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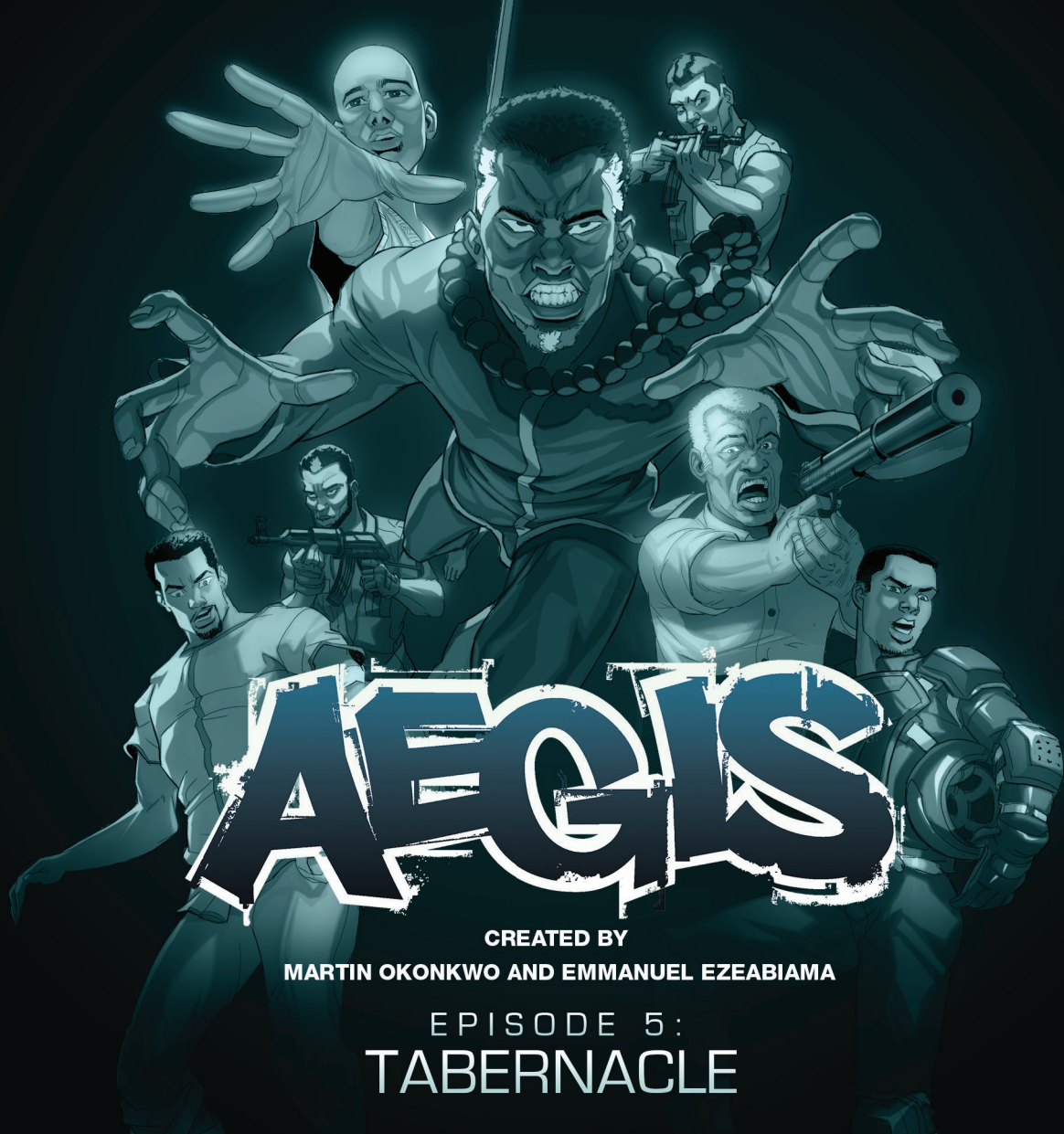


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THANK YOU FOR THE LOVE!

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 and carrying you along

THE BRIEF WAS EASY
AND TO THE POINT

FIND THE MAN. RETRIEVE
THE FLASH DRIVE AND A
LEDGER OR INFORMATION
ABOUT THEIR WHEREABOUTS...

