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THANK YOU FOR THE LOVE!

After sweeping up the Lagos Comic Convention fist awards back to back for two consecutive years running, (2017 / 2018) its safe to say that AEGIS is arguably the most awarded single comic title in the Nigerian space and we owe it all to you our fans for continuously cheering us on and also our team of dedicated creatives for the relentless work. We will no doubt sustain the passion and great quality work we do at Epoch Comics and we look forward to breaking into new frontiers while carrying you along



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After the death of his wife Angela, Dede Philips is thrown into a world of conflict for the information he has garnered relating to the dark activities of THE LORDS, an A-list group of influential Dwellers cutting across all spheres of society with a secret agenda to rule and control the fate of the nations for their own selfish gains. He is forced to confront the truth he has always refused to face; that our world is ruled by extra-dimensional AGENTS fighting for supremacy and dominance over THE DWELLERS, whose minds are their battleground. Kabza is the Ace-Agent and the leader of THE SERAPHS, an elite force of warring extra-dimensional beings, who express their warfare through THE DWELLERS as they seek to achieve global domination for the sovereign ruler, THE OVERLORD. THE SERAPHS is saddled with the duty of protecting Dede and all other members of A.E.G.I.S. from the influence of THE PRETORS who are also seeking global domination for their boss THE UNDERLORD, a renegade member of THE SERAPHS. Dede is the focal piece of the grand master-plan of THE OVERLORD in his bid to attain global domination. He is destined to become the Arch-Agent of AEGIS, the elite ground force of THE OVERLORD on Earth, Home of THE DWELLERS. These mortal agents are recruited from all walks of life and they possess super-human abilities because of their affinity with the extra-dimensional members of THE SERAPHS and their individual skill-sets form their uniqueness in combat as they engage in battle with the members of THE LORDS.

A Renowned journalist, and the best in his field, Dede had a good life, a beautiful wife, Angela and a daughter, Nikky who had the power of a SEER. He had life so good, he judged everything by logic, thus he never believed that there was an extra-dimensional world and that it influenced the choices and actions of all Dwellers. In a series of events spinning this story, he is about to experience some life-changing activities that redefine his life's course. All went well for him until he was handpicked by the Nation's president for an interview at THE VILLA. At the VILLA, Dede stumbled upon some vital information about THE LORDS and their secret agenda for global domination. He secretly received documented proof of their extra-dimensional alliances and strange practices. This evidence creates a mind-shattering and confusing experience for him seeing that he has never believed in the existence of the other dimension.

The series of events leading up to the death of his wife becomes the playing field upon which this entire story is built....

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THERE ARE **THREE**
COSMIC REGIONS

THE
EMPYREA= FAR BEYOND
THE COSMOS...ALSO
CALLED THE **NORTH CITY**



THE **ECHOSTRUM**=
HOME TO THE STARS,
GALAXIES AND PLANETS



THE **ATMOS**, COMPRISING
THE SKIES AND CLOUDS

AND BENEATH THEM
ALL, THERE IS THE
EARTH.... HOME OF
THE **DWELLERS**.

THIS IS
LAGOS, NIGERIA

TWO REALITIES

THE SECULAR, THE
REALM OF THE
DWELLERS.



THE EXTRA-
DIMENSIONAL REALITY,
THE REALM OF THE
AGENTS

IN THIS REALM
THERE ARE THE
SERAPHS

... AND THE
PRETORS



THE EXTRA-DIMENSIONAL INFLUENCES
THE REALM OF THE DWELLERS. THE THINGS
THAT THE DWELLERS CALL ACCIDENTS,
LUCK AND CHANCE ARE PURELY
ORCHESTRATED BY THE AGENTS.

IT'S A BATTLE AND THERE IS NO
MIDDLE GROUND, ALL DWELLERS
ARE YIELDED TO EITHER SIDE.

