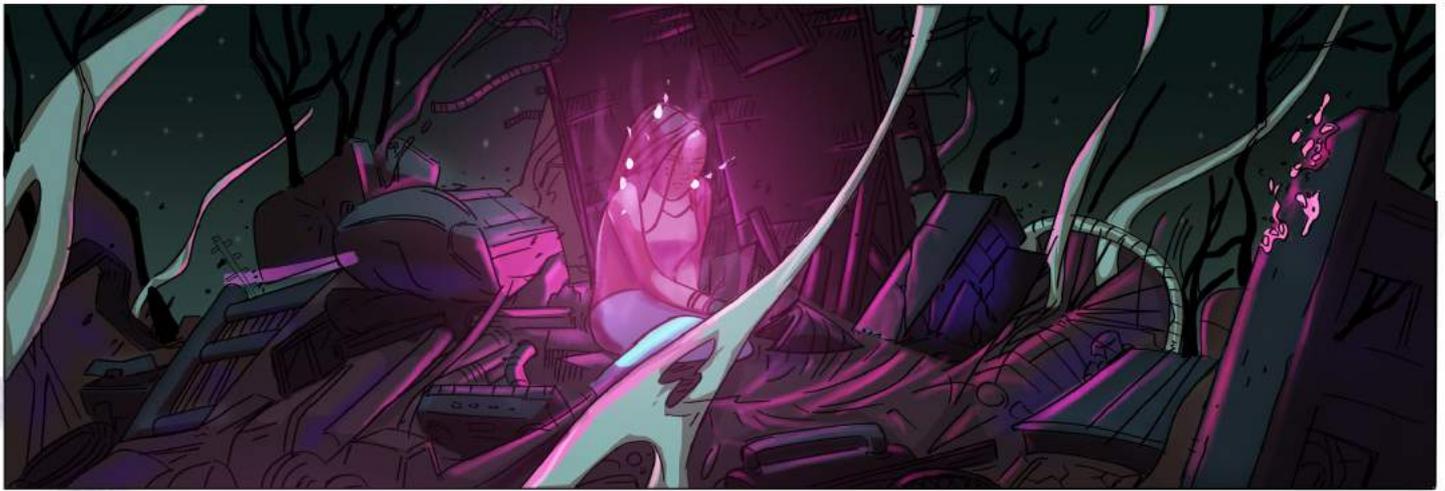
Unknown to many, PPA is a secret base for the WALINZI, an ancient cult of warriors and alchemist burdened with the sole responsibility to defend humanity from the dangers of the spirit. The WALINZI also called the protectors have taken the initiative to teach these CHILDREN of the ARCH through the school to control and dominate the ROHO within them.

However, when a new girl Rida arrives at PPA school, the lines between good and evil, between WALINZI and ROHO blur and the truth takes focus.



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To Whom It may Concern,

ADMISSION LETTER

Congratulations! After careful assessment and evaluation we are glad to say that you have been admitted with honours to the Prestigious Preparatory Academy, a hallmark in education and oasis of learning. We hope for you to discover your true *potential* and *unlock* the *power* within you, so you can go forth into the world and dominate.

We beleive every student is special and has something *extraordinary within* them our only job is to guide you in the right path. Welcome to a *sacred* place of learning.

As a special student you would be in the *Plot B section of the school*, where your classroom and domitary are located. For further inquiries email the address below.

Yours Faithfully
Principal; Linda Gbadamosi

LATER.



AM I READY FOR WHAT'S NEXT?



PRESTIGIOUS PREPARATORY ACADEMY (PPA)





THESE WILL BE TRYING TIMES FOR US ALL.

IT WAS A TRAGEDY THAT DAY THE FIRE ERUPTED AND IT FORCED US TO SKIP OUR FIRST TERM BUT NOW WE HAVE TO PUT THAT BEHIND US.

BEGIN AGAIN IN HONOR OF THOSE WE LOST. FORGE AHEAD AND CONQUER. WE ALL NEED TO DO THIS TOGETHER.

AS THE LEADERS AND GUARDIANS OF THIS SCHOOL, WE ARE HERE FOR YOU BUT WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE.