KILL
THE MAN

WITH OVER THIRTY
CONFIRMED KILLS IN THE
BUSINESS, THE BRIEF
WAS SIMPLE ENOUGH...

HE DID NOT ENVISAGE
THE BROKEN NOSE

RASH!!!

ARRGH!

THE MISSING TEETH.
HURTING NETHER REGIONS

OR HIS PREY FLYING
AWAY... LITERALLY!

WHO GOES
THERE!!

AND NOT BECAUSE HE HAS
LOST HIS EDGE!



THERE IS TROUBLE... THE GIRL GOT AWAY!

WHAT?! HOW?!

LET HIM COME...

I'M AFRAID! WORD ON THE STREET IS THAT OGA DIKKO WANTS TO KILL US - AND THEN HE WILL GO FOR OUR FAMILIES.



WE HAVE NO FAMILIES!



BRAVE WORDS!



HOW EPIC!



WHO ARE YOU? HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE? WHAT DO YOU WANT?

MY NAME IS KNIFE. I GET AROUND AND TO YOUR FINAL QUESTION, I AM HERE REGARDING A CERTAIN MAN CALLED...



I KNOW YOU ARE TIRED, BUT THE OTHERS WANT TO MEET YOU

WHAT DO YOU PEOPLE WANT WITH ME?

WE'RE FRIENDS, WE DON'T PLAN TO KILL YOU OR YOU'D BE DEAD, Y'KNOW. *CHUCKLES*



SARCASM! HAAAA! TO BE ABLE TO MANAGE THAT UNDER THESE CONDITIONS SHOWS INNER STRENGTH; DEFIANCE IS NOT ALWAYS A SIGN OF STUBBORNESS

HOW COMFORTING! WHERE ARE WE GOING?



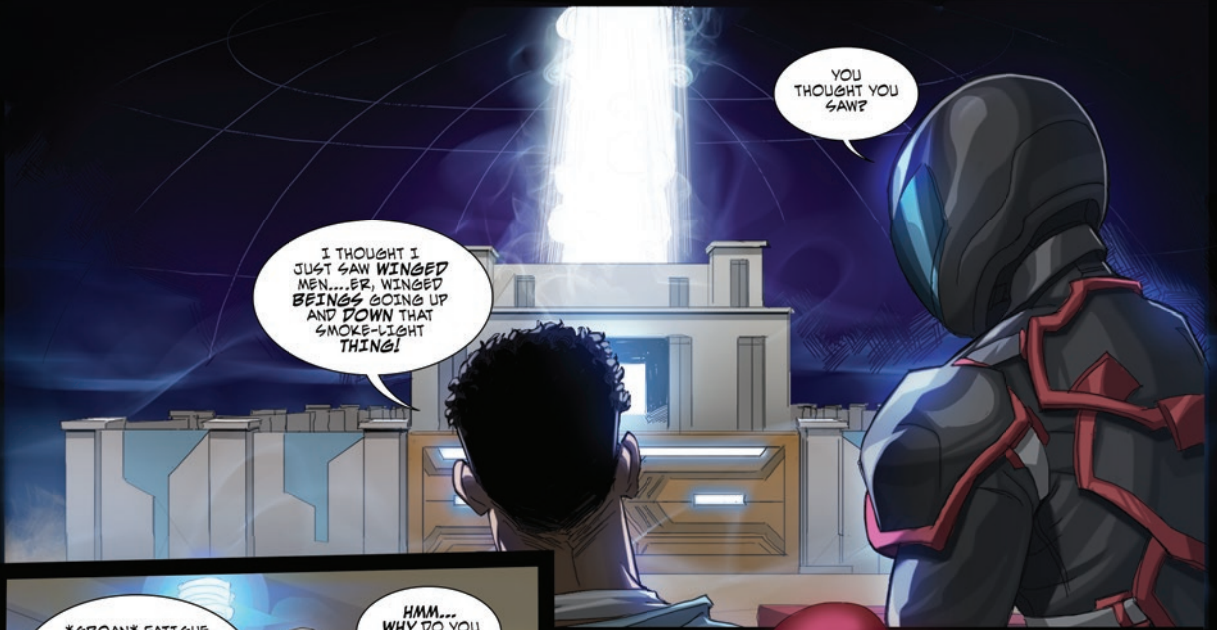
WE ARE APPROACHING THE OUTER COURTS, DEDE

THE OUTER COURTS? HMM... THAT SOUNDS VERY CRYPTIC. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU GUYS ARE....



