

# AKIN



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*My Origin, My Home*

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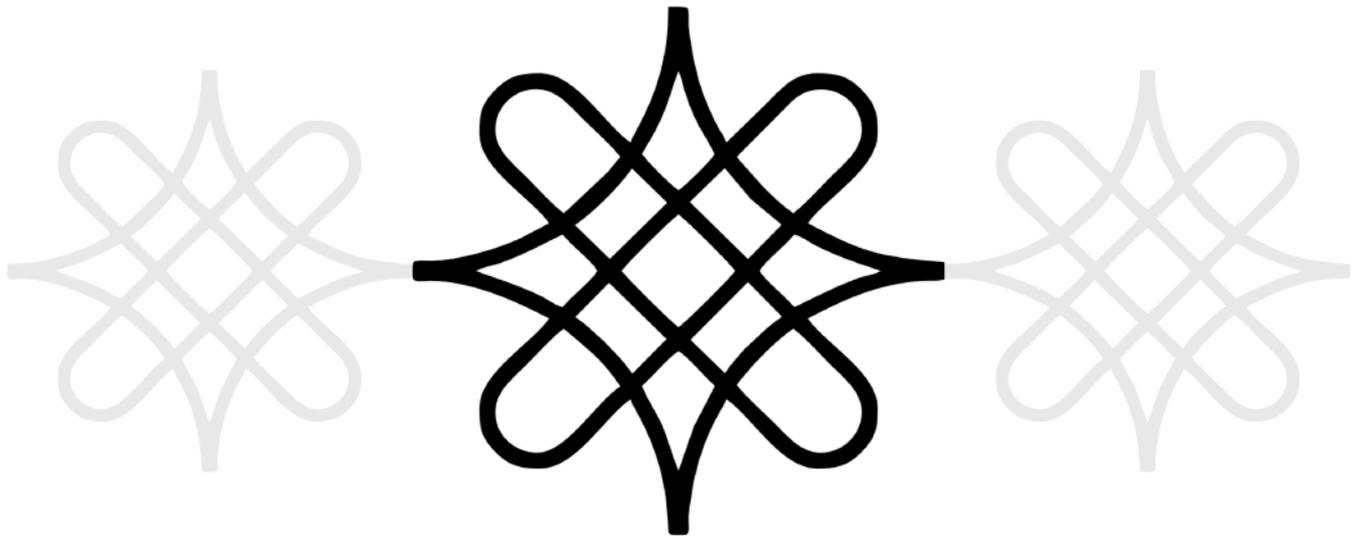
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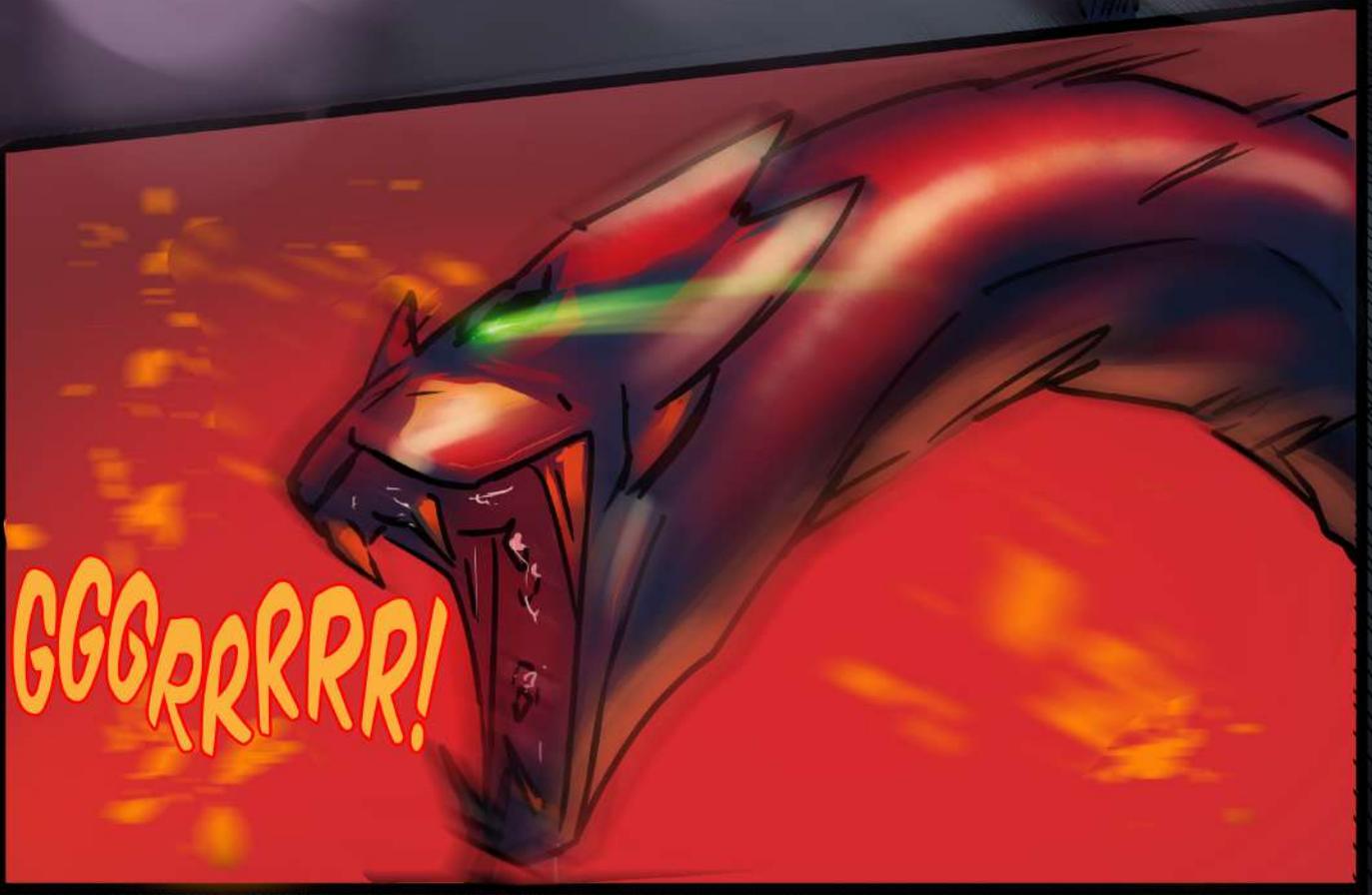
**AKILI**, a man with a troubled past, was arrested six years ago for identity fraud and assault but has since transformed his life, working as a private investigator for the Nigerian Police Force. Though highly skilled, he remains a solitary figure, with few friends and an inseparable bond with his loyal dog, who seems to understand him in ways that defy explanation. Akili is also the bearer of a mysterious Arewa necklace, an ancient totem gifted by his mother when he was a child. This necklace is tied to the 4 Books of the Spirit—**The Book of Chains, The Book of Dreams, The Book of Time, and The Book of Death**—each holding immense power and mystery.

