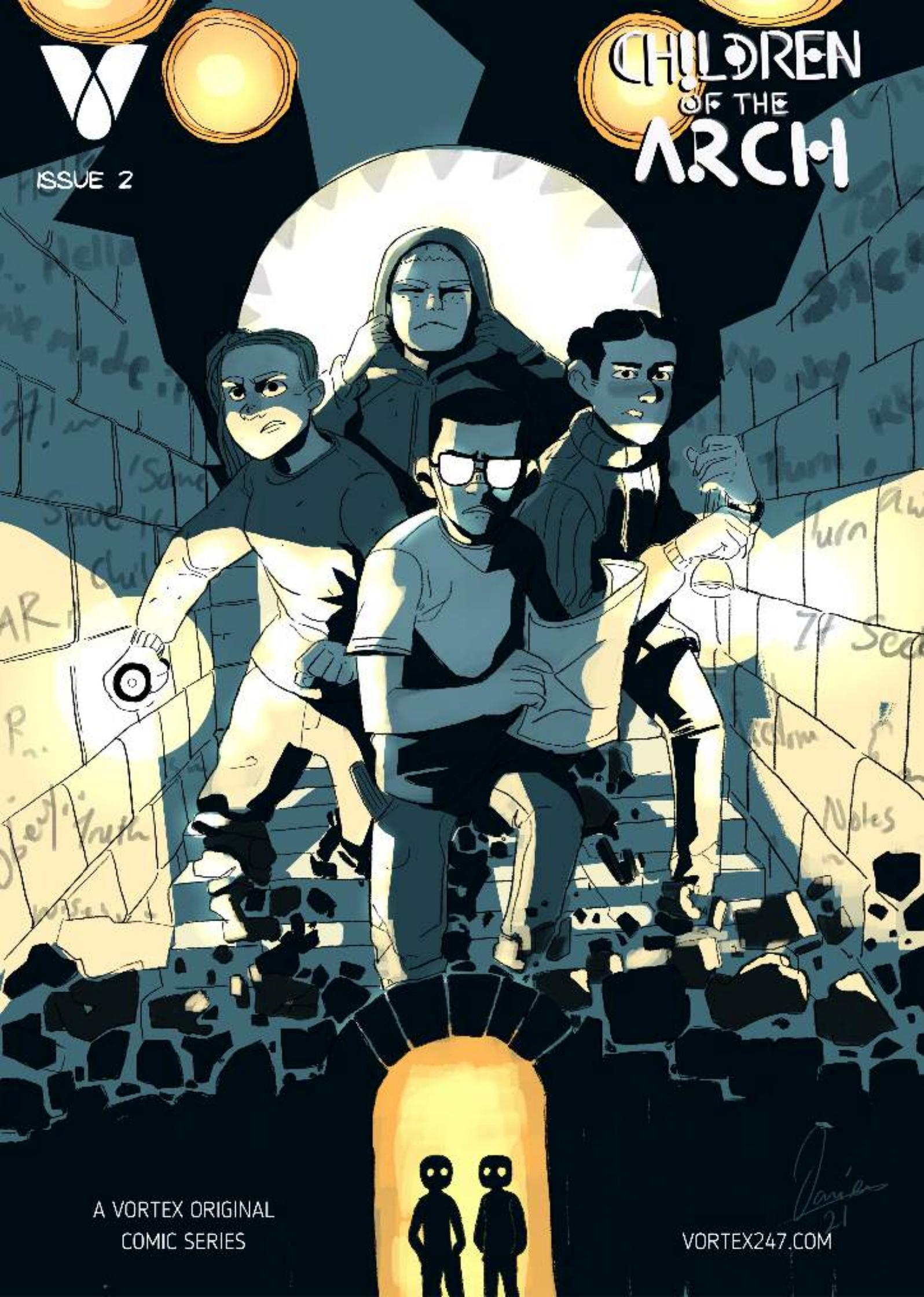




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In our reality there are worlds that exist within worlds, spirit realms running parallel to our human existence, yearning to cross over the void, so close, yet so far. The Students of PPA secondary school are not your ordinary students they are ARCHS. 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.