WHAT THE...?!!

WHAT IS THE MATTER, DEDE?



I THOUGHT I JUST SAW WINGED MEN...ER, WINGED BEINGS GOING UP AND DOWN THAT SMOKE-LIGHT THING!

YOU THOUGHT YOU SAW?



GROAN FATIGUE IS BEGINNING TO MESS WITH MY MIND. I DREAMT OF MONSTERS WHEN I SLEPT. NOW, I'M SEEING FLYING MEN WHILE AWAKE

HMM... WHY DO YOU THINK THAT IS?

IT MEANS MY MIND IS SO STRESSED, IT'S CREATING IMAGES OF ANGELS AND DEMONS - FAIRYTALE STUFF! IF I DON'T GET AMPLE REST, I'LL SOON START SEEING GOBLINS, ELVES AND SPIDERMAN!



DEDE WILL BE BLUNT, YOUR WIFE, ANGELA, DIED FOR REASONS YOU ARE ABOUT TO FIND OUT.

BASICALLY, YOU HAVE WOKEN UP IN THE MIDDLE OF BATTLEFIELD WITH NO FENCE. YOU WILL HAVE TO CHOOSE A SIDE...




YOU WILL HAVE TO BATTLE FORMIDABLE ADVERSARIES.

GENTLEMEN, YOUR LIVES WILL BE ENDING SHORTLY. KINDLY LET ME KNOW IF THERE ARE WORDS OR ITEMS YOU WILL LIKE CONVEYED TO YOUR LOVED ONES?



IT IS YOUR LIFE THAT WILL END! I RECKON YOU ARE FROM DIKKO, RIGHT?




YOU LOST DEDE AND HIS DAUGHTER. RIGHT NOW, THAT SORT OF FAILURE IS UNACCEPTABLE.

FROM WHERE I AM STANDING, YOUR DEMISE IS UNAVOIDABLE! WE ARE HOLDING THE GUNS.



SIGH THEN I GUESS IT'S TIME FOR FINAL LESSONS.



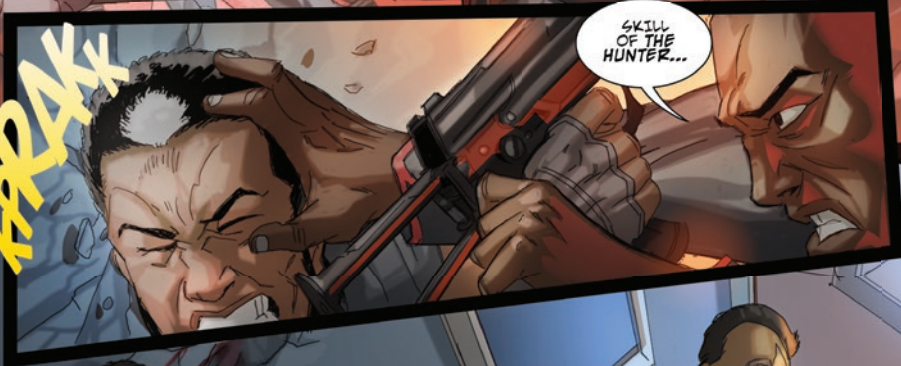
THE GUN IS A WEAPON ONE SHOULD NOT OVERRATE. IT IS SUBJECT TO THE SAME DYNAMICS AS ALL WEAPONS, INCLUDING RANGE...

BRATATATA

PHLOM



TRAJECTORIES...



SKILL OF THE HUNTER...

KRAK



SPEED OF THE HUNTED!

BRAATA



KRAK



THE GUN IS JUST ANOTHER WEAPON, BUT NOT THE GREATEST.



THE GREATEST EARTHLY WEAPON IS AN ALLOY FORGED WITH TWO PARTS; A HONED MIND AND...

A HONED BODY...

SHOW YOURSELF!!!!



