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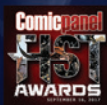


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DEDE KNOWS ONLY TWO THINGS; HE IS NOT MAD - AND YET HIS LIFE IS CURRENTLY STRANGER THAN FICTION.

THAT LOOKS LIKE A GOOD SPOT FOR OUR TALK. WHAT DO YOU THINK, FOLKS?

IN SUMMARY, HE IS AN AWARD WINNING JOURNALIST WHO HAS LOST HIS WIFE OVER A USB STICK AND IS NOW FLYING IN OUTER SPACE, LITERALLY HELD BY THE STURDY ARMS OF ANGELS.



HA HA HA HA HA

WHAT'S FUNNY?



WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

THIS IS THE HAIR OF MOLASH.

THE "HAIR OF MOLASH"? ODD NAME FOR A PLACE.




I'LL CLARIFY. THERE IS A GUARDIAN WATCHER CALLED MOLASH, A DEAR FRIEND OF MINE. RIGHT NOW, WE'RE ON HIS SCALP.

THE OTHERS FIND IT FUNNY THAT I LIKE THIS SPOT. SO, WE'RE ON THE HAIR OF MOLASH AND AROUND US YOU CAN SEE HIS HAIR FOLLICLES.



WHAT ???!!!

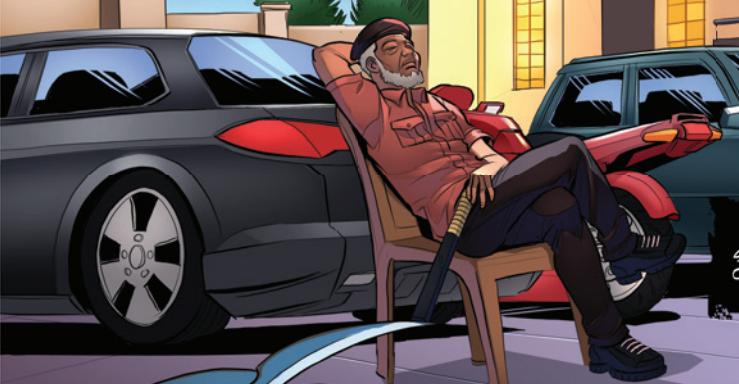
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THAT MUST BE A MASSIVE BEING!

WELL, TO BE HONEST, MOLASH IS NOT THE BIGGEST THERE IS - BUT THAT'S NOT WHY WE ARE HERE, DEDE. WE'RE HERE TO TELL YOU WHY YOUR WIFE DIED AND THEN THERE IS A FINAL DECISION YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE.

ELSEWHERE



THE DAY HAS COME TO A CLOSE AND DARKNESS SETS IN. UNDER THE COVER OF DARKNESS, THERE ARE THOSE WHO WATCH...



AND PREY!





YOU FIGHT WELL. ALSO, I DO NOT KNOW HOW YOU SENSED US IN YOUR SLEEP. HOWEVER, ONE THING IS CERTAIN: WE WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE HOUSE AND BY THE END OF THIS NIGHT, YOU WILL BE DEAD!



HMMM...



AND SO, MY FRIEND, WE WILL DANCE ON YOUR CARCASS AND SPIT ON YOUR GRAVE! BY TONIGHT'S END, WE WILL FEAST ON YOUR FLESH, GOUGE OUT YOUR EYES AND PAINT OUR FACES WITH YOUR BLOOD!



FOR WARRIORS, YOU TALK A LOT. AND ALSO...



SERAPHS DO NOT BLEED!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

AH! DIKKO! WHO IS THIS?

SENATOR DIKKO, PLEASE, DON'T WAKE UP YOUR WIFE...



LISH KHOHA...



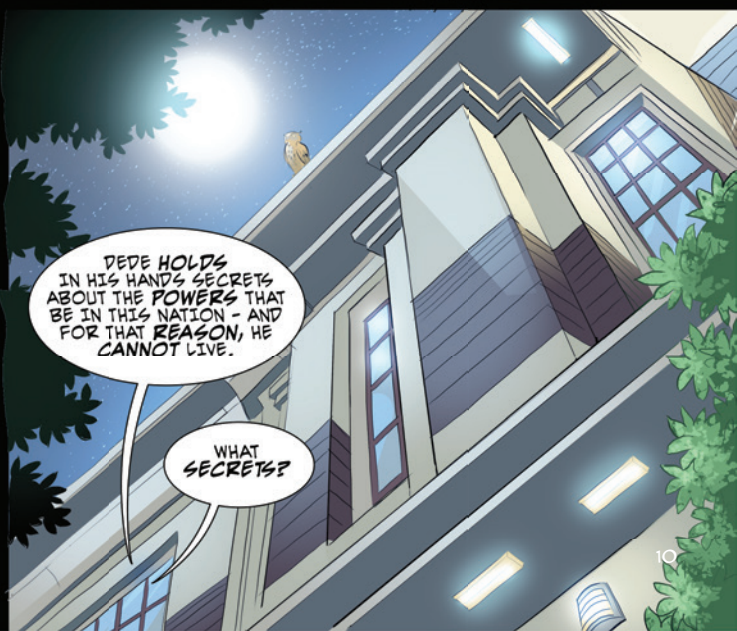
GOOD, SHE WON'T REMEMBER A THING, NOW, LET'S TALK!