AS CHILDREN WE FEAR THE DARK
AND THE MONSTERS IT HOLDS,
WE RUN FROM IT AS WE ARE TAUGHT TO.

BUT WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN WE REALIZE...

NOT THIS!
ABEG NO,
NOT AGAIN!

LET
ME GO!

HELLO
AGAIN NAETO,
IT IS TIME FOR
US TO DANCE
AGAIN.

WE ARE THE DARKNESS AND
MONSTERS WE RUN FROM.

WHAT?







STUDENTS I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT PPA ENCOURAGES FREEDOM BUT BEHAVIOR LIKE THIS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

WHOEVER DID THIS SHOULD TAKE IT AS A WARNING BECAUSE THE NEXT TIME ONE OF THESE IS FOUND, THE WHOLE CLASS IS WILL BE PUNISHED!



YES, MA!



NOW SOMEBODY HAS TO CLEAN THIS UP. WHO ...



I WILL, MA.



THANK YOU, AMANDA. IT'S NICE TO SEE WE STILL HAVE GOOD STUDENTS.

RIDA, MY OFFICE. THE REST OF YOU ARE DISMISSED.



SOMETHING ABOUT THIS ISN'T RIGHT.

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

I THINK IT'S **WOKE**.



IF YES, THEN THAT'S A WEIRD WAY OF WRITING.

WE SHA SHOULD LEAVE HER BEFORE OUR PRINCIPAL WILL COME AND QUESTION US.

YOU'RE RIGHT.



WOKE...
HMMM...



PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME.



IT HAS BEEN A FULL DAY, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT PPA?

THE SCHOOL IS GREAT MA.

ARE YOU ENJOYING YOUR TIME?

YES, MA.

YOUR FIRST CLASS SHOWS YOU'RE EXCELLING IN YOUR STUDIES.

THERE'S SOMETHING WE DO HERE, IT'S CALLED PREP, I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD OF IT.

IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOU, AND DO YOUR BEST TO PAY ATTENTION.



YES, MA.



YOUR PARENTS PAID A LOT TO GET YOU INTO THIS SCHOOL.
<LINDA>

I JUST DON'T WANT IT TO BE WASTED.
<LINDA>

IF THIS IS ABOUT THE ART ON THE WALL, I HAD NOT TO DO WITH IT.

PLEASE, MA, BELIEVE ME.



WHAT?! NO!



I'M JUST MAKING SURE YOU FEEL... AT HOME HERE.



I DO.

THANK YOU, MA. IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE.



THAT'S GREAT. YOU MAY LEAVE.

THANK YOU, MA.

OH AND RIDA ...



... IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK ME OR *DOMINION*, YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR.

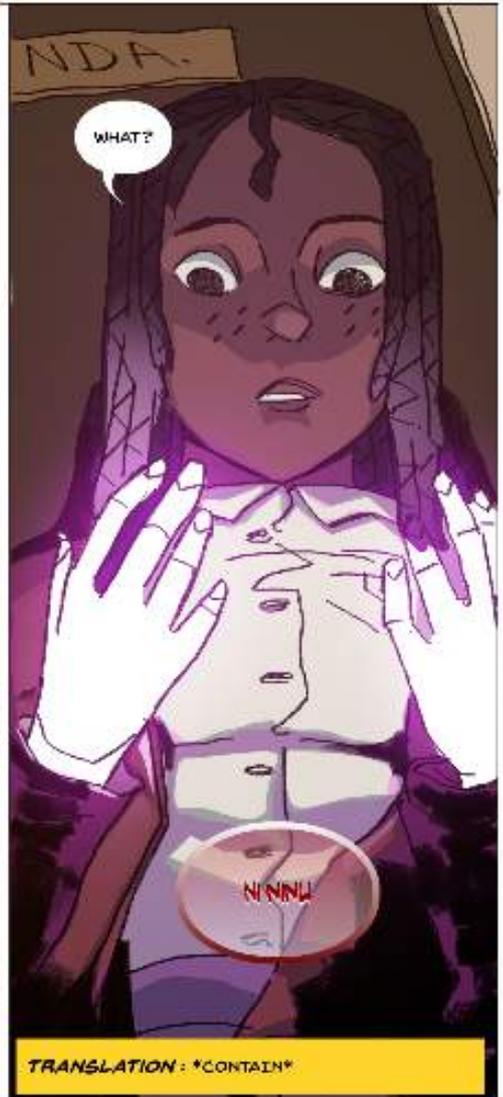


YES, MA.