HERE I AM!

click



HAAAA!!!

TASH

THE AIR TAKES ON A DIFFERENT QUALITY; MORTAL COMBAT HAS BEGUN.



WHOOOP!!!

WHERE THE WINNER
TAKES ALL



AND FOR THE
LOSER...

ALL IS LOST...



GNNGH!

AND THAT INCLUDES
LOSING A LIFE.

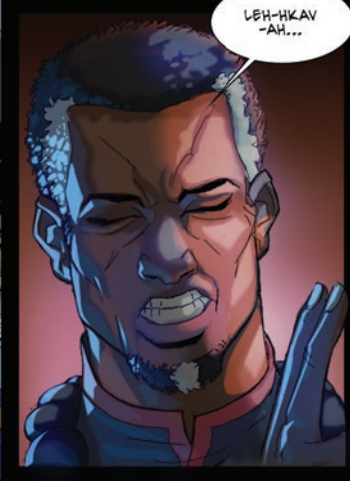
KA-KRASH!!!



SO MUCH
POWER...SPEED...
HOW? HO.....



MOMENTS LATER...



LEH-HKAV
-AH...



IT IS DONE.
NOW, CAN I MEET
"THE CIRCLE
OF SIX"?

OK.
YES...YES...I
ALSO WANT TO
KNOW WHAT IS ON
THAT USB DRIVE.



I GUESS THE MOMENT HAS FINALLY COME, DEDE. I AM GOING TO OPEN THE DOOR RIGHT NOW AND TWO THINGS ARE GOING TO HAPPEN.

YOU WILL MEET SOMEONE WHO IS CONSIDERED QUITE SPECIAL



AND THEN YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE A CHOICE. THE WAY THINGS WORK OUT, WHEN WE EVENTUALLY ARRIVE AT KEY CROSSROADS, THERE ARE OFTEN NO WARNING SIGNS



DADDY!!!

LORD! NIKKY!!!



OH GOD! I MISSED YOU. I THOUGHT I LOST YOU!

I MISSED YOU, DADDY. I WAS SO SCARED WHEN THE BAD PEOPLE TOOK ME.



DEDE, IF YOU DON'T MIND, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THAT HUG SO MUCH BETTER...



WOW! I FEEL NO PAIN! HOW THE HECK DID YOU DO THAT?!

WOW! DADDY, YOU CAN STAND!

WHO ARE YOU GUYS?!



YOUR BODY SHOULD BE FINE NOW. YOU CAN LEAVE THE WHEELCHAIR...

WHO ARE WE? **HMM...GOOD QUESTION. WELL, WE ARE WHO WE HOPE YOU WILL **BECOME****

UHM... WHAT KIND OF ANSWER IS THAT?

A PARTLY CRYPTIC ONE, I **SUPPOSE**. I HAVE A LOT TO SHOW YOU - BUT THE **REAL QUESTION IS, ARE YOU READY TO KNOW THE TRUTH, DEDE?**

WELL, YOU REALISE THESE ARE THE KIND OF **WORDS YOU HEAR WHEN SOMEONE WANTS TO DRAG YOU INTO SOME DUMB CULT**

FAIR POINT. BUT IT'S **NOT EVERYDAY A DUMB CULT HEALS YOU INSTANTLY, IN A VERIFIABLE MANNER.**

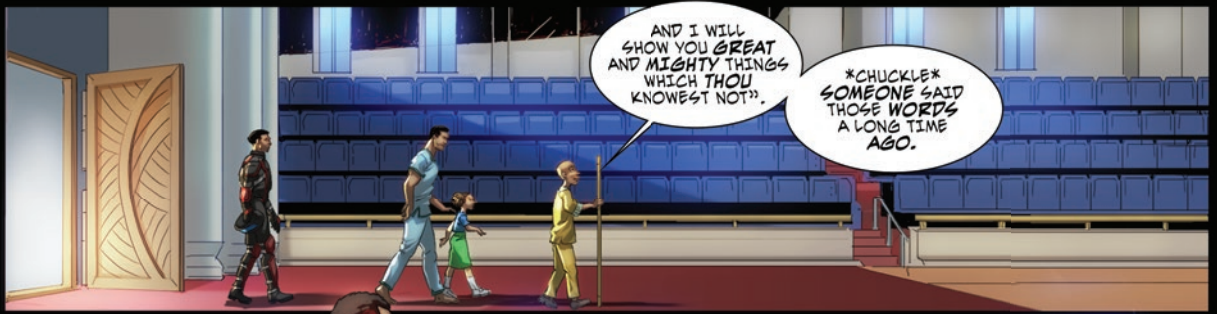
LET ME SIMPLIFY THIS, **DEDE...DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY YOUR WIFE DIED? WHY SHE WAS KILLED?**