YOU NEED TO STEP UP AND SHOW AN EXAMPLE TO YOUR JUNIORS.



WHICH IS WHY WE HAVE APPOINTED **NEW PREFECTS** THAT WILL LEAD US.

TITI AS OUR PUNCTUALITY PREFECT

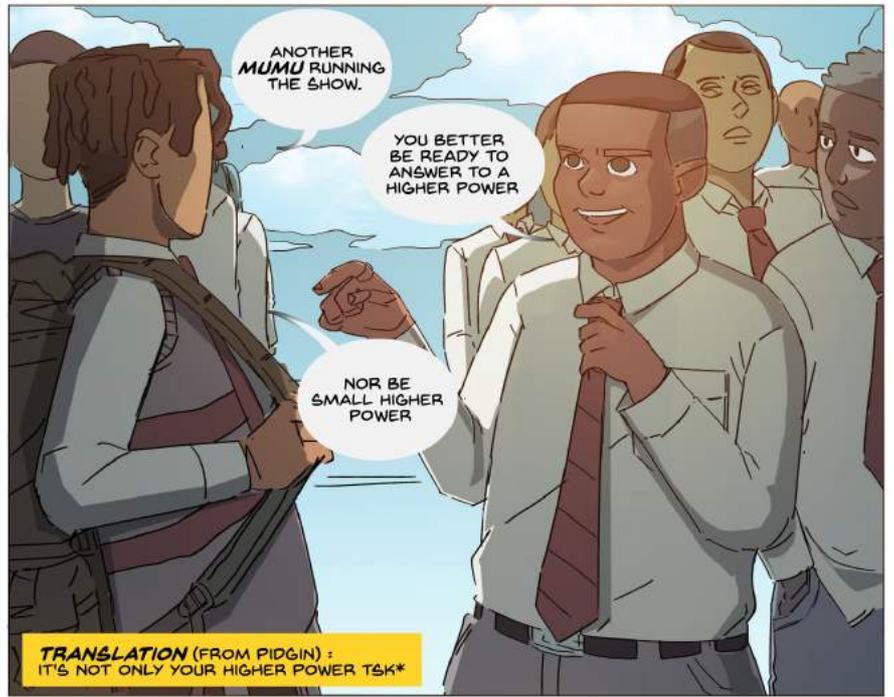
GIFT OUR LIBRARY PREFECT

ALI OUR HEALTH PREFECT

FAIDAH OUR SPORTS PREFECT

NIMI OUR DEPUTY SENIOR PREFECT

AND **MOBO** OUR SENIOR PREFECT.



ANOTHER **MUMU** RUNNING THE SHOW.

YOU BETTER BE READY TO ANSWER TO A HIGHER POWER

NOR BE SMALL HIGHER POWER

TRANSLATION (FROM PIDGIN) :
IT'S NOT ONLY YOUR HIGHER POWER TSK*



I'M WATCHING YOU EBI AND HAYICE, NO **PIGIN** ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, YOU DON'T WANT ME TO MAKE YOU KNEEL DOWN DO YOU?

SEE THIS ONE.



STUDENTS, YOUR **NEW PREFECTS**.





EXCUSE ME.

I'M NOT DOING THIS.



NOW I KNOW THE BLOCK A STUDENTS ARE FEELING LEFT OUT BUT THERE IS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM YOUR CLASS AND **SHE** WILL BE A **TOP PERFECT.** So....



SO WE ARE NOW SET.

SCHOOL CONTINUES AS USUAL WITH PREP TIME THE SAME FOR ALL STUDENTS.

THE TIMETABLE IS AVAILABLE IN THE TEACHERS' OFFICE SO GO AND COPY IT.



SO STUDENTS BEHAVE, STUDY HARD, AND EXCEL!



CLAP CLAP CLAP

CLAP CLAP CLAP

CLAP

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE, PPA.

GREAT
SPEECH TODAY
PRINCIPAL

THANKS,
I WROTE IT
MYSELF

"NOT GOOD"?
UNDERSTATEMENT
OF THE YEAR LINDA
HAHAHA

WAIT, SO
YOU DIDN'T
WRITE IT?!