I WONDER WHAT ALL THAT WAS ABOUT? WHY AM I EVEN IN THIS SCHOOL? WHAT IS THE POINT OF ALL THIS? I WAS FINE BEFORE AND I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M HERE.

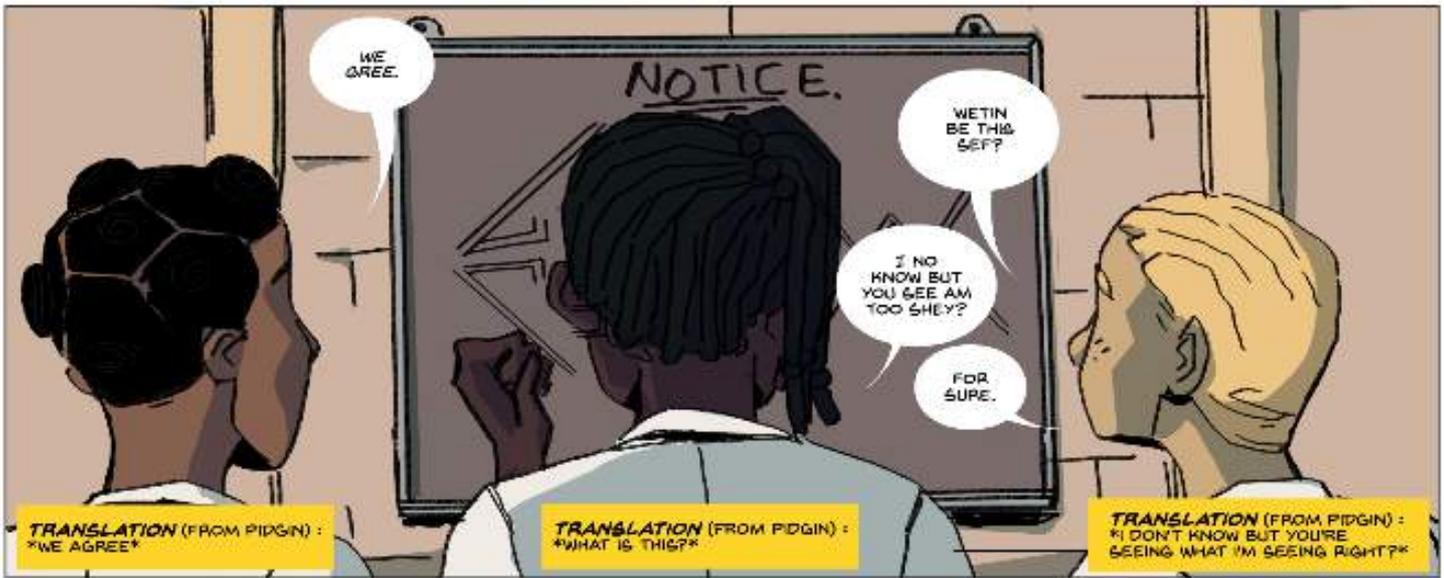
CAN SOMEONE JUST TELL ME WHY I'M HERE?



WHAT?

TRANSLATION : *CONTAIN*







LATER,
THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE.

ALRIGHT,
I'M SURE YOU
ALL KNOW WHY
YOU ARE HERE.

GIVEN THE
SENSITIVE NATURE OF
THE SS 1 B STUDENTS,
I THINK WE CAN ALL
AGREE THAT THIS
"WOKE" CHARACTER
IS QUITE DANGEROUS.

I'M OF THE OPINION
THAT WE SHOULD FIND
WHOEVER'S BEHIND
THIS AND PUNISH THEM
SO AS TO AVOID
REPETITION.

