



epoch

EPISODE 2

AEGIS



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NO!



AHH!
OGA DEM CARRI
GUN, DEM BEAT ME,
NEARLY KILL ME, JAM MY
HEAD FOR WALL, I COME
COLLAPSE. WEN I WAKE
UP AS YOU ENTER I NO
SEE NIKKY. DEM
KIDNAP AM?!



Ikeja police station:
Three days later



LOOK, OGA JOURNALIST, YOUR STORY SO FAR MAKES NO SENSE. YOU STILL MAINTAIN THAT A HUMAN BEING DID THAT DAMAGE TO YOUR CAR WITH HIS BARE HANDS?



...NIKKY. I CAN'T LOSE HER TOO

YES!



THREE DAYS AND WE'RE YET TO GET ANY INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR DAUGHTER OR HER KIDNAPPERS. YOU'VE NOT GIVEN US ANY HELPFUL TIP

I DON'T TRUST THIS MAN...

I MUST TELL HIM NOTHING

EVERYTHING ABOUT SOLVING THIS CASE STILL POINTS TO YOU



THE INSCRIPTION ON THE WALL OF YOUR APARTMENT, WRITTEN IN BLOOD READS... "IF YOU WANT HER BACK, YOU KNOW WHAT WE WANT" ...

NICE TRY



WHAT IS IT YOU HAVE ?!

RING RING



AT LEAST FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR LATE WIFE AND YOUR LITTLE GIRL, BE WISE AND COOPERATE!



HAS HE SPILLED IT?



IT'S A BRICK WALL SITUATION RIGHT NOW, HE'S NOT TALKING YET.



FOOLISH JOURNALIST! OBVIOUSLY THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE HAS TAUGHT HIM NOTHING, AND HE HAS NO REGARD FOR HIS DAUGHTER'S LIFE.

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THE SERAPHS. ELITE UNIT

KABZA

CHREONA



KABZA, MOWLI AND HIS GHOULS GATHER...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE OVERLORD WOULDN'T LET US CONCLUDE THIS BATTLE ONCE AND FOR ALL

DARTHA



CATHEONA



AZARA

PATIENCE, DARTHA, IT WILL ALL PLAY OUT ACCORDING TO HIS SCRIPT

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03.

PRETORS DISGUISED AS RAIN CLOUDS HOVER ABOVE THE LINSUSPECTING DWELLERS ...

RIGHT?... IF I NEVER HEAR THAT PHRASE AGAIN, IT WILL BE TOO SOON

...SOME OF WHOM THEY HAVE MADE HOSTS.

LIKE I SAID, IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING OR HAVE ...

... "ANY USEFUL INFORMATION TO SOLVE THIS CASE AND SAVE MY DAUGHTER, TO LET YOU KNOW" ...

THIS IS NOT A JOKE, YOUNG MAN! QUIT BEING STUBBORN!



EH?... FOR A SECOND THERE, YOU SOUNDED LIKE YOU KNOW SOMETHING I DON'T

YOU'RE SO DEAD YOU RAT. EITHER WE WILL FORCE THAT DATA OUT OF YOU

BIP BIP BIP



WROOOOOOOOO

HE JUST LEFT THE STATION.



HE'S ON THE MOVE. WE WILL FIND A WAY TO BRING HIM IN AND GIVE HIM THE LOWDOWN. IT STILL MAKES NO SENSE TO HIM



UMAR IS WORKING FOR THEM. THEY MAY STRIKE AGAIN TONIGHT, WE HAVE TO ACT FAST



MOWLI, PRETOR OF DEATH



SERAPHS, THE BLOOD THIRSTY HORDE OF PRAETORS HAVE BEEN UNLEASHED. PROTECT THE SUBJECT





STILL KEEPING
DETAILS OF THE
POST-VILLA
EVENTS FROM ME?
...EVEN THE POLICE
THINK YOU'RE HIDING
SOMETHING.

WHAT'S
GOING ON
BUDDIE? TALK
TO ME. I'D LIKE
TO HELP



TRUST ME, YOU
CAN'T. TRUTH IS,
I'M NOT EVEN SURE
I UNDERSTAND
WHAT'S GOING ON
ANYMORE

ALL HELL HAS
BROKEN LOOSE
IN MY LIFE, AND I
DON'T WANT TO
DRAG YOU INTO ALL
THE MESS



...THE FOURTH
DIMENSION

HALT,
MOWU!!!



KABZA! THE
REPROBATE SOUL
WHOM YOU GUARD MUST
EMBRACE HIS FATE. IT IS
SEALED THIS VERY DAY!
LEGION, ADVANCE!!!



LEGION, OUR TONGUES THIRST FOR BLOOD! ATTACK THE SERAPHS AND KEEP THEM WALLED IN! THE PRIZE AWAITS US!



SERAPHS! SEND THESE SCUMBAGS BACK TO THE UNDERWORLD



THE SOLE OBJECTIVE OF THE
UNDERLORD'S ARMY IS TO
SQUASH EVERY DWELLER WHO
PAYS HIM NO ALLEGIANCE...