LIKE
YOU DON'T
KNOW I'M
NOT GOOD AT
THAT

O BOY,
BETTER SHOW
SOME RESPECT.
IT'S PRINCIPAL
LINDA TO YOU

YES
MA.

I'M JUST GLAD
WE GOT THROUGH
THE FIRE AND
EVERYTHING IS
BACK TO NORMAL.

ME
TOO.

NOW WE HAVE
GUESTS SO QUEEN,
OPEN THE DOOR
FOR THEM
AND DOM...

DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT THOSE
EYES.



WELCOME.

THANK YOU.



LET'S GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT, WHAT ARE PEOPLE LIKE YOU DOING HERE?

IT'S OUR DAUGHTER.

SHE HAS... SHE NEEDS HELP.

WE'VE HEARD OF THIS PLACE AND THEY SAY YOU CAN HELP PEOPLE LIKE HER.



HOW OLD IS SHE?

WE'LL HAVE TO START WITH BASIC TEACHING IN PRENURSERY AND WE'LL NEED TO KNOW THE AGE TO DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF UNDERSTANDING.



SHE'S 14

THAT MEANS SHE'LL START IN SS 1 AND SHE HAS A GOOD LEVEL OF UNDERSTANDING.



IF YOU'VE HEARD OF THIS PLACE, ASSUMING YOU'VE KNOWN ITS EXISTENCE FROM THE ONSET WHY DIDN'T YOU BRING HER WHEN SHE WAS LITTLE?



REMEMBER WHEN I SAID REPUTATION..

DO YOU KNOW HOW HARD THIS IS GOING TO BE?

IT HAS NEVER BEEN DONE.

SO YOU CAN'T DO SO?!

WE CAN...



... THIS IS WHAT I MEANT

WE HAVEN'T DONE IT BEFORE BUT WE CAN.
<QUEEN>

WHY DIDN'T YOU BRING HER IN THE FIRST PLACE?
<QUEEN>



WITH ALL THE ATTENTION THIS SCHOOL GETS?! ATTACKS HERE! THREATS THERE! YOU KEEP SAYING THIS IS A SAFE PLACE BUT IT'S NOT!

DON'T EVEN GET ME STARTED ON THAT FIRE! WE KNOW WHAT CAUSED IT!

IT'S OKAY WE JUST WANTED TO KNOW. PPA HAS ITS PROBLEMS BUT I ASSURE YOU, THIS IS THE SAFEST PLACE FOR YOUR DAUGHTER



SHE IS RIGHT, YOU KNOW, AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO KEEP HER SAFE BUT FORGIVE ME FOR ASKING WHY NOW?



WE'VE TRIED TO CONTAIN IT BUT WE COULDN'T. SHE'S TOO POWERFUL AND WE FEAR WE'LL LOSE HER IF SHE ISN'T IN THE RIGHT HANDS.

WE KNOW THIS IS A TALL ORDER BUT I'M SURE THIS CAN GO A VERY LONG WAY IN HELPING YOU GET THE SCHOOL BACK TO NORMAL.





BUT IF A SINGLE HAIR ON HER HEAD IS REMOVED, WE'LL----



YES YES YES, WE KNOW.

DON'T WORRY WE'LL KEEP HER SAFE.



NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT UNIFORMS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.
<LINDA>

IT'S NOT NICE TO EAVESDROP.



AWOO!



SO YOU ARE THE "POWERFUL ONE"? I DON'T SEE IT.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

OF COURSE, YOU DON'T.



YOU'RE TROUBLESOME FROM WHAT I CAN TELL, I'M SUPPOSED TO KEEP MY HEAD DOWN AND BE BETTER HERE.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT WAS WRONG IN THE FIRST PLACE BUT SOMETHING TELLS ME AVOIDING SOMEONE LIKE YOU WILL HELP.

LIKE I'LL WANT TO HANG WITH YOU SEF.



GOOD.

IN THAT CASE, HELP ME SPREAD THE WORD THAT I DON'T WANT FRIENDS, AVOID ME AND I WON'T TELL YOU WERE EAVESDROPPING.