Akili's origins are shrouded in secrecy. Abandoned in the forest as a child, he was found with the necklace and cryptic photographs of his mother, each with strange messages behind them. Raised in an orphanage, his family background remains unknown, but the power of the Arewa necklace suggests that his past, and his destiny, are far from ordinary.

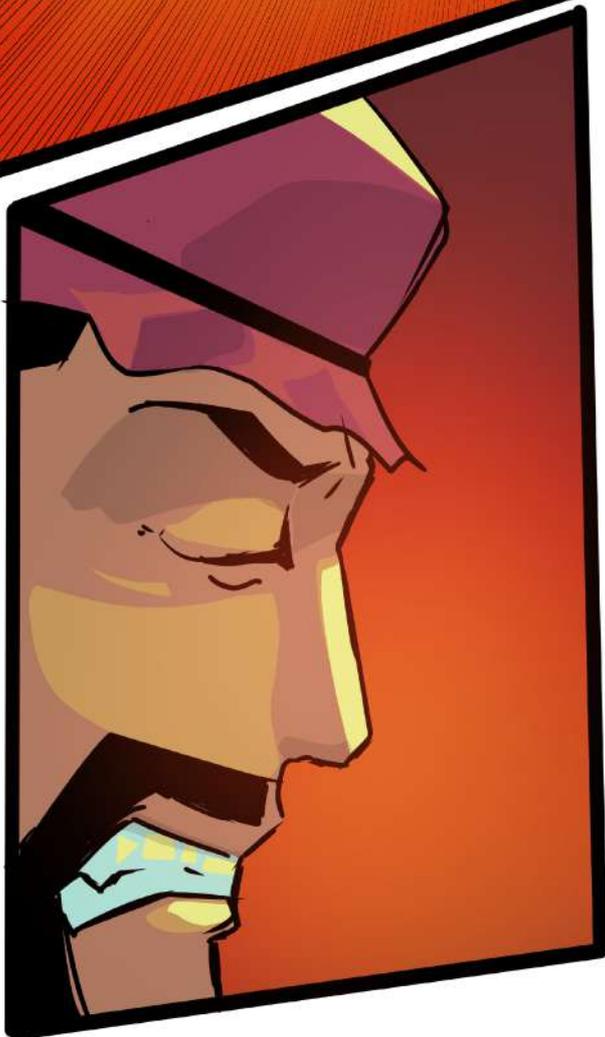
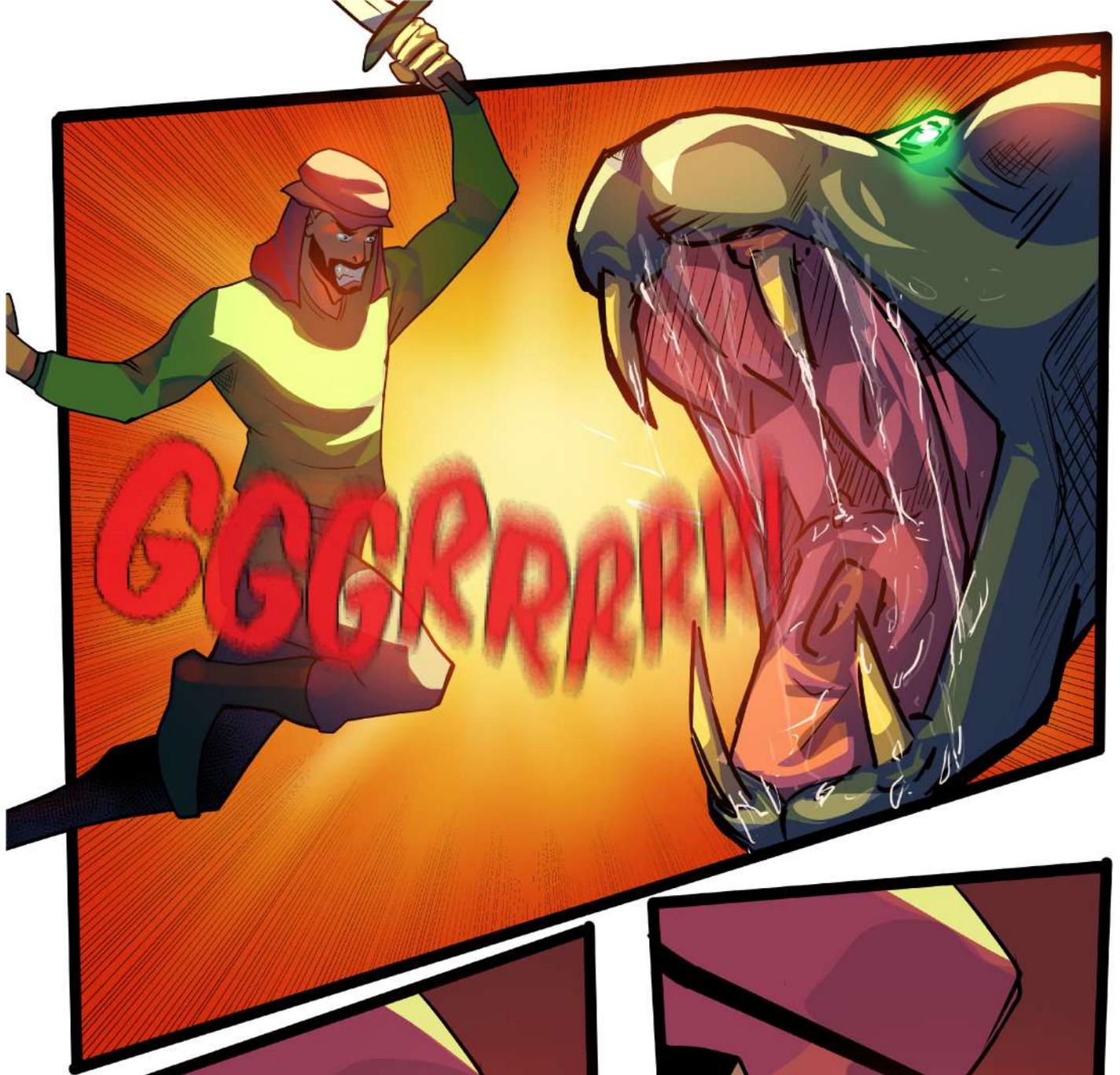