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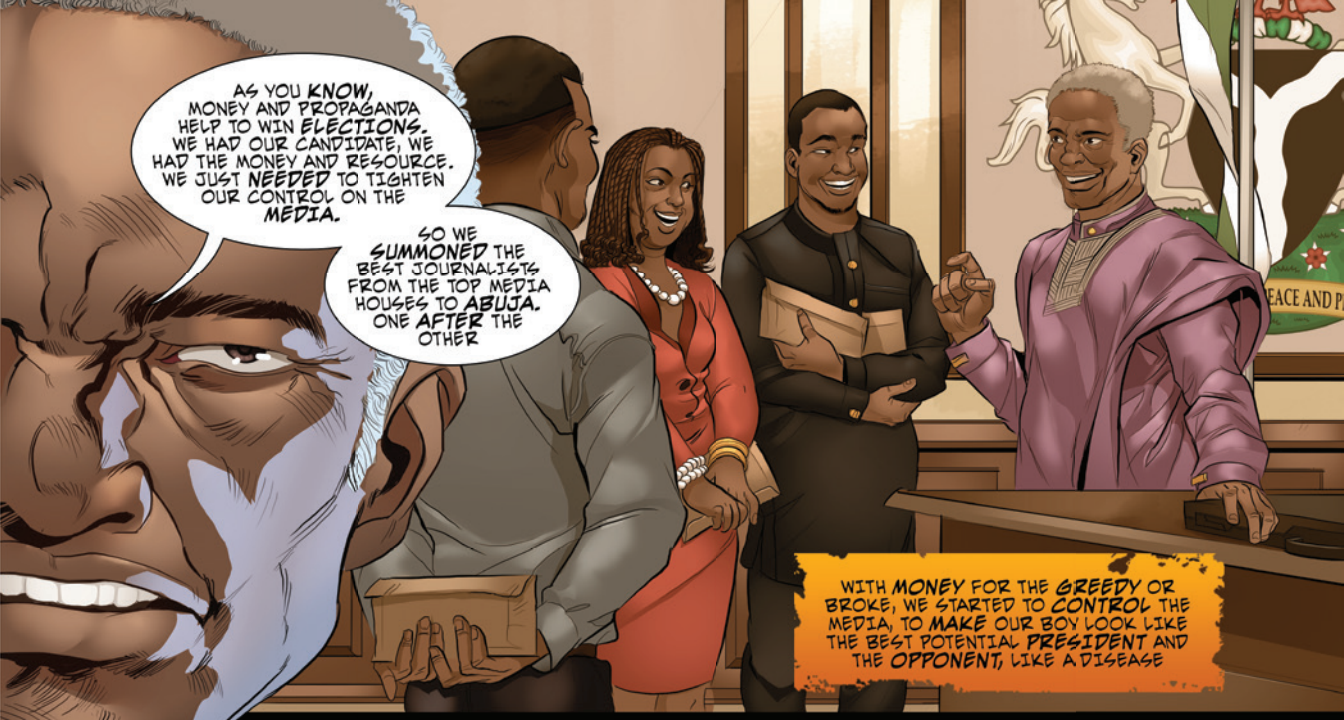
I SEE YOU ARE ALSO FAMILIAR WITH THE DARK ARTS. COMFORTING. NOW, TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW.

DEDE'S WIFE WAS KILLED. HIS DAUGHTER WAS KIDNAPPED. I DON'T ASK QUESTIONS BUT I SENSE THERE IS SOMETHING UNUSUAL AT WORK WITH DEDE. TO HELP I NEED INFO. WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH DEDE AND HIS USB STICK?



DEDE HOLDS IN HIS HANDS SECRETS ABOUT THE POWERS THAT BE IN THIS NATION - AND FOR THAT REASON, HE CANNOT LIVE.

WHAT SECRETS?



AS YOU KNOW, MONEY AND PROPAGANDA HELP TO WIN ELECTIONS. WE HAD OUR CANDIDATE, WE HAD THE MONEY AND RESOURCE. WE JUST NEEDED TO TIGHTEN OUR CONTROL ON THE MEDIA.

SO WE SUMMONED THE BEST JOURNALISTS FROM THE TOP MEDIA HOUSES TO ABUJA. ONE AFTER THE OTHER

WITH MONEY FOR THE GREEDY OR BROKE, WE STARTED TO CONTROL THE MEDIA, TO MAKE OUR BOY LOOK LIKE THE BEST POTENTIAL PRESIDENT AND THE OPPONENT, LIKE A DISEASE



FOR THIS, SOME WERE THREATENED...



WHILE OTHERS HAD, WELL, STRANGE ACCIDENTS.