THOUGH I'VE BEEN IN TROUBLE FOR FAR WORSE...



BUT YOU HAVE A DEAL.

GOOD.



YOU SHOULD PROBABLY GET OUT OF HERE. THEY'LL OPEN THE DOOR ANY MINUTE NOW.

PLEASE BRING HER IN.

<LINDA>



COME ON IN RIDA.



WELCOME MY DEAR. YOU ARE IN A SCHOOL THAT UNDERSTANDS YOU. YOU ARE HOME.

THANK YOU? ...

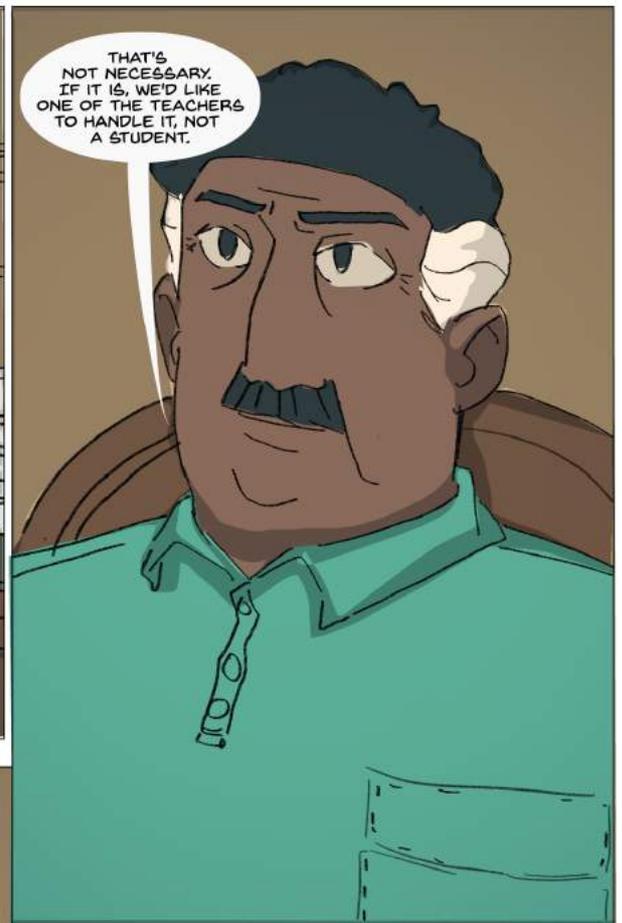


THERE'S ONLY ONE THING WE CAN DO NOW.

A LOT. MY PARENTS HOMESCHOoled ME WELL.

I'M SURE SHE'S BETTER THAN MOST OF YOUR SO-CALLED BRIGHT STUDENTS.

WE'LL BE THE JUDGE OF THAT.







ASIN EHN,
HA HA HA
HA HA HA.

DON'T
MIND EBI.



IT'S NOT FAIR BECAUSE
IF HE DOESN'T COME AND
TAKE FRONT SEATS FOR US
THERE'S NO HOPE TILL
TOMORROW.

IT HAVE
DO FOR
HIM.



AH DUKE,
HE'S NOT
THAT BAD
NA.

WHY DO
YOU SAY
SO?

WHY DIDN'T
YOU SAY
SOMETHING?

EASY
FOR YOU
TO SAY

AT FIRST
HE HELPED ME A LOT
BUT NOW KEEPING UP
WITH HIM IS DOING
MORE HARM THAN
GOOD.

MY GRADES
AREN'T DOING WELL
AND I'M HOPING WITH
THIS NEW START I'LL
BE BETTER.

IT'S NOTHING,
DON'T WORRY.
I'LL FIGURE IT OUT.
BESIDES WE HAVE TO
THINK OF HOW WE'LL
MANAGE IN THE
PLACE.



NAH,
IT'S NOT
THAT BAD.

ARE YOU SURE?
YOU'RE NOT EVEN
SEEING WHAT
I'M SEEING.



HOW DID
YOU...?



BOYS
ALWAYS
FIND A
WAY.