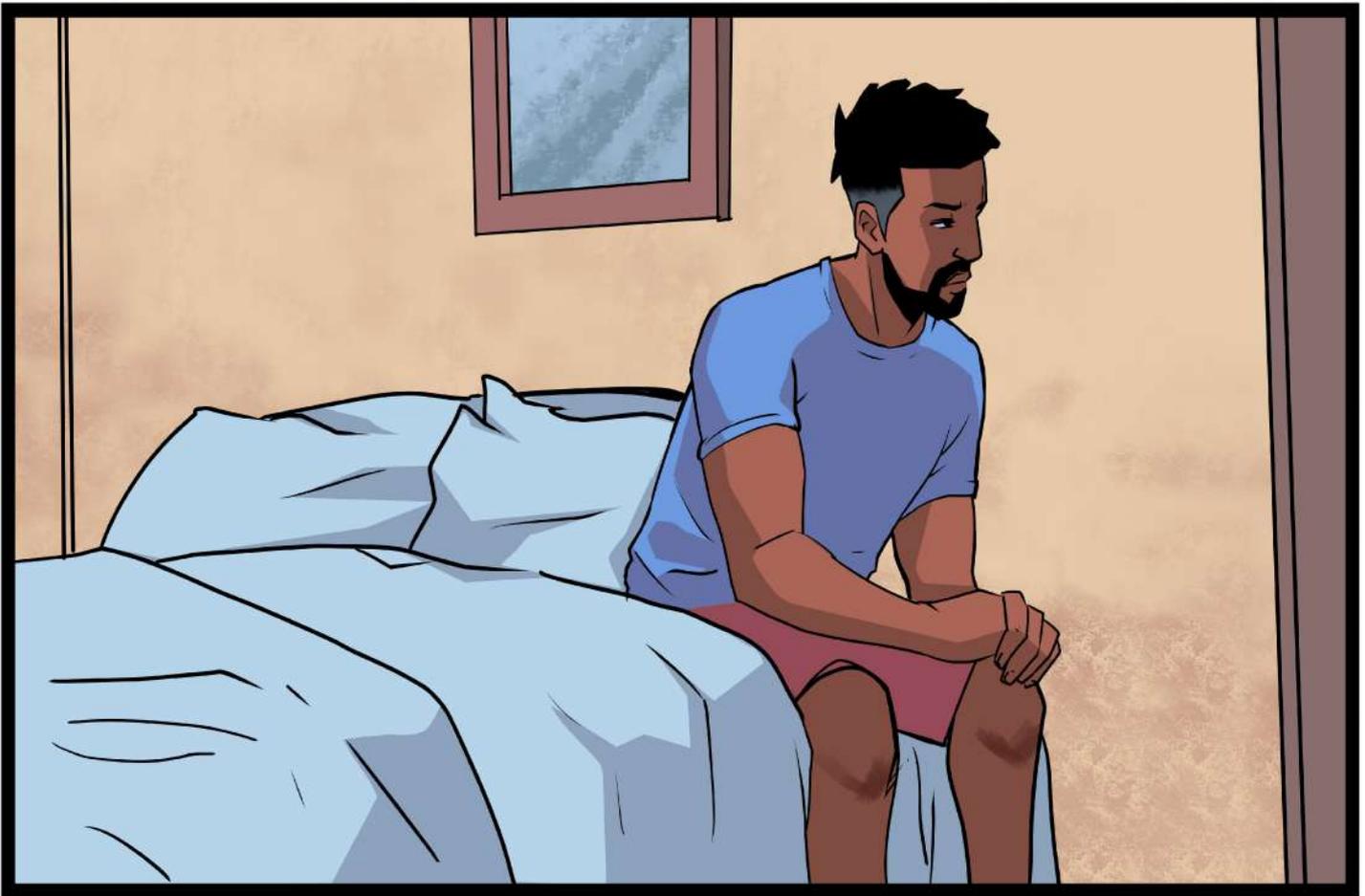


COME TO ME,.....



GGORRRRR!





HOW'S THE KATSINA VACATION GOING?



FINE

ANY STRANGE CASES

NOTHING, JUST THE DREAMS, I SAW THE HUGE SNAKE AGAIN, CALLING TO ME.

AGAIN?



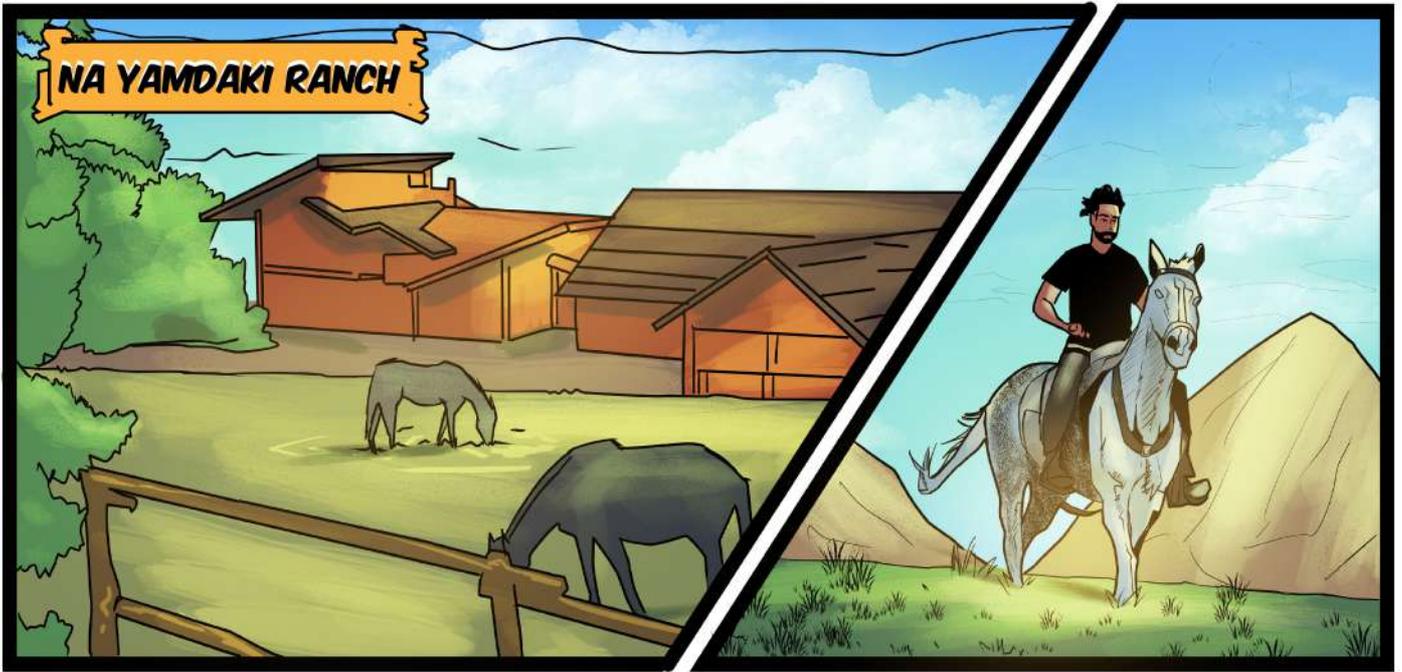
YEAH, BUT IT'S THE SAME DREAM. IT NEVER GOES BEYOND THAT POINT. I'M ABOUT TO FIGHT THE SERPENT, THEN I WAKE UP.