I UNDERSTAND HER DEATH BRINGS PAIN. AND ANGER

BUT ON THE **BATTLEFIELD, EMOTIONS ARE NOT ENOUGH. CHOICES MUST STILL BE MADE. SO, DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY YOUR WIFE WAS KILLED, DEDE?**

Y-YES...

THEN, **COME WITH ME, DEDE...**



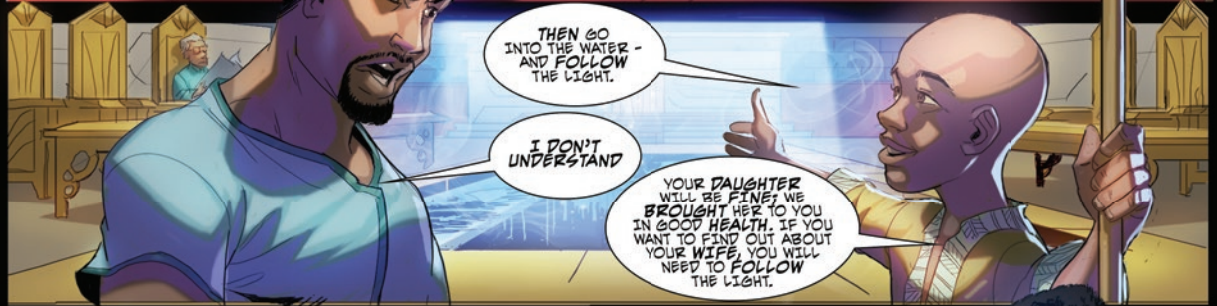
AND I WILL SHOW YOU GREAT AND MIGHTY THINGS WHICH THOU KNOWEST NOT?!

CHUCKLE SOMEONE SAID THOSE WORDS A LONG TIME AGO.



WELCOME TO OUR MEETING PLACE!

I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT MY WIFE...



THEN GO INTO THE WATER - AND FOLLOW THE LIGHT.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND

YOUR DAUGHTER WILL BE FINE! WE BROUGHT HER TO YOU IN GOOD HEALTH. IF YOU WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR WIFE, YOU WILL NEED TO FOLLOW THE LIGHT.



YOU STILL DON'T GET IT...

ALL I SEE IS A GAPING HOLE AHEAD WITH SOME CREEPY LIGHT. WILL THE LIGHT MAKE ME FLY?

YOU WILL ONLY FLY IF YOU CAN FLY. CAN YOU FLY, DEDE?

OF COURSE NOT!

THEN YOU WILL HAVE TO FALL INTO THE PIT AS YOU FOLLOW THE LIGHT

YOU MUST BE OUT OF YOUR MIND! ARE YOU KIDDING?

THE DOOR BEHIND YOU IS OPEN. YOUR DAUGHTER AND YOURSELF ARE NOT CAPTIVES HERE. YOU WILL NEED TO DECIDE IF YOU WILL GO INTO THE DARK PIT AS YOU FOLLOW THE LIGHT - OR GO HOME WITH YOUR DAUGHTER. YOUR CALL, DEDE.



HIS MIND IS IN TURMOIL AS HE STARES INTO THE DARKNESS. FOR A MAN WHO HAS ALWAYS BEEN LED BY FACTS AND THE EVIDENCE, EVERYTHING ON THE INSIDE SCREAMS THAT THIS IS ILLOGICAL, THAT THIS MAKES NO SENSE... AND YET A STILL SMALL VOICE ASKS A QUESTION HE CANNOT ANSWER.

CAN THE COW COMPREHEND CALCULUS?