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1 - RIDA GOES TO SCHOOL



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I'VE MISSED YOU SO MUCH

I'VE... MISSED YOU... TOO

TITI, BABY WAIT.

WHY?!

YOU KNOW WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT NA. YOU KNOW PREP WILL SOON START.

UNFORTUNATELY, IT'LL EVEN BE WORSE IF SOMEONE SEES US.

THERE'S ONLY **ONE THING** WE CAN DO NOW.

UNFORTUNATELY WE CAN'T AND YOU KNOW THAT.

YOU SAY THAT LIKE YOU HATED SPENDING THE WHOLE DAY WITH ME.

YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT TRUE. IT WAS EVEN MY IDEA.

THAT'S TRUE TITI. YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THE BRAIN BETWEEN US.

STOP IT, (LAUGHS)

YES, I DO. I JUST WANT TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH YOU, THAT'S ALL.

I KNOW, I DO TOO AND WE WILL.



Y'ALL SHOULD PICK A BETTER HIDING SPOT.
<GIFT>



WE DON'T WANT TEACHERS FINDING YOU HERE.

WHICH IS WHY YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THAT KNOWS THIS IS MY SPOT.

ONLY ONE?

IT'S TIME FOR PREP. Y'ALL SHOULD ROUND UP.

OH, I HAVE TO GO.



BYE BABY, WE'LL TALK LATER.

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HMM.



I GUESS I SHOULD CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR **POST**.

PLEASE DON'T. I DIDN'T SEE YOU IN CLASS TODAY.

YOU KNOW WHERE I WAS... BUT I MISSED YOU GUYS SHA.



YEAH, IT WASN'T THE SAME WITHOUT YOU.



OH, MOBO AND THE REST MUST HAVE BEEN ANNOYING.

YOU HAVE NO IDEA.

WE HAVE TO TALK ABOUT **DUKE** BUT WE CAN'T TALK NOW. IT'S TIME FOR PREP.



I WONDER
WHAT PREP IS LIKE
ON THE 6S 1
B SIDE?
<ALISON>

PROBABLY
THE SAME THING.
JUST WONDERING
WHY WE DON'T DO IT
TOGETHER.
<TITI>

IT'S THE SAME
REASON WHY WE DON'T
LEARN TOGETHER...
CROWD.
<ALISON>

FEWER
STUDENTS MAKE
IT EASIER TO
TEACH.
<ALISON>



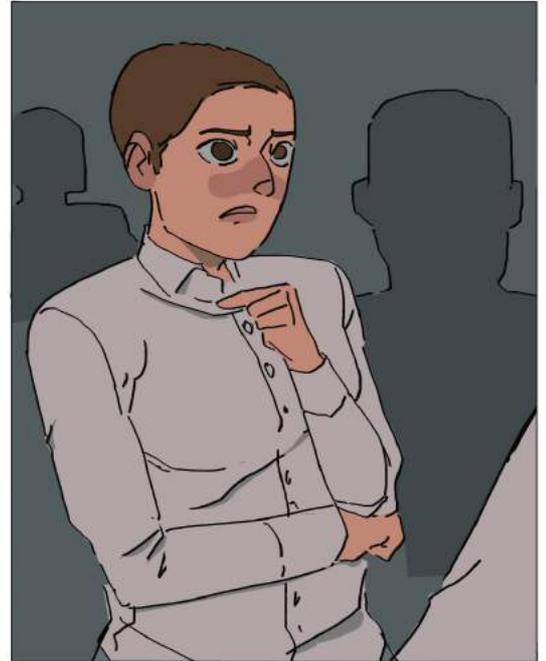
OGA
SMARTIE PANTS.
WHY ARE YOU
WONDERING
THEN?



AH IS
IT A CRIME
TO WONDER?
SEE ME SEE
CASE OH.



LET'S GO JOR.
WE DON'T WANT
TO BE LATE.





HAVE YOUR SEAT STUDENTS
<QUEEN>

OUR SUBJECT TODAY IS WEST AFRICAN TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS WHICH I'M SURE YOU KNOW SEEING AS I'M THE TEACHER HANDLING THAT.
<QUEEN>



YOU WEREN'T IN CLASS TODAY

I WAS SETTLING IN, SIR

I SEE, NO PROBLEM, I HOPE?