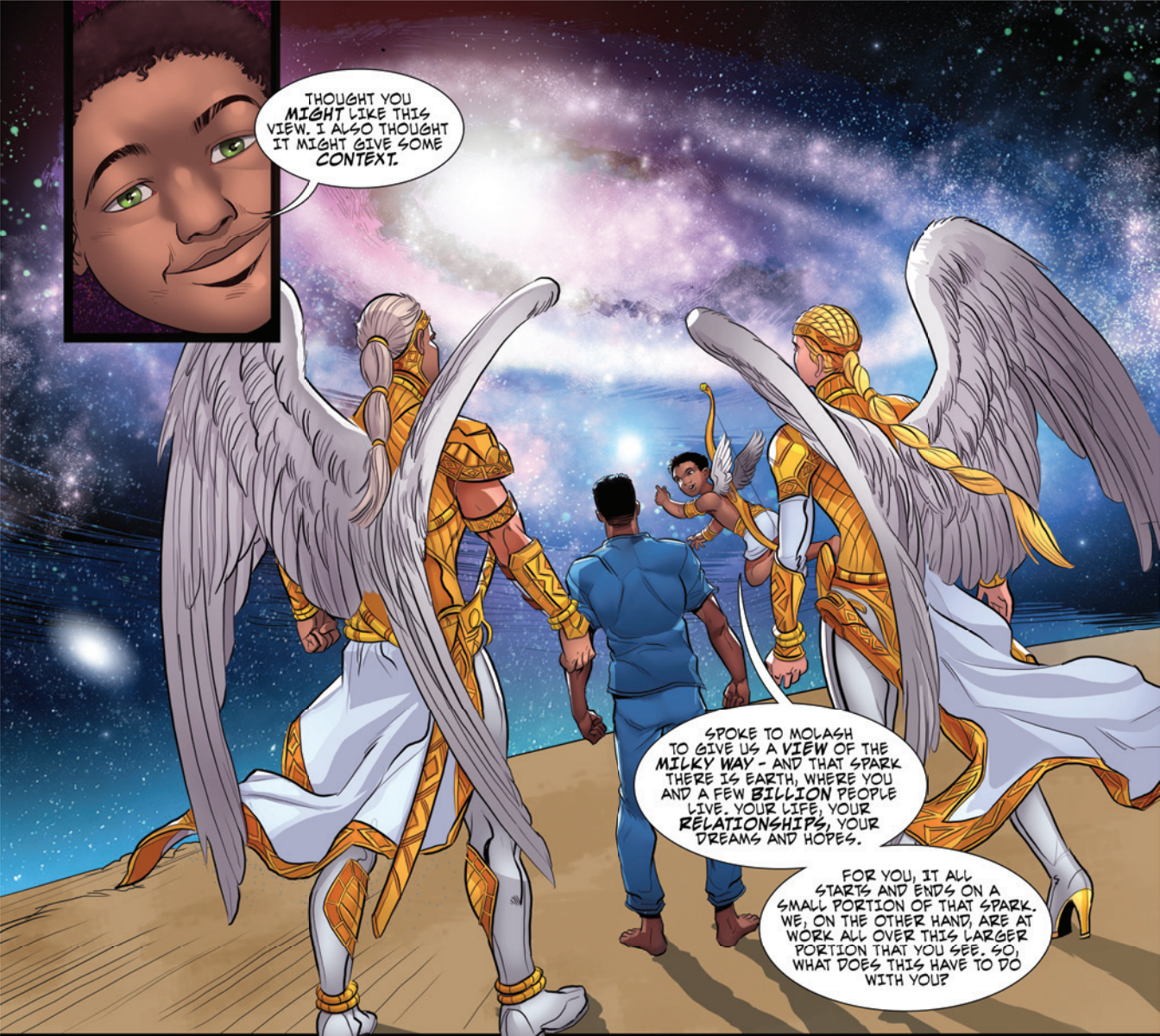


WE WANTED AN INTERVIEW WITH THE MEDIA COMPANY DEDE WORKED FOR.

HE WAS A SMART CHAP AND EVEN PREFERRED OUR CANDIDATE. ALL WAS GOING WELL, TILL A SINGLE PHONE CALL CHANGED EVERYTHING!



THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE THIS VIEW. I ALSO THOUGHT IT MIGHT GIVE SOME CONTEXT.



SPOKE TO MOLASH TO GIVE US A VIEW OF THE MILKY WAY - AND THAT SPARK THERE IS EARTH, WHERE YOU AND A FEW BILLION PEOPLE LIVE. YOUR LIFE, YOUR RELATIONSHIPS, YOUR DREAMS AND HOPES.

FOR YOU, IT ALL STARTS AND ENDS ON A SMALL PORTION OF THAT SPARK. WE, ON THE OTHER HAND, ARE AT WORK ALL OVER THIS LARGER PORTION THAT YOU SEE. SO, WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH YOU?



THAT SPARK IS DESIGNED LIKE A SEED THAT BECOMES A TREE THAT BECOMES A FOREST THAT KEEPS GROWING. IF EVIL CONTROLS THAT SPARK, WHAT WILL COVER ALL THAT YOU SEE IS EVIL, DECAY AND DEATH.