TODAY THEY HAVE
IT IN FOR DEDE



THE SERAPHS SEEK
DIFFERENT

THEY SERVE AND
PROTECT.





THESE **WORTHLESS** NYMPHS ARE NEVER-DO-WELLERS YOU CAN'T **SAVE** THEM

THEY MAY NEVER APPRECIATE IT, BUT WE FIGHT FOR HOPE

MOWU, THERE IS NO VICTORY FOR YOU HERE, BE GONE.



NOT GOOD!



THE MIND OF A WEAK AND IGNORANT DWELLER IS EASY PREY FOR PRETORS

...THE SUSCEPTIBLE TRUCKER IS TAKEN OVER AND MANIPULATED



HONK!!!

JUST ONE MOMENT OF CONFUSION...

A ND...

WH
---WHAT'S
HAPPENING,
KENE!!?

NO! I
CAN'T DIE
THIS WAY...OH
MY...HELP!

OUT OF DESPERATION,
DEDE LITERS HIS FIRST
TRUE PLEA FOR HELP

GOOD
CHOICE OF
WORDS, FRIEND.
GRANTED!

BASH

SHATTERING

BA-WOM

WIND AND
VORTEX, PUT
OUT THE
BLAZE!



LIGHH!



ZADKA!
YOU BATTLE ONTO
FUTILITY. WE ARE
WINNING THIS WAR, CAN'T
YOU PERCEIVE IT? JOIN
US NOW AND RULE OVER
DWELLERS, NOT RUN
THEIR ERRANDS

**HAHAHA
HAHA!**

YOU VILE
CREATURE...



I SAID



**BE
GONE!**

SHACK!





FEMI, WOW! YOUR DRIVING SKILL SAVED US THERE OH! WHAT A MESS. IT'S AMAZING THAT AFTER SUCH AN EXPLOSION NOBODY DIED

WELL, BEYOND MY DRIVING SKILLS WE SHOULD BE GLAD THAT IT WAS A DIESEL TRUCK AND NOT PETROL, OR WE, MY FRIEND, WOULD HAVE BEEN TOAST.



The National Assembly Abuja
Next day

NO DEATH? NO BLOOD? AND THAT GUY STILL HAS THE VIDEO? I THOUGHT YOU SAID ALL WE NEEDED WAS MORE BLOOD SPILL?

RAISE OUR GAME!?! LOOK, WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING MUST BE APT AND WITH LIGHTNING SPEED

PATIENCE, SENATOR.

A STRANGE FORCE IS AT WORK TRYING TO PREVENT OUR IMMOLATION. WE MUST ALL RAISE OUR GAME

AS FOR THAT MR. DEDE, ELIMINATE HIM OR SOMETHING AND GET BACK THE VIDEO

Somewhere on the outskirts of Lagos:
That night





HELLO, WHO IS THIS?



CO-OPERATE NOW OR THE NEXT THING YOU'LL HEAR IS YOUR DAUGHTERS SCREAM. WE HAVE HER

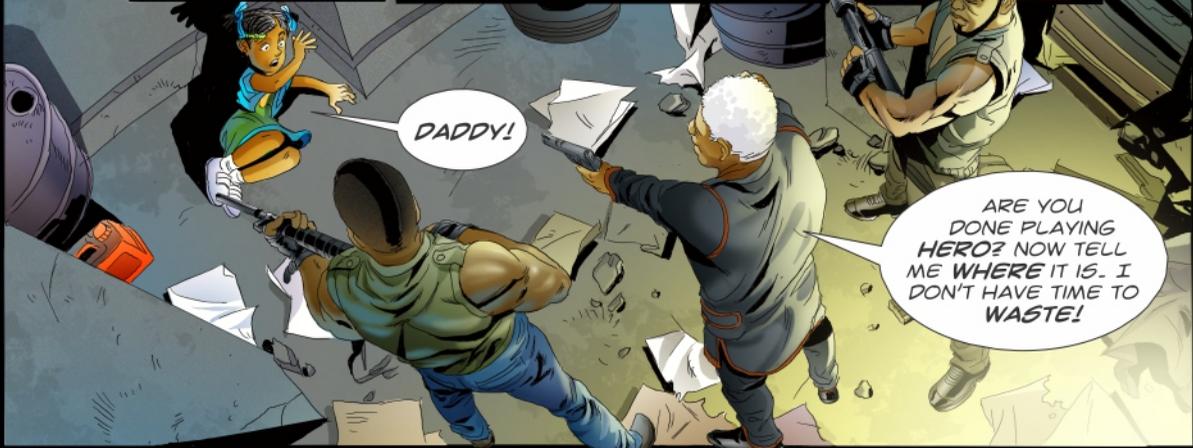
I'M NOT BLUFFING ---YOU'LL HEAR HER DIE AND HER BLOOD LIKE HER MOM'S WILL BE ON YOUR HANDS.



I KNOW THAT VOICE?!

NIKKY!

PLEASE DON'T HURT MY DAUGHTER PLEASE! I BEG YOU, IT'S ME YOU WANT.



DADDY!