NO SIR.

I'LL BE WATCHING YOU VERY CLOSELY EBI. DON'T WANT YOU TO BE A BAD INFLUENCE ON OUR NEW STUDENT.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME, SIR.



GUY WHERE YOU GO?

GUY FOCUS O.

BROS LEAVE THAT THING ABEG. YOU'LL NOT UNDERSTAND.

OUR GUY DEY FLEX WITH HIS BABE



TODAY WE'LL BE LEARNING THE HISTORY OF PRESTIGIOUS PREPARATORY ACADEMY, OUR SCHOOL



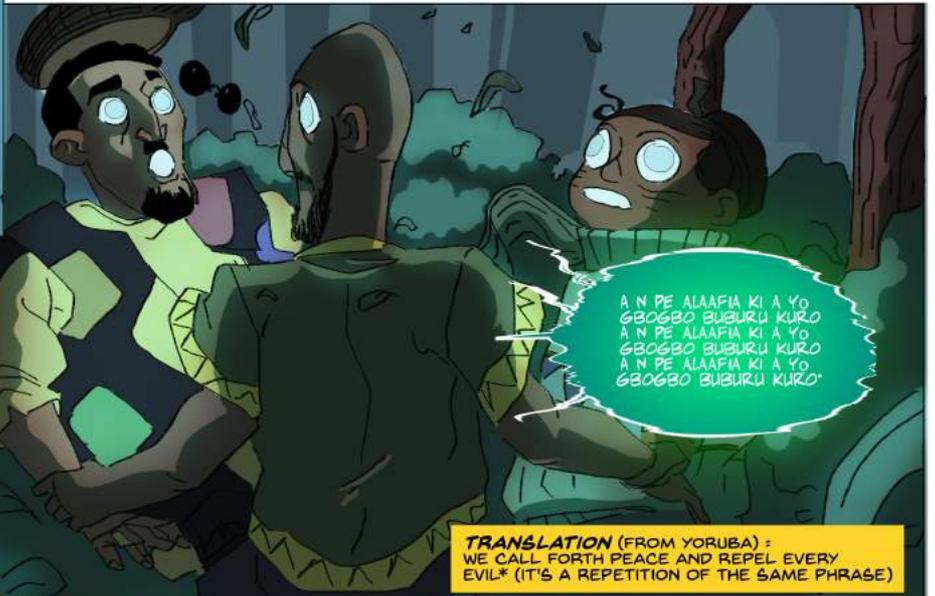
ARE WE DOING THIS OR NOT?

PLEASE, WE DON'T RUSH ART AND THIS IS BEST KIND.

READY?

ARE YOU EVEN ASKING?

USE YORUBA FOR THE INCANTATIONS...



TRANSLATION (FROM YORUBA) :
WE CALL FORTH PEACE AND REPEL EVERY
EVIL* (IT'S A REPETITION OF THE SAME PHRASE)