THE LAST
THING WE NEED
IS ANOTHER LIFE
THREATENING
INCIDENT.

I COMPLETELY AGREE.
EXPOSING THE STUDENTS
BEFORE THEY ASCEND
WILL BE DANGEROUS.

NOT TO
MENTION WE
DON'T KNOW WHO
THIS PERSON IS.

IT COULD BE
A TRAP SET BY
THE PROTECTORS
OR WORSE THE
HIDDEN.

YES,
BUT THIS
COULD BE A
SOLUTION NOT
A PROBLEM.

<QUEEN>

THINK ABOUT IT,
AFTER THE FIRE
WHICH WAS AN ACCIDENT...
NOTHING MORE, WE DID A DAMN
GOOD JOB OF COVERING OUR
TRACKS SO NO ONE WILL FIND
US NOT EVEN THE PROTECTORS
OR THE HIDDEN.

NOW GIVEN HOW
DIVIDED SS 1 B IS,
I THINK IN A CONTROLLED
ENVIRONMENT THE WOKE
MIGHT BE WHAT WE NEED
TO UNITE THEM WHICH
IS VERY NECESSARY
FOR ASCENSION.

ALL WE NEED TO
DO IS CONTROL
WOKE AND USE HER
OR HIM TO OUR
ADVANTAGE.

THAT'S ALSO
ANOTHER
WAY.

THIS COULD LET
THEM BE FREE
AND SLOWLY COME TO
TERMS WITH WHAT
THEY ARE.

THEY ALREADY
HAVE ENOUGH
RESTRICTIONS
AS IT IS.

FINE.

WE'LL LOOK AT
ALL OPTIONS BEFORE
WE TAKE OUR FINAL
DECISION TILL THEN,
WOKE IS A PROBLEM.

MEETING
ADJOURNED.









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BRO.

GUY HOW FART I SEE YALL SAVED A SPOT FOR ME.

WHO ELSE WILL WE BE EATING WITH?

TRANSLATION (HOW FAR) : *HOW ARE YOU?



THIS ONE WE ARENT HAVING PREP TODAY.

I WONDER IF IT'S BECAUSE OF THE NEW GIRL.

I'M NOT SURPRISED. I NEVER LIKED HER.

I WON'T BE SURPRISED SINCE LADY L COLLECTED A FAT CHEQUE FROM HER PARENTS.

THE GIRL SEF DEY FORM ISLAND.

TECHNICALLY YOU HAVEN'T MET HER YET SO THAT'S A BIT RASH.

TRANSLATION (FROM PIDGIN) : *THE GIRL BEHAVES LIKE SHE'S FROM THE ISLAND(LAGOS)*



OUR PERSONAL LIBRARY PREFECT.

HELLO EVERY-ONE.

LEMME PLEASE.

IT'S TRUE NA. 9 AUG 6*



HOW'S THE JOB TREATING YOU?

I SHOULD ASK YOU THE SAME.

A&W EHN. WE DONT EVEN FLOG.

AT LEAST YOU GOT POSTS.

ABI O.

TRANSLATION (ASIN EHN) : *CAN YOU BELIEVE IT*

TRANSLATION (ABI O) : *HINT IT*



WHERE'S DUKE?

PROBABLY STUDYING. <GIFT>

WHY ON EARTH DOES HE NEED TO STUDY?

ASIN. WHEN YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH THE GREAT EBI OF PRESTIGIOUS PREPARATORY ACADEMY. <TIT>



HIS GRADES ARENT DOING WELL AND HE BLAMES YOU.

TRUTH BE TOLD. YOU HAVEN'T BEEN OF MUCH HELP.

WHAT DID I DO? <EBI>

IT'S MORE LIKE WHAT YOU DIDNT DO.

HE NEEDS YOUR HELP AND IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO SHOW UP.