ARE YOU DONE PLAYING HERO? NOW TELL ME WHERE IT IS. I DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE!



GUY WHAT IS GOING ON? WHO IS ON THE LINE? THE KIDNAPPERS?



I HAVE IT HERE WITH ME, DON'T HURT MY DAUGHTER! I WILL DO WHATEVER YOU WANT, PLEASE LET HER GO!



THEY SAY "THE STUBBORN FLY GETS BURIED WITH THE CORPSE". THAT'S YOU, OGA JOURNALIST



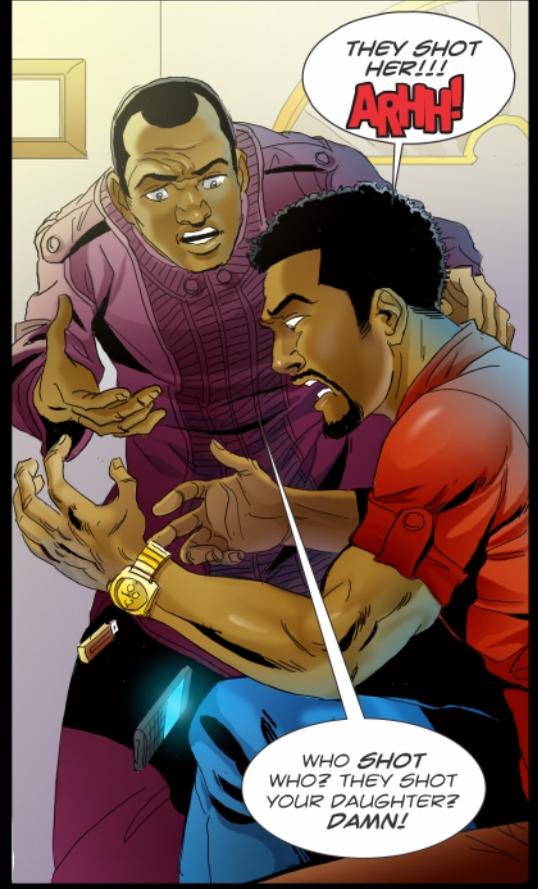
WHIMPER!



BLAM

AAAH

PTING



THEY SHOT HER!!!
AHH!

WHO SHOT WHO? THEY SHOT YOUR DAUGHTER? DAMN!



DEDE STOP PLEASE! HOW ARE YOU SURE THEY SHOT NIKKY? WHERE ARE YOU GOING? DEDE!



HELLO, MR. PAYNE



OH! HE WENT MAD AND RAN OUT, HOW IMPRESSIVE. WHAT DOES HE WANT TO DO? RUN ALL THE WAY TO THIS PLACE?

ANYWAY HAVE YOU SEEN THE DRIVE AND THE LEDGER? DO YOU HAVE THEM?

MMPHH!



SO GUESS I WILL BE GETTING THE FIFTY MILLION NAIRA WIRED INTO MY ACCOUNT RIGHT?

I HAVE THE FLASH DRIVE I WILL GO THROUGH HIS STUFF LATER FOR THE LEDGER. AFTERWARDS I'LL MEET YOU UP

Pa Adebajo's Residence
Same night



FEMI! JUST GET THE LEDGER AND I PROMISE YOU WILL GET YOUR FIFTY MILLION, EVEN THOUGH I DID MOST OF THE JOB. YOU WILL STILL GET PAID BECAUSE YOU WILL CERTAINLY COME IN HANDY LATER





SIR! GOOD EVENING, YOU SUMMONED ME.

I DID. WE HAVE VERY LITTLE TIME.



FIND A WAY TO BRING HIM IN; HE NEEDS TO KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT HIS MISSION AND THAT THE OVERLORD IS HIS ONLY WAY OUT OF THE MESS HE'S IN

BUT FIRST WE NEED TO HELP RESCUE HIS DAUGHTER.



SIR, ELION STILL MAINTAINS THAT HE IS NOT READY, BRINGING IN A RATIONALIST COULD BE A BIT OF A PROBLEM.



WE ARE GUIDES TO THE BLIND. ISN'T THAT OUR FIRST MANDATE AS A.E.G.I.S? ARRANGE FOR THE CHILD'S RESCUE, WE HAVE TO BEAT THE UNDERLORD AT HIS GAME.



EVEN THE LORDS KNOW HE IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS THE OTHERS, HENCE THE ONSLAUGHT. WE ARE MORE RESOLVED TO SALVAGE THAN THEY ARE TO DESTROY

Skills bar and Nightclub,
Victoria Island

I'M BETTER
OFF DEAD.





UGH, MY HEAD HURTS

CERTAINLY NOT MY WEIGHT

NOT THAT IT WOULD STILL MATTER IN A BIT



HURRY UP, YOU!

HIS END SEEMS IMMINENT, WITH EVERY TICKING SECOND



PHYSICAL DEMISE...AND WORSE STILL, THE END OF ALL DWELLERS...



HAA HAA HAA WE WIN!



SMASH!



...IN SHEOL, THE EARTH'S CORE

ret
Studs
gate