DEDE PHILIPS IS IGNORANT OF
THESE FACTS AND HAS
CONSEQUENTLY LANDED ON A
TOUGH SPOT.

UNABLE TO GET OVER THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE, UNABLE TO FORGIVE HIMSELF FOR HIS PAST MISTAKES



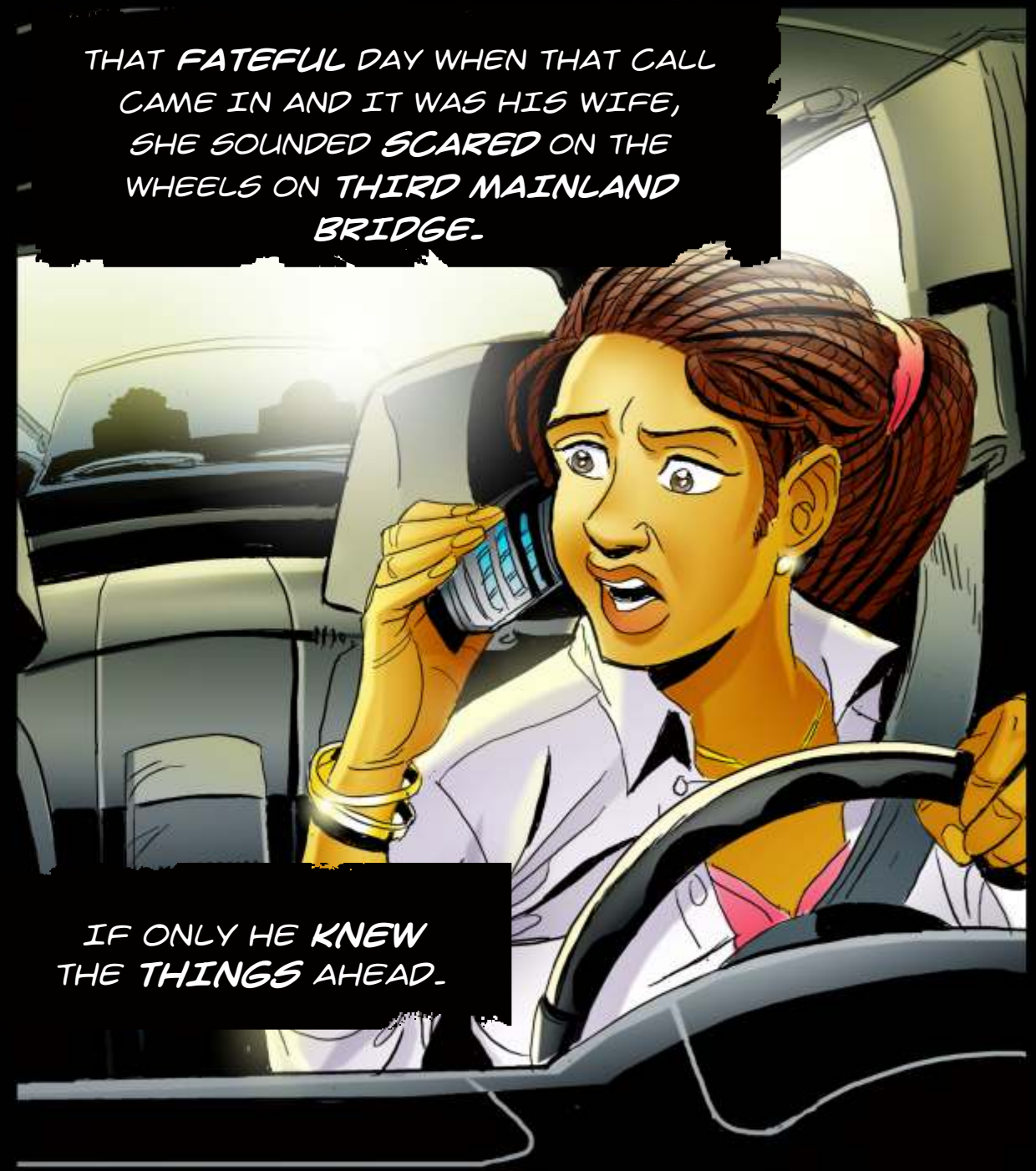
IT'S ALL MY FAULT... SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO PAY FOR MY STUPIDITY!