TRANSLATION:
WE TAKE CONTROL OF THIS ENVIRONMENT.
WE BIND ALL EVIL FORCES*

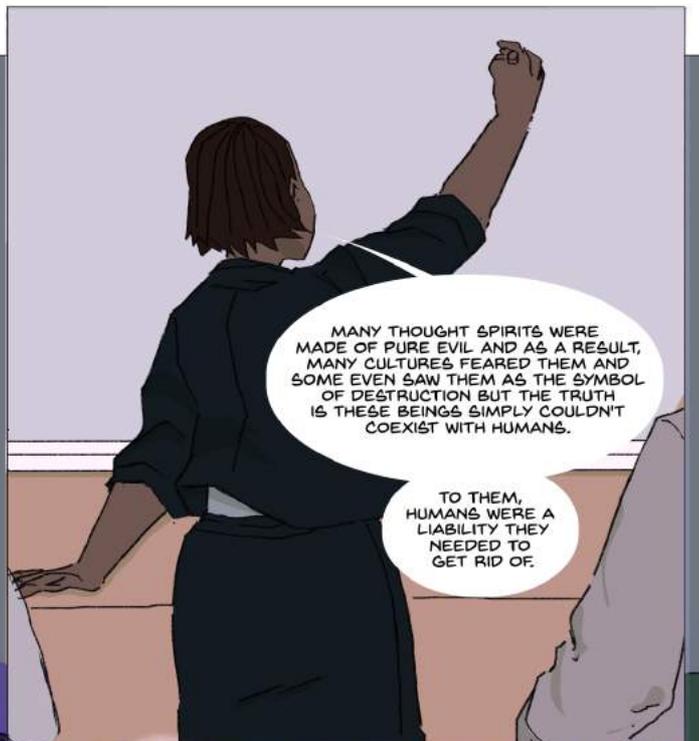


HE WAS A STRONG
BELIEVER IN ANCIENT
NATIVE LORE. IN FACT,
HE BELIEVED IN ANCIENT
ARCH SPIRITS KNOWN
AS **ROHO**





THE ENVIRONMENT IS STABLE. LET'S BRING HER IN



MANY THOUGHT SPIRITS WERE MADE OF PURE EVIL AND AS A RESULT, MANY CULTURES FEARED THEM AND SOME EVEN SAW THEM AS THE SYMBOL OF DESTRUCTION BUT THE TRUTH IS THESE BEINGS SIMPLY COULDN'T COEXIST WITH HUMANS.

TO THEM, HUMANS WERE A LIABILITY THEY NEEDED TO GET RID OF.



HERE SHE IS

THEY COME IN DIFFERENT FORMS, SOME MORE POWERFUL THAN OTHERS, SOME MORE DESTRUCTIVE THAN OTHERS

ARE YOU SURE WE CAN DO THIS?
<HAMZAH>

I DON'T THINK WE HAVE A CHOICE
<LINDA>



TAKE OFF HER RING. ABEBI, BEGIN THE PROCESS
<LINDA>



SHOW YOURSELF, GIVE ME AN ESSENCE.

UHRM



I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

ABEBI



SHE IS READY



THIS IS ALL PART OF OUR FILTER HERE AND MR. BABATUNDE FOUNDED THIS PLACE WITH THE HOPES OF TRAINING SPECIAL CHILDREN SO IN HONOR OF HIM YOUR SS 1 TO 3 PREP WILL BE ABOUT THIS ASPECT OF OUR CULTURE. WE'LL BE DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY AND WHEN WE'RE DONE, TRUST ME, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND.

OH AND CHILDREN ...



... SCHOOL RULES HAVE CHANGED.

FROM NOW ON YOU TAKE OFF YOUR RING WHEN I TELL YOU **THIS IS A SAFE PLACE** AND IT IS, **TRUST**



UNDER THIS TOPIC, WE'LL LEARN ABOUT THE HOPE AND DESTRUCTION A MERGER OF HUMAN AND ARCH-SPIRITS BROUGHT.
<QUEEN>

THEY ARE CALLED ARCH-HUMANS.
<QUEEN>

WE WILL LEARN OF THE WARS THAT WERE FOUGHT WITH THESE BEINGS AND THE POWERS THESE BEINGS POSSESS.
<QUEEN>

WE WILL LEARN OF GROUPS LIKE THE HIDDEN AND THE PROTECTORS.
<QUEEN>

BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY THIS SUBJECT IS EXCITING AND IT WILL BRING YOU INTO A WHOLE NEW WORLD THAT WILL SEEM FAMILIAR AS YOU GO DEEPER.

IT WILL BE AN AMAZING RIDE BUT BEWARE...



ONYE NWE OCHICHIRI,
EZE IHE ANAHU ANYA,
NYEM IKE GI KA
ANYI MEE GI. ZIGA M
ODIBO GI*

TRANSLATION (FROM IGBO) :
LORD OF THE DARK, KING OF THE UNSEEN, GIVE ME
YOUR POWERS SO WE CAN DO YOU WILL. SEND YOUR SERVANT TO ME*



AKUKO NA- ATO UTO



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