THIS LOOKS LIKE OVER FIFTY FEET, AT LEAST! GOSH, WHAT AM I DOING?!



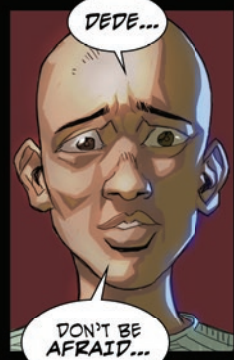
THEN GO INTO THE WATER - AND FOLLOW THE LIGHT.

I DON'T KNOW, DEDE.

WILL I FIND ALL THE ANSWERS I SEEK?

THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES, DEDE - BUT THERE WILL BE MORE UNDERSTANDING.

WILL THERE...



DEDE...

DON'T BE AFRAID...



SOMETHING SOMEWHERE BEGINS TO CALL OUT TO HIM - AND HE KNOWS IT IS TIME.

DEDE...

I LOVE YOU, NIKKY!

DEDE...

THE MOMENT FINALLY COMES AND THOUGH IT IS UNSAID, EVERYONE KNOWS THAT THERE IS NOW NO TURNING BACK. THE RUBICON HAS BEEN CROSSED.



DEDE...

DEDE...



DADDY!!!

DEDE...

DEDE...

FIRST, THERE WAS FEAR. NOW,
ALL THAT IS GONE, JUST A
DREAMY SENSE OF BEING AS
HE FEELS HIMSELF FADING
INTO NOTHINGNESS.

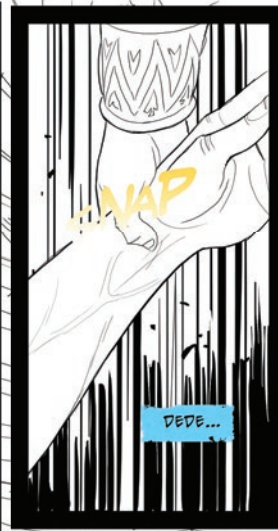


DEDE...



A FAINT PART OF HIS
MIND STILL ASKS, AM I
DEAD? IF THIS IS DEATH,
HE THINKS TO HIMSELF,

MAYBE IT IS NOT SO
BAD BECAUSE HE
HAS NEVER FELT SO
MUCH PEACE.



DEDE...

DEDE! THESE
ARE DRAMATIC
TIMES FOR YOU,
I GUESS!

: *GULP*

THOUGHT I SHOULD
CATCH YOU, YOU KNOW,
"LEST YOU DASH YOUR FOOT
AGAINST A STONE"! HAHAHA!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE NEVER
GOING TO JUMP AND THAT
WE WOULD WAIT FOREVER.
BUT NOW THAT YOU
ARE HERE...

I HAVE
A LOT TO SHOW
YOU! COME UP
HERE!





NEXT: ILLUMINATION

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THE PRINCESS AND THE BUG

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FANS DIMENSION

Hi guys,

We've called this section the fan Dimension or Fan Realm because you guys are the VIPs and deserve acknowledgement. AEGIS 4 was a particularly challenging project among others to pull off, but hey, what kept us going was the thought that it will be worth the wait for the fans when we eventually release it.

So after a couple of unmet deadlines and discarded attempts (We may share those later on our page), and burning the late night oil, unforeseen constraints, thorough quality check, we thank God we did it and we're glad to put this in your hands at no cost at all. We don't want to go on and on because this is all about you, below are some of the social media comments and reactions we received regarding this project and our studios generally. Please keep them coming. We appreciate the comments, the reviews, the likes and the follows.

It's the African Comic Revolution and you're welcome on board to ride with us. Our handles are below. Follow us!



ODUOLOGYWORKS: Just read it..... Mehn!!! U guys brought a new definition to Nigerian comics, really dig the story line. (not like the same old predictable superhero storyline we've been seeing). Thumbs up guys, there is a great future in AEGIS



CHARON_COMICS: 😍



_NOTNICK: Keep it up!



PHILIP JUNIOR IGWEH I cant believe that these guys exist, really amazing!



FRANCIS BASSEY: Hi, just stumbled across your comics on the net, really good quality artwork, nice stories and the concepts are ok... ..great job, guys, cheers!



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