TWO MONTHS ON, HE SINKS DEEPER AND DEEPER DOWN THE MIRE OF HOPELESSNESS



I'M AT A DEAD-END. I SHOULD JUST END IT ALL RIGHT NOW

THAT FATEFUL DAY WHEN THAT CALL CAME IN AND IT WAS HIS WIFE, SHE SOUNDED SCARED ON THE WHEELS ON THIRD MAINLAND BRIDGE.



IF ONLY HE KNEW THE THINGS AHEAD.

THAT HE WOULD BE A BIG FACTOR IN UNRAVELING A DEEP TRUTH THAT WOULD ALTER THE COURSE OF THIS NATION, AND HIS BELIEF





I LOVE YOU SO MUCH---

THOSE WERE HER VERY LAST WORDS---



BOOMSH

BOOMSSSH



HE HEARD GUNSHOTS, THEN TYRES SCREECHING. HE DARTED OUT OF THE OFFICE

ANGELA!
ANGELA !!!

WITH HIS FRIEND, FEMI OSHODI TRAILING BEHIND



HE WAS TOO LATE

NOOOOO!!!

SHE WAS GONE



FORGIVE ME MY LOVE



DO IT!
YOUR LIFE CANNOT GET ANY WORSE THAN THIS. YOU'VE LOST EVERYTHING

YOU'VE ALSO FAILED AS A FATHER. YOU'RE A BIG SHAME TO HER

PRETORS INVADE HIS MIND. HE'S TOTALLY OBLIVIOUS OF THEM

DO IT!

**YES!
PULL THE
TRIGGER**

**A
SPLIT SECOND
LATER**

**QUICK AZARA
JAM THE GUN AND
EXPUL THE IMPS, I
WILL TAKE ON THE
WARRING
PRETOR.**

**WE MUST
PROTECT HIM
BECAUSE THE
OVERLORD NEEDS HIM
AND NIKKY NEEDS HIM
ALIVE...HENCE SHE
SUMMONED
US.**

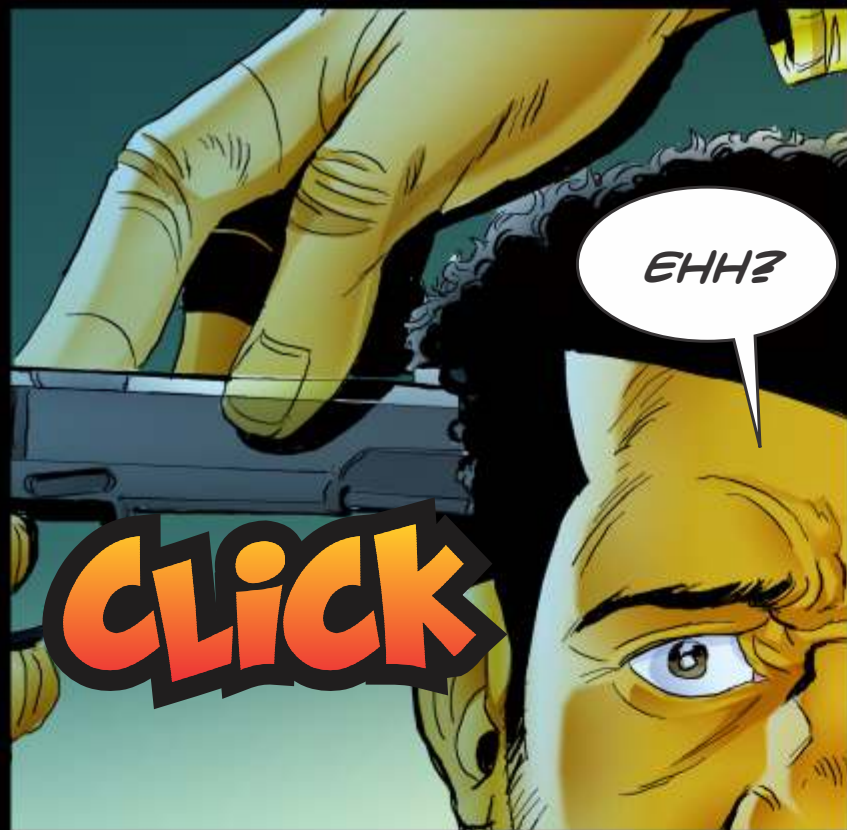
**AFFIRMED
KABZA!**



SKREECH

CEASE!
PRINCE OF THE
UNDERLORD!

WOOOOOSH!



EHH?

CLICK



YOU AND YOUR
MASTER DO NOT
UNDERSTAND THAT HE,
LIKE EVERY OTHER
DWELLER HAS THE
SOVEREIGN WILL OF
THE OVERLORD

IT'S
JAMMED!

GOSH!
WHAT AM I
DOING?

YOU CANNOT
UNDO WHAT IS
DONE, SERAPH. HIS
CHOICE IS HIS AND HIS
ALONE TO MAKE. HE'S
DESTINED TO SELF-
DESTRUCT!
HAHAHAHA!!!!



HE DOESN'T WANT YOUR **HELP!** HE'S OURS TO KEEP BECAUSE WE **RULE** HIS AFFAIRS AND WE SAY HIS **TIME** IS UP!



THE SEER PROTECTS HIM

SO BACK OFF!

UGH!!

SHKANG

NIKKY! OH MY....WHAT WAS I THINKING?!



WHEN ALL DWELLERS ARE IN OUR CLUTCHES, WE WILL CONTROL BOTH THE ATMOS AND THE ECHOSTRUM AND ALL YOU SERAPHS WILL BE OUT OF JOBS FOREVER!
HAHAHAHA!!!



THE SOVEREIGN PLAN OF THE OVERLORD IS IN MOTION ALREADY AND THERE'S NOTHING YOUR MASTER CAN DO ABOUT IT. THE DWELLERS WILL RULE THEIR SPHERE FOREVER...

AT THE RATE THE DWELLERS ARE GOING... YOUR MASTER'S PIPE DREAM IS A HOAX!
HAHAHAHA!!!



HOW DARE YOU SPEAK ABOUT THE OVERLORD LIKE THAT!



THE BLINDING LIGHT SWORD!



RETURN TO THE ECHOSTRUM YOU LOATHSOME PRETOR.

GHAAH



AAAH



DADDY!!!



NIKKY! WHAT IS IT, SWEETHEART?



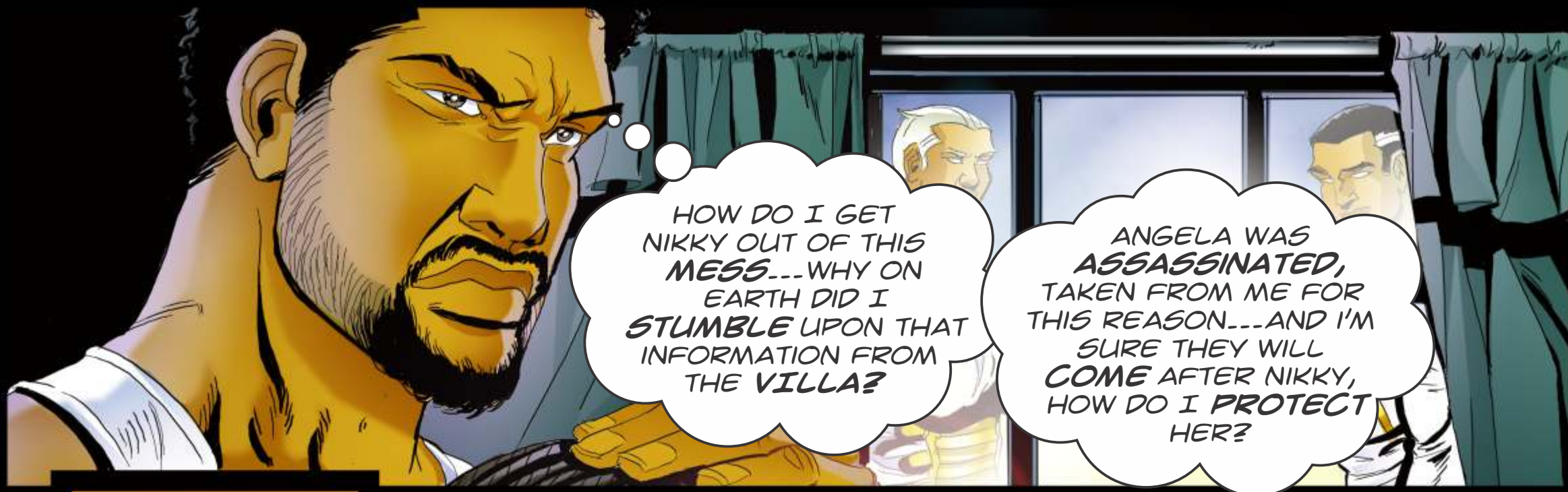
SCARY LOOKING PEOPLE...THEY WERE TRYING TO HURT YOU, BUT TWO GIANTS CAME AND SAVED YOU

I SAW THEM IN MY DREAMS; THEY KEPT COMING...PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME DADDY.



I LOVE YOU DAD....I NEED YOU AROUND

I'M HERE, SWEETIE, AND WILL ALWAYS BE... NOTHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU.



HOW DO I GET NIKKY OUT OF THIS MESS... WHY ON EARTH DID I STUMBLE UPON THAT INFORMATION FROM THE VILLA?

ANGELA WAS ASSASSINATED, TAKEN FROM ME FOR THIS REASON... AND I'M SURE THEY WILL COME AFTER NIKKY, HOW DO I PROTECT HER?



THEY KNOW HE'S THE KEY



WE ARE SUMMONED BACK BY THE EMPYREA.

CERTAINLY WARRING PRETORS RARELY BREACH THE ECHOSTRUM

THE FATE OF MULTITUDES LIE IN HIS HANDS, SO THEY'RE DESPERATE TO STOP HIM



THE PRETORS WILL DEFINITELY BE BACK FOR HIM -

IT'S ALL WITHIN THE PLAN



MARINA,
LAGOS ISLAND

EAGLE PRESS
TOWERS TWO
DAYS LATER



WELCOME
BACK TO WORK,
DEDE. WE MISSED
YOU; WE WILL GO
THROUGH THIS AS
A FAMILY.

I
APPRECIATE,
FEMI. I THINK I'LL
BE ALRIGHT ONCE I
GET WORKING
AGAIN



WOW!
GOOD TO
SEE YOU
DEDE!

THANKS,
ADEOLA.



YOU'RE
STILL YET TO
GIVE ME THE
DETAILS ABOUT
ABUJA

I DON'T
WANT TO TALK
ABOUT THAT
FOR NOW



SHORTLY LATER

DEDE, I KNOW WE CAN'T FILL THE VOID IN YOUR HEART, BUT ITS GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK

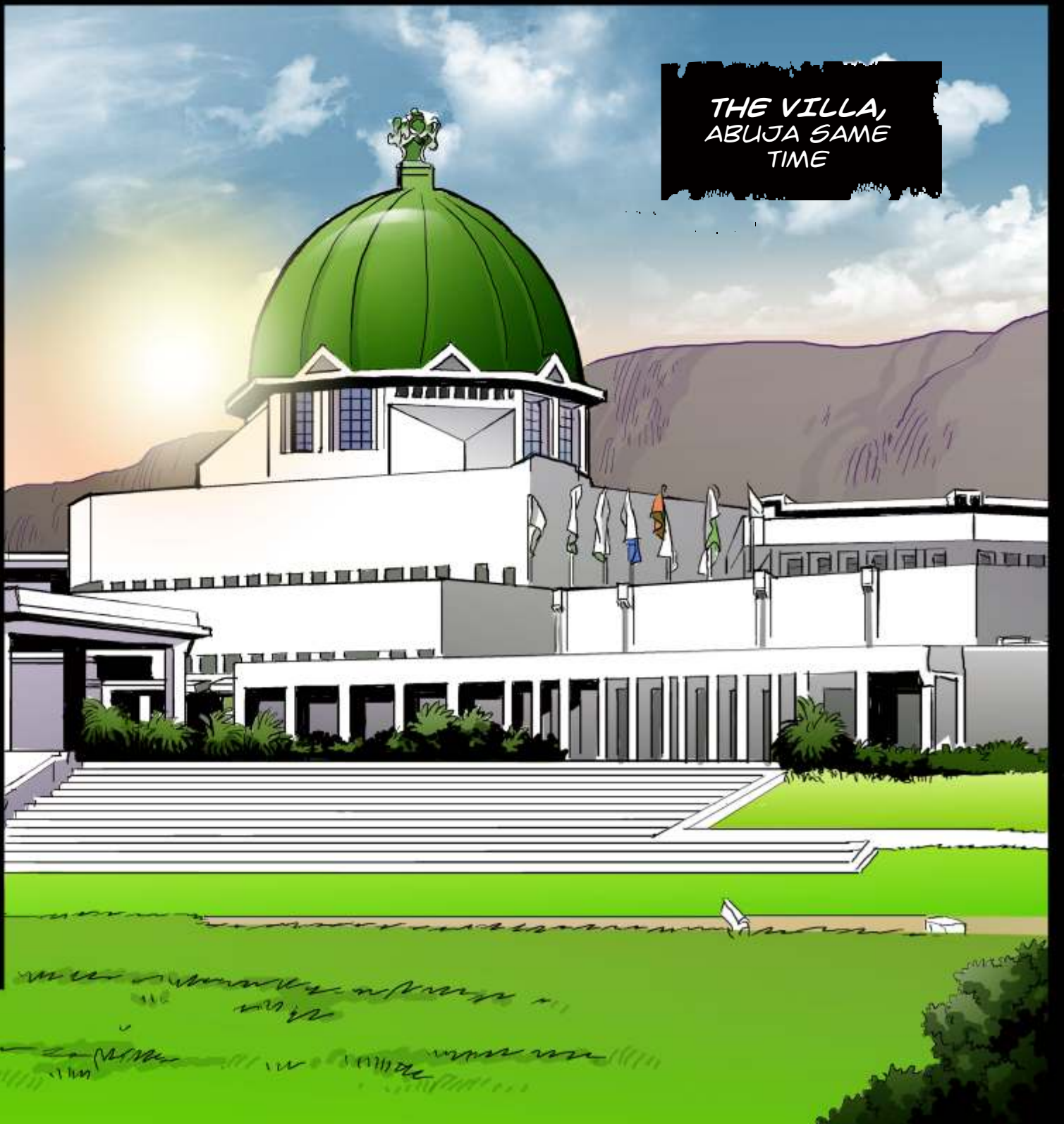
THANK YOU SIR



JUST PUT IT IN THE ABLE HANDS OF THE MAKER HE WILL HELP YOU HEAL, IT IS WELL MY FRIEND



OH PLEASE! WHERE WAS HE WHEN THEY KILLED MY WIFE



THE VILLA, ABUJA SAME TIME



DIKKO PAYNE'S OFFICE

MORNING SIR!
WE JUST GOT A CALL THAT HE HAS RETURNED TO WORK, WHAT DO WE DO NOW?



THE INSIDE MAN WANTS MORE TIME. DO WE WAIT?

JUST TWO SIMPLE STEPS, RETRIEVE THE FLASH DRIVE AND GET RID OF HIM. ABI ANY WAHALA?



NO TIME MY FRIEND! WE MUST ACT QUICKLY DO IT TONIGHT AND MAKE SURE WE GET IT. NO SLACKING THIS TIME. THE LORDS IS TOO BIG FOR ONE DWELLER TO BE A THREAT TO US.



TEAGLE PRESS TOWERS, SAME NIGHT

DEDE WORKS
LATE INTO THE
NIGHT

CLICK
CLICK

I STILL
CAN'T FIGURE
OUT EXACTLY
WHAT TO DO
WITH IT

THIS VIDEO
IS JUST
ATROCIOUS

PART OF ME
INSISTS ON
HOLDING
ON TO IT

FOR A GOOD
REASON TOO.
IT CAN BRING
THEM ALL
DOWN

bee
-beep

THEIR ILLS
MUST BE
EXPOSED

HAND THE
FLASHDRIVE
OVER RIGHT NOW.
GIVE ME THE
BAG!

OH
GREAT.



SKREEEEEEEEEEEEECCHH



WHAT ON EARTH...?



EEEEEEEEEEEEEEECCHH



THE BAG, NOW!

UGH?



LEAVE HIM ALONE YOU TWO!

MIND YOUR BUSINESS OLD MAN.



OGA JANITOR?
AT THIS
TIME?



I SAID,
LET HIM
GO!



**BLAM
BANG**



NOW, YOU
STUBBORN
FOOL.... EH?



NIKKY!
I HAVE TO
GET TO
HER



GET
HIM!

I DON'T
THINK SO



GRROOOWL



KUSU AND
PIAKA, I KNEW
YOU BOTH HAD
TO BE BEHIND
THIS

WELL....THIS
IS A FAIR
FIGHT NOW!



I AM SALVEZZA, CHAMPION OF THE ORDER OF SERAPHS

NOW, WILL YOU LEAVE IN PEACE OR BY FORCE?

I CAN SEE YOU BROUGHT ALONG YOUR ENTIRE REGIMENT

SERAPH! THIS IS NO BUSINESS OF YOURS

WE ARE GOING **NO WHERE** UNTIL HE IS DESTROYED!

"CHUCKLE" VERY WELL THEN...

SHKKK

LET'S SEE HOW YOU HOLD OUT AGAINST THESE TOOLS OF ENLIGHTENMENT

SHKKK



FREE RETURN PASS TO THE UNDERWORLD ANYONE?

GHIRROOOWWWWWW

SHADOW

SALVEZZA'S ON RAMPAGE AGAIN.

...OBVIOUSLY HASN'T LOST HIS STRONG DISTASTE FOR PRETORS



EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE, SALVEZZA!

...THEY TURNED DOWN THE PEACEFUL OPTION

YOU WOULD THINK THOSE CRITTERS WILL EVER LEARN



HE'S IN THE CLEAR FOR NOW, BUT WHAT AWAITS HIM WILL BREAK HIM, KABZA

THANK YOU SALVEZZA, LET'S HOPE HE MAKES THE RIGHT CHOICES FOR THE SAKE OF THE DWELLERS



HE HAS REFUSED TO HEED THE CALL OF THE OVERLORD

HE JUST KEEPS RUNNING AWAY. THEY ALWAYS RUN AT FIRST.



PUFF!
HUFF!!
PUFF!!!
NIKKY!

NEXT ISSUE: **SECOND DEATH**





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