KATSINA, KOGO HILL

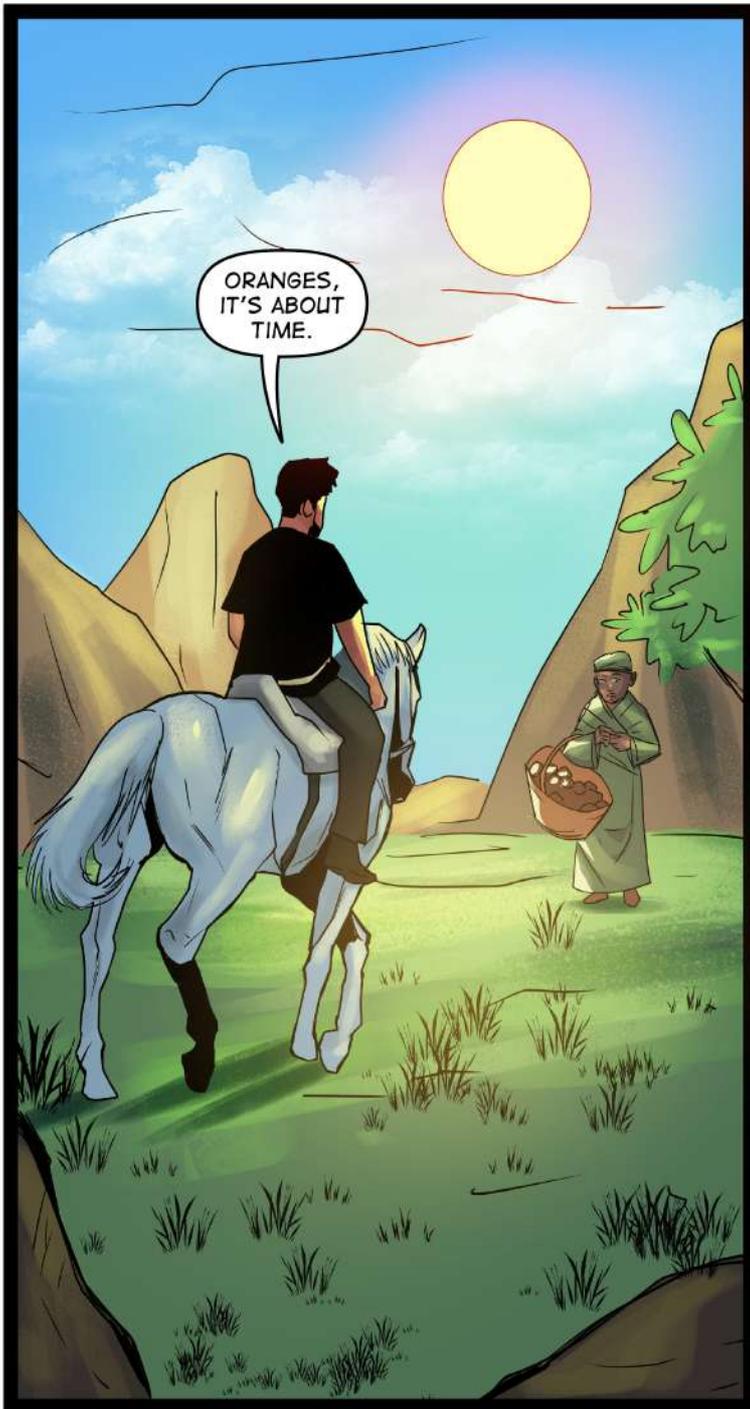




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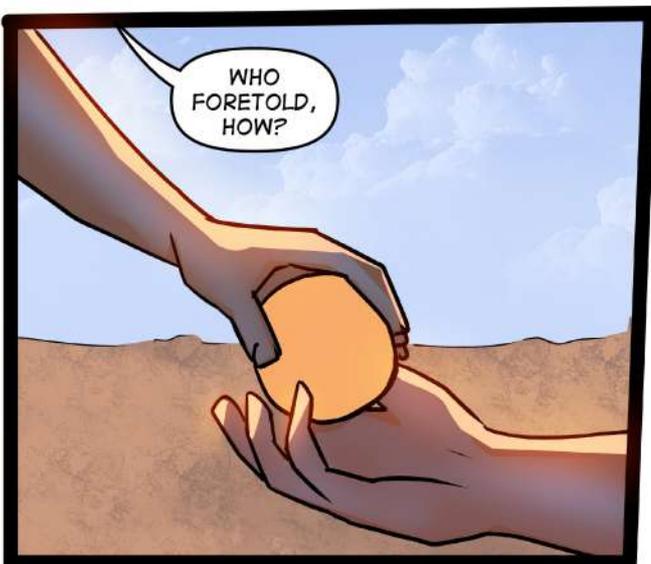
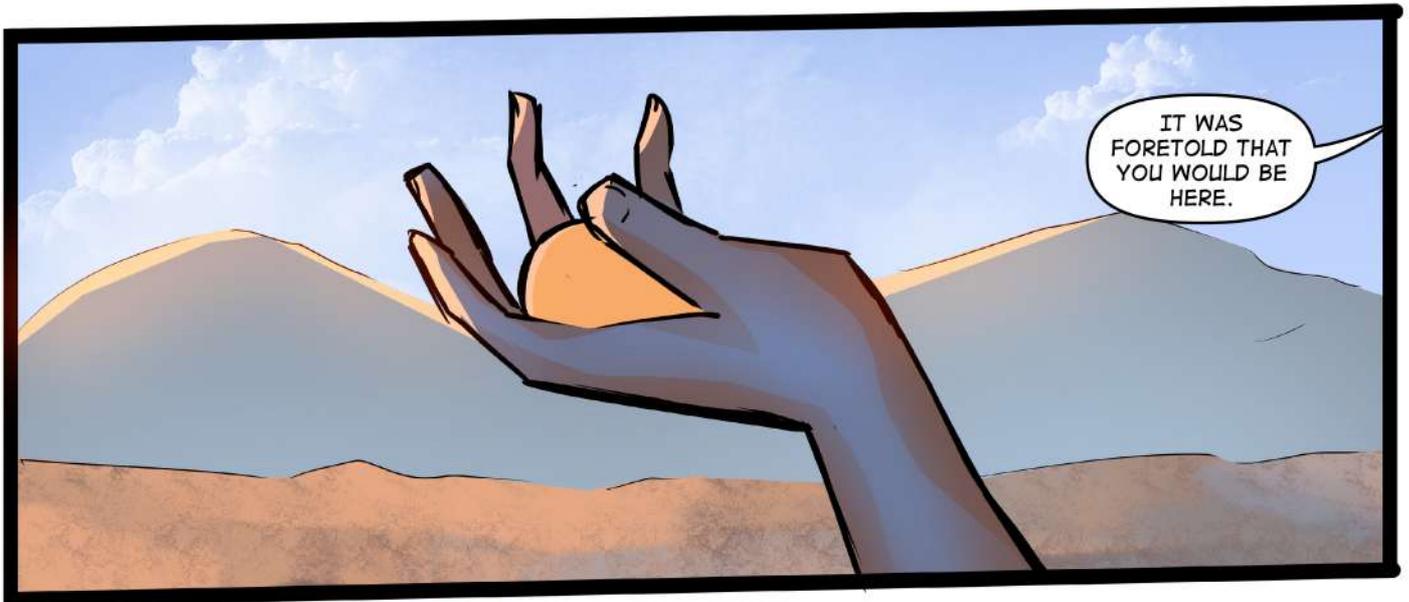


ORANGES,  
IT'S ABOUT  
TIME.



HOW  
MUCH FOR THE  
ORANGES





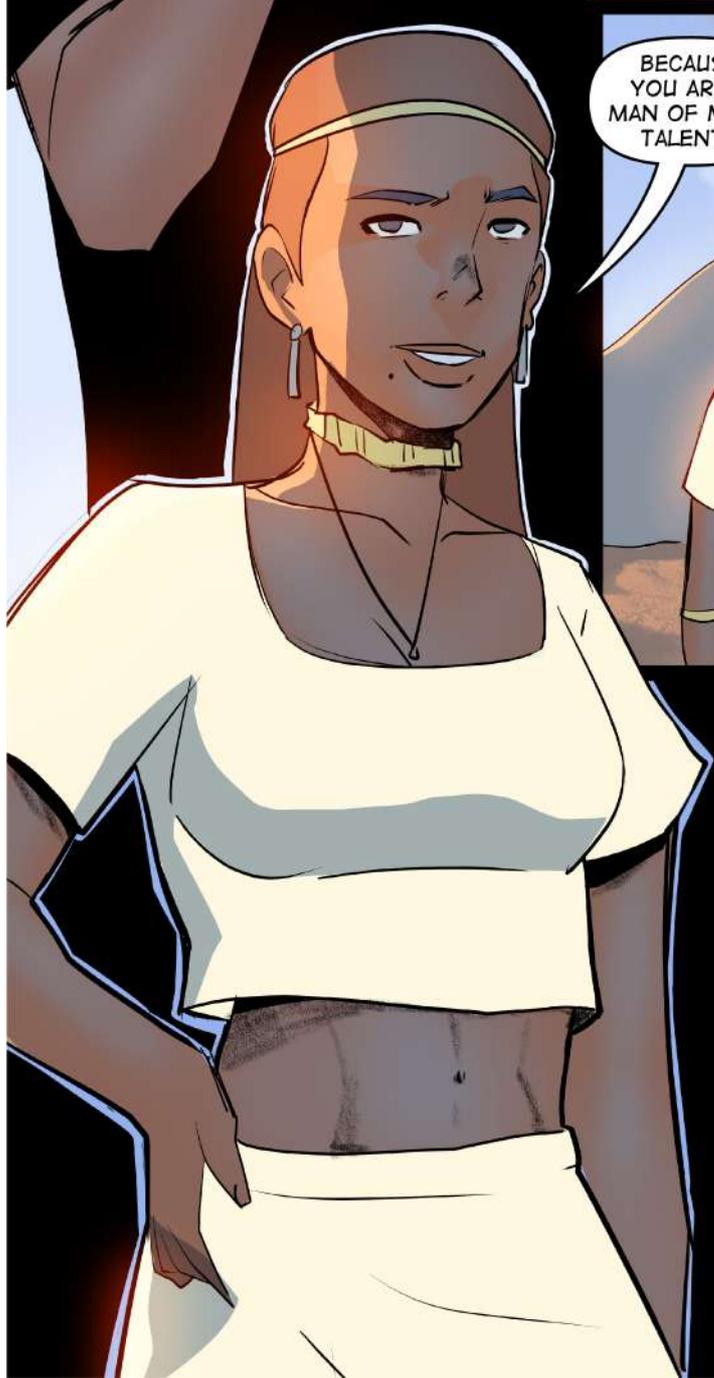


HMM, YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH I NEEDED THIS

I TOLD YOU, THE ORANGES WERE FOR YOU.

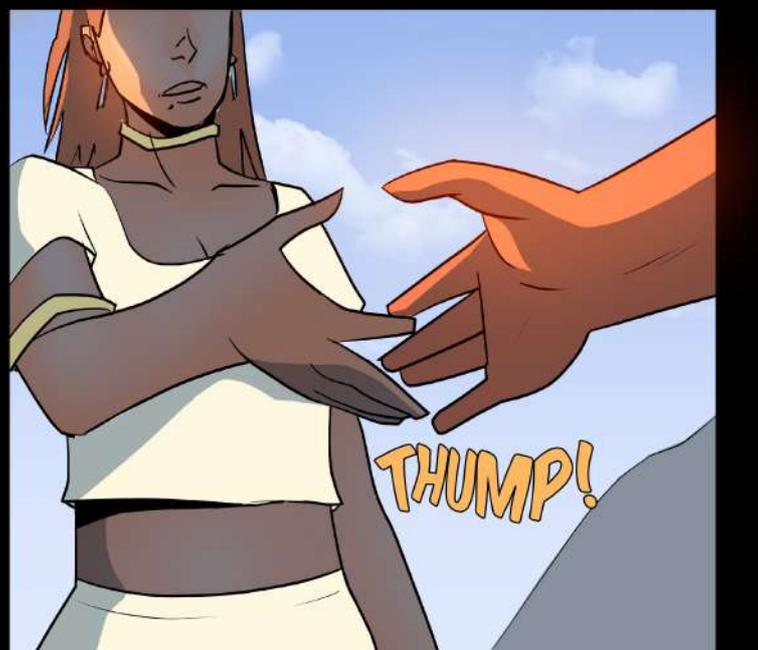
YOU WERE SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT "HOW NOT BEING AS IMPORTANT AS WHY"?

OKAY, SO TELL ME, WHY?

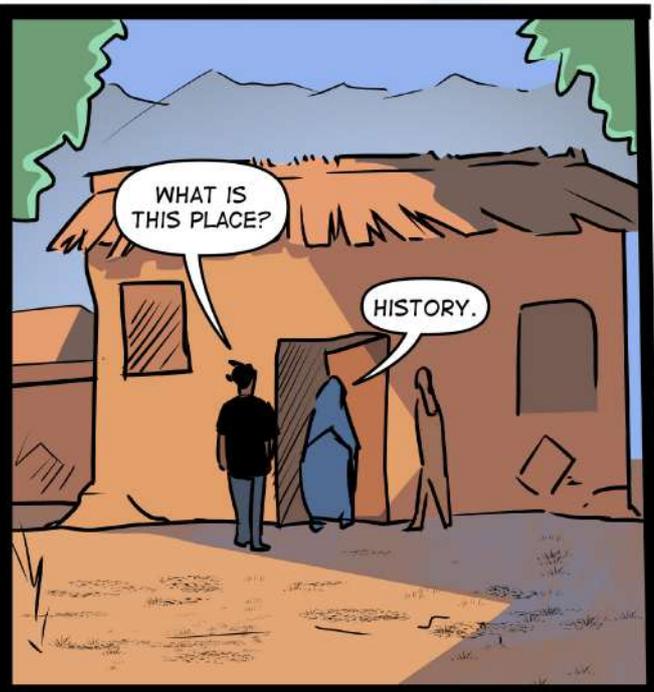
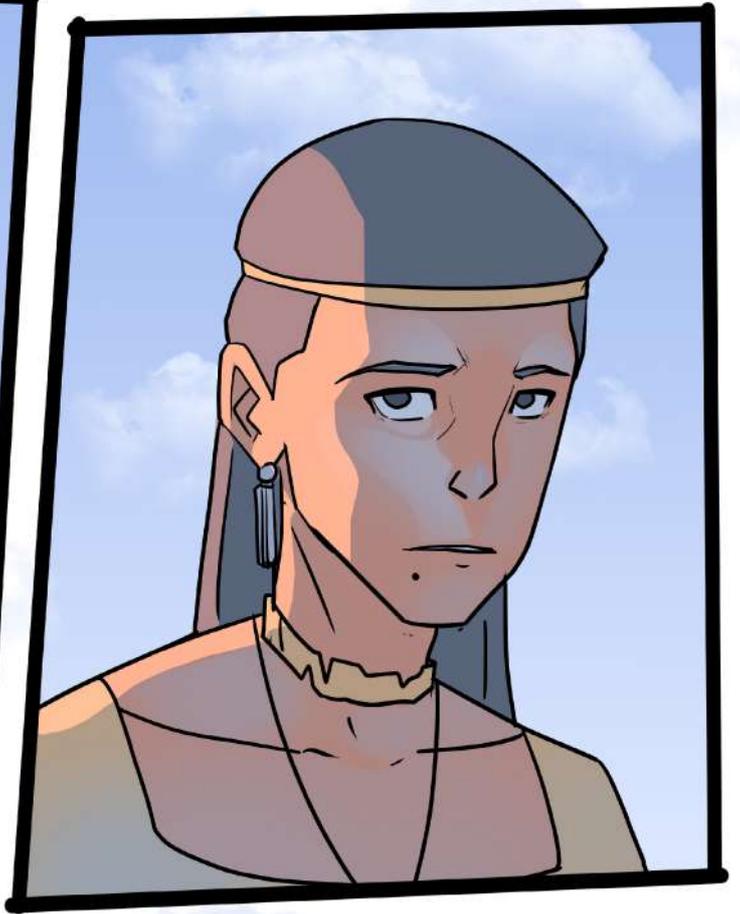


BECAUSE YOU ARE A MAN OF MANY TALENTS

MEET MY GRANDDAUGHTER, MAYAKI.



THUMP!







THERE WAS A TIME, BEFORE THE EXPLORER'S CAME FORTH, A TIME OF *SURPLUS*

THE *EXPLORERS!*



THE *EUROPEANS.*



ALL THE MALE FIRST BORN CHILDREN *DIED* AT BIRTH...



IT WAS A *CURSE*, INVOKED BY A *KING* OF IN THOSE TIMES...



HE COMMITTED *ATROCITIES*, BEYOND HUMAN *COMPREHENSION*...



THE CURSE WAS LAID BY OUR *ANCESTOR*, MY GREAT, GREAT GRANDMOTHER. SHE CURSED HIM WITH HER *DYING BREATH*.



THAT CURSE, STILL AFFECTS SOME OF US IN THESE PARTS.

ALL THE MALE FIRST BORN SONS STILL DIE AT BIRTH HERE.



AND IT'S ALL DOCUMENTED ON THE WALLS?

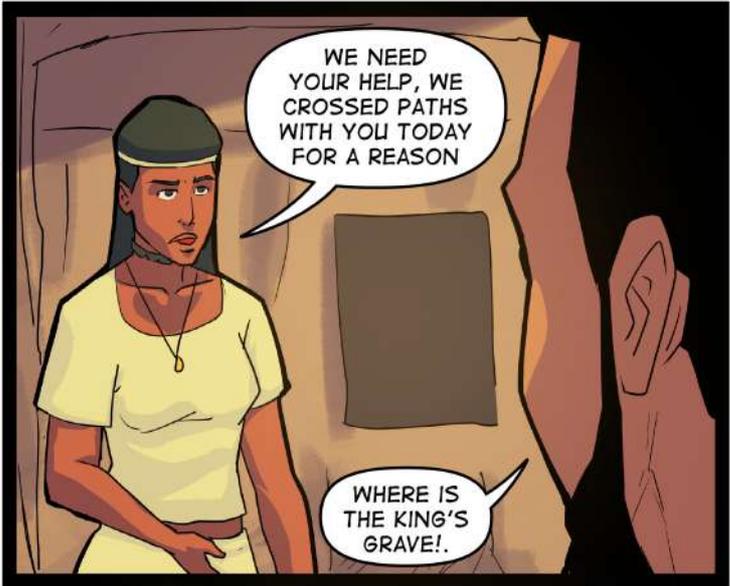
IT IS OUR HISTORY, A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE FORGOTTEN, TO MOST IT'S MERELY A MYTH



HOW CAN IT BE STOPPED?



WE WILL HAVE TO UNEARTH THE KING'S COFFIN, AND BURN HIM. THAT WAY, THE CURSE IS ENDED, AND OUR CHILDREN LIVE.



WE NEED YOUR HELP, WE CROSSED PATHS WITH YOU TODAY FOR A REASON

WHERE IS THE KING'S GRAVE!.



THIS IS THE KING'S GRAVE?

YES, HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT.

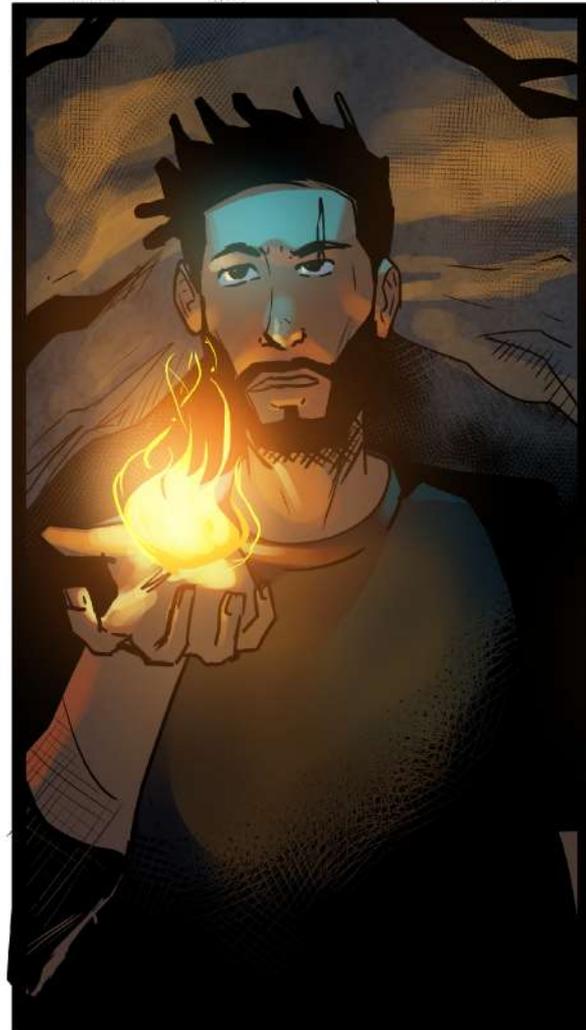


THANK YOU FOR HELPING US

I FEEL DRAWN TO ALL THIS, LIKE I AM PART OF IT

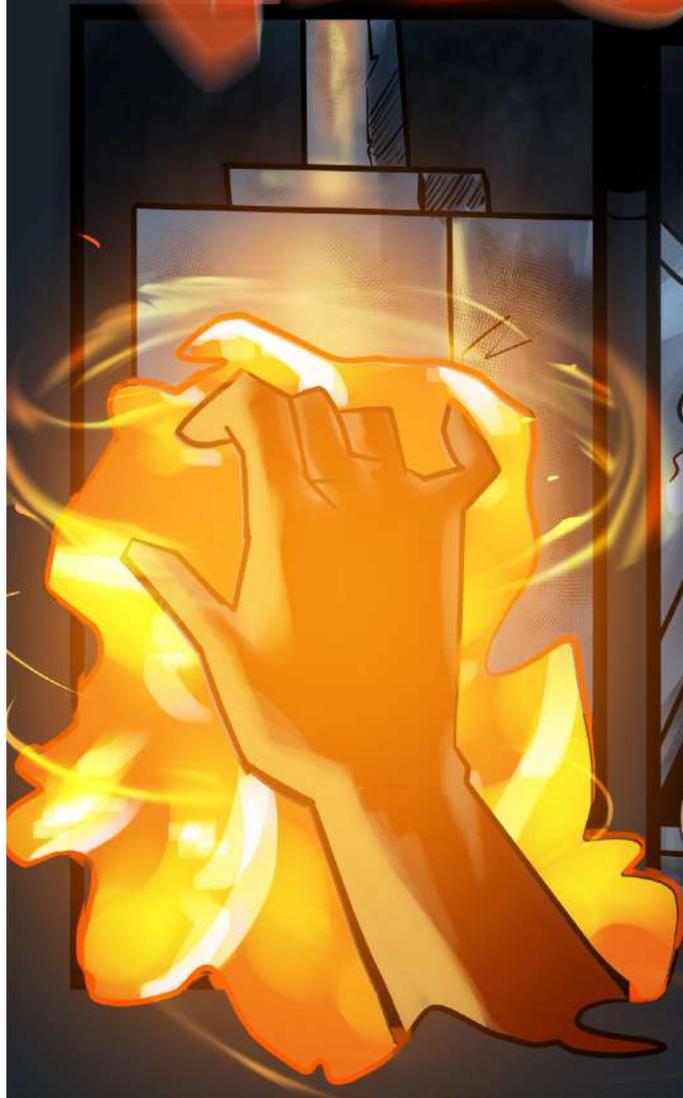


BUT YOU ARE, YOU ARE A SON OF THE SOIL





Whoosh!

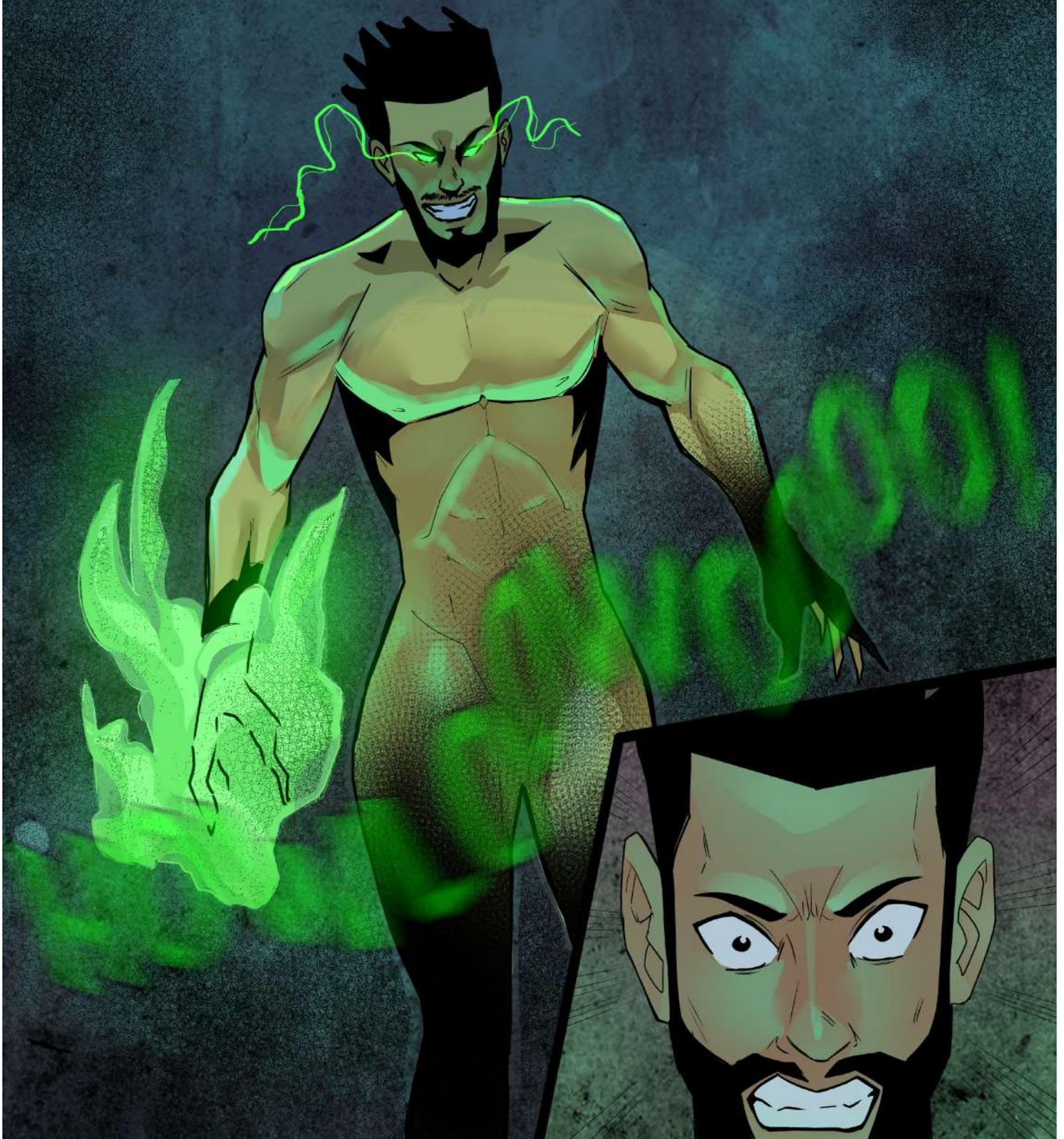


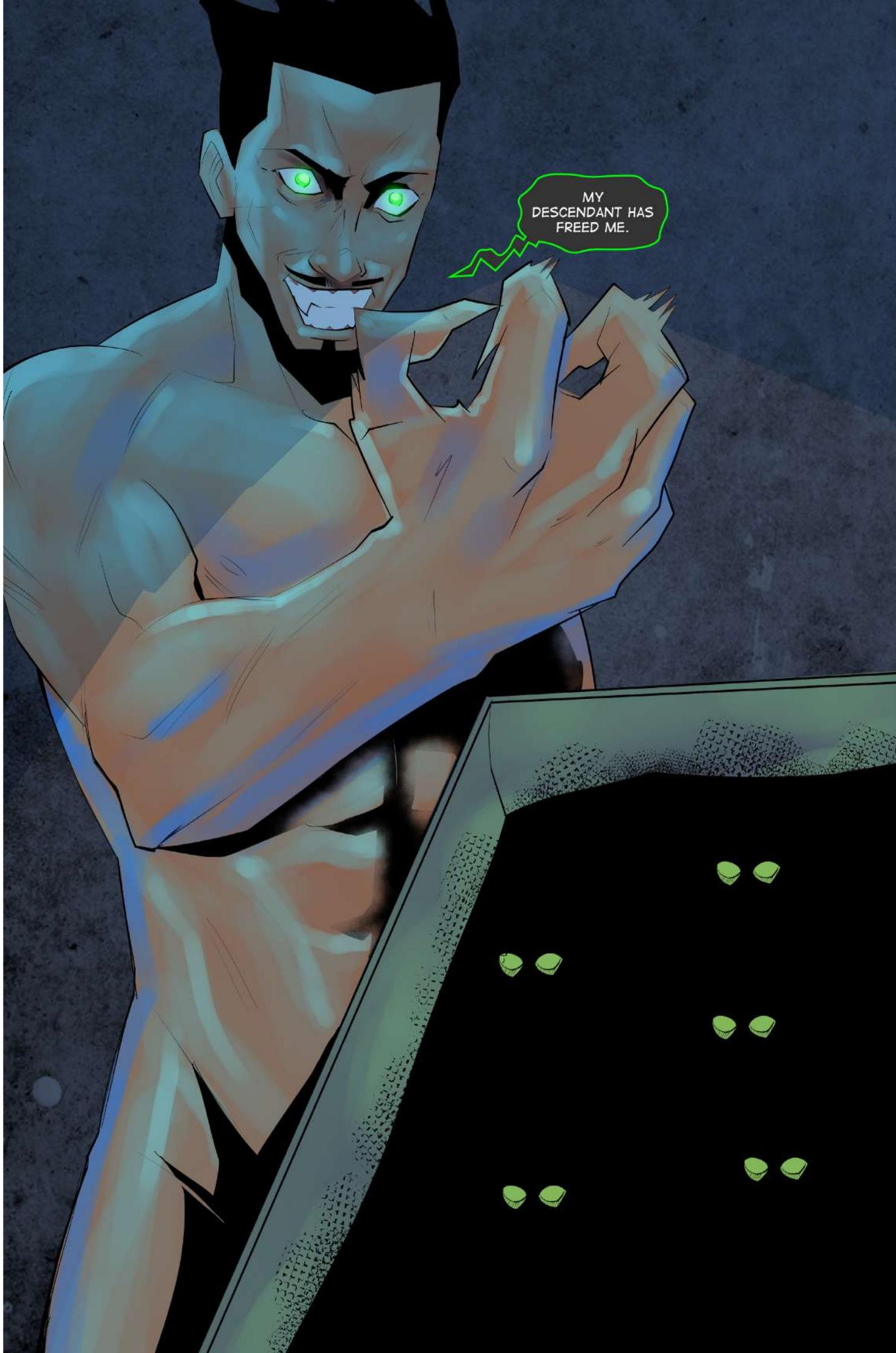
CRUNCH!



Whoosh!







MY  
DESCENDANT HAS  
FREED ME.

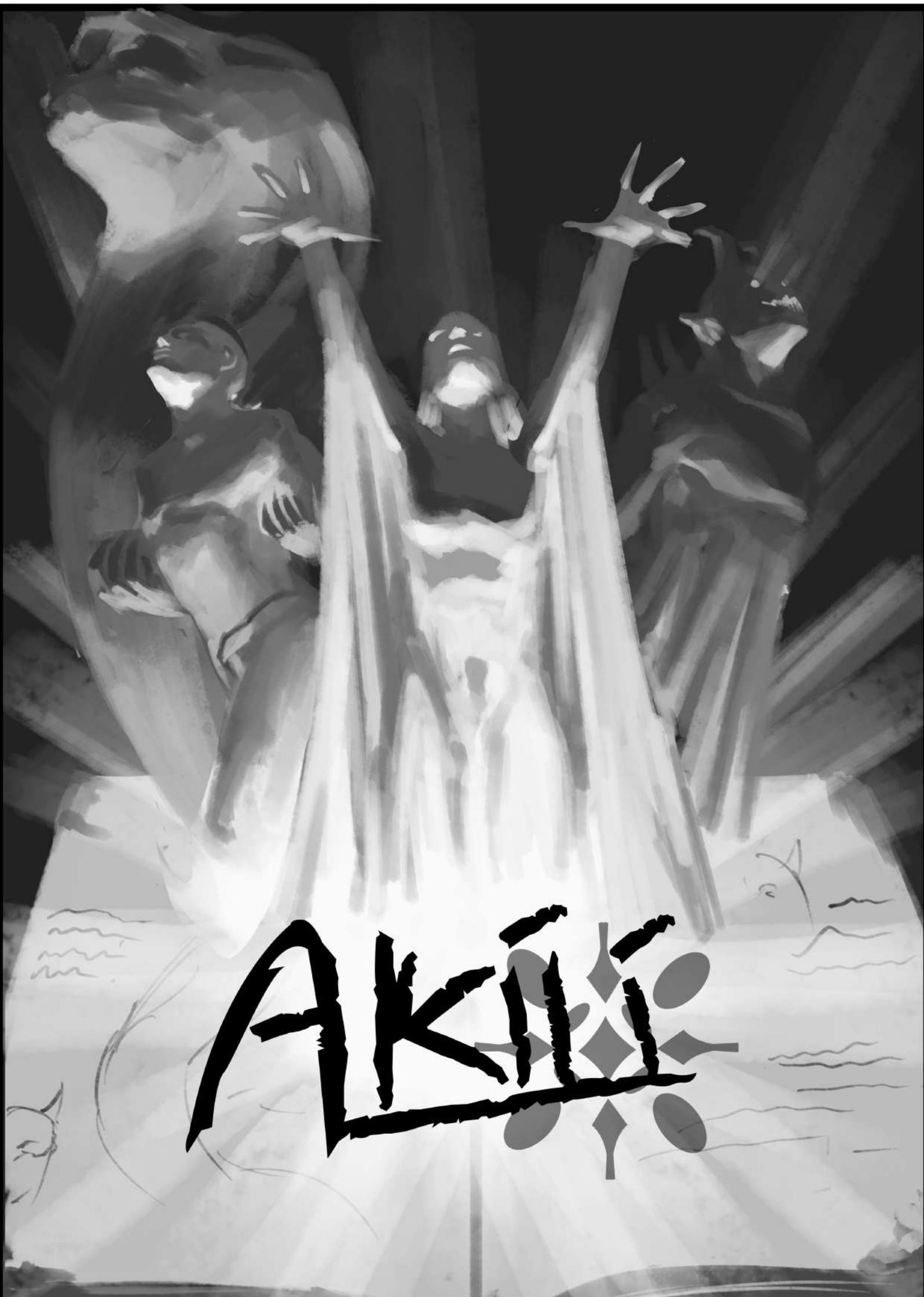


THIS TOWN..NO,  
THIS WORLD WILL  
BOW TO ME



WHAT HAVE  
I DONE?





**AKI!**



AKIRA