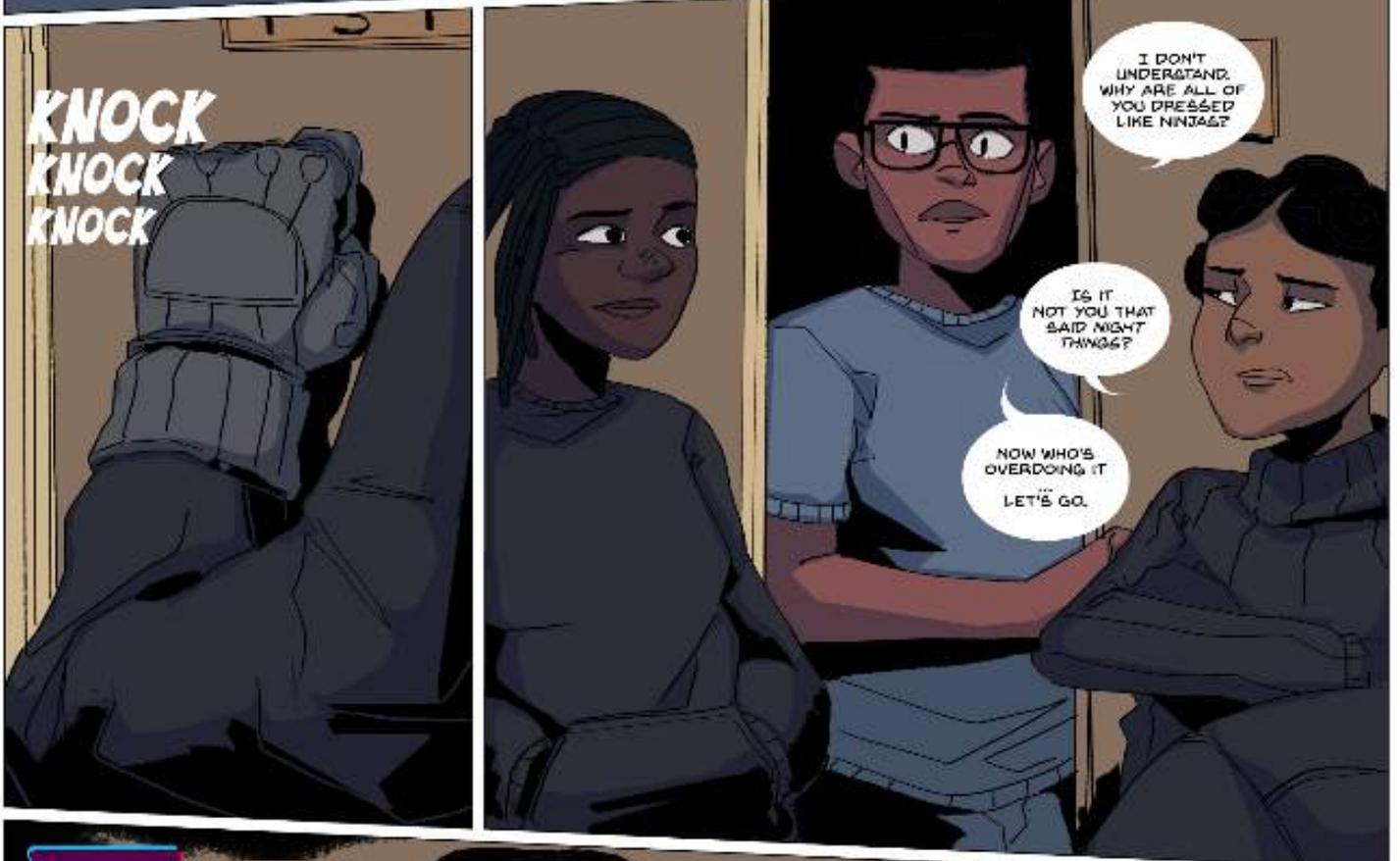




LATER, NIGHTTIME..



**KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK**



I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHY ARE ALL OF YOU DRESSED LIKE NINJAS?

IS IT NOT YOU THAT SAID NIGHT THINGS?

NOW WHO'S OVERRIDING IT
LET'S GO.

... GO TIME.

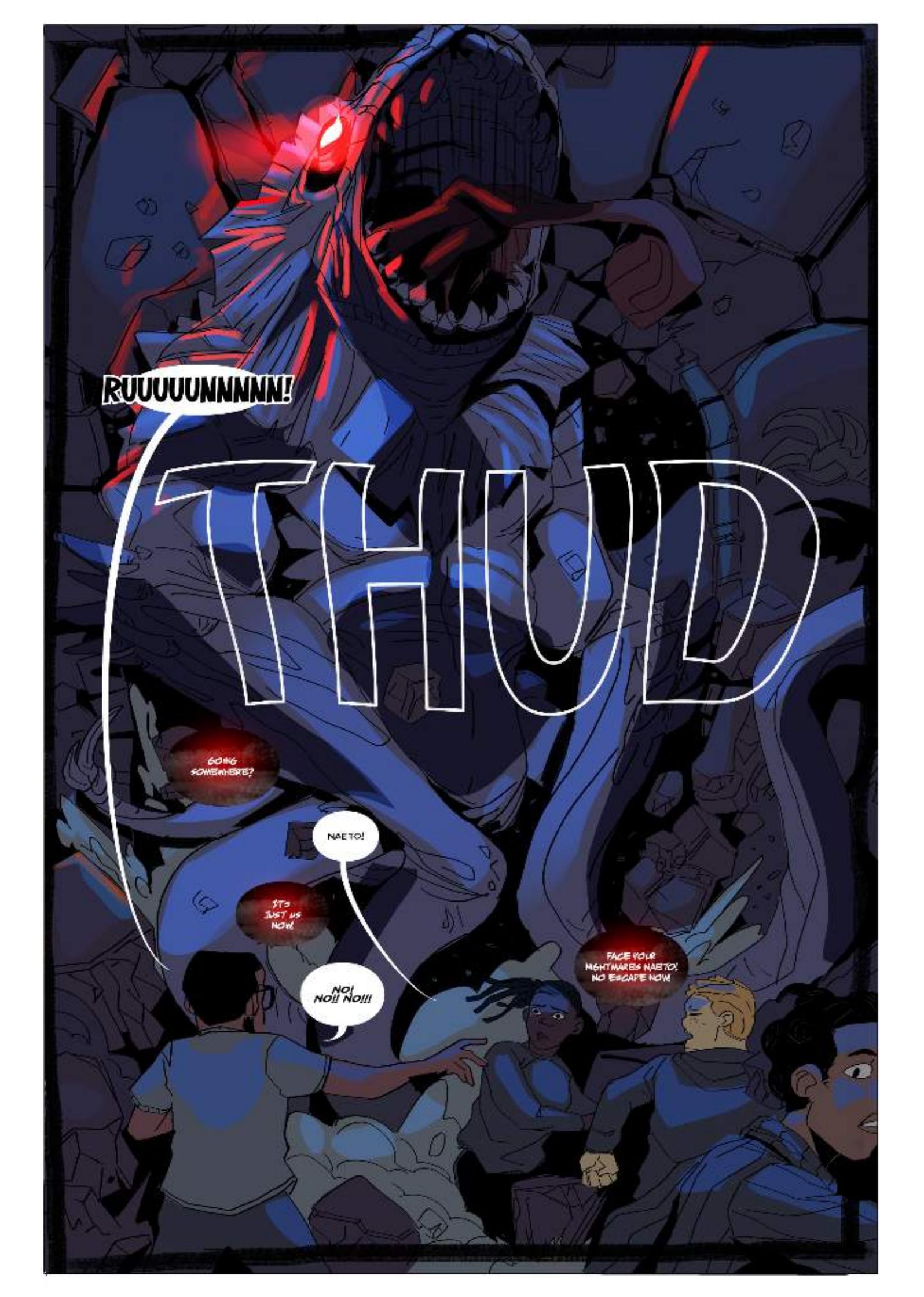












RUUUUUNNNN!

THUD

GOING
SOMEWHERE?

NAETO!

IT'S
JUST US
NOW

NO!
NO!! NO!!!

FACE YOUR
NIGHTMARES NAETO!
NO ESCAPE NOW

AKUKO NA- ATO UTO



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H/Sg
Trap
Help me
H/Sg Trap

Waiting on the wall
Go Back
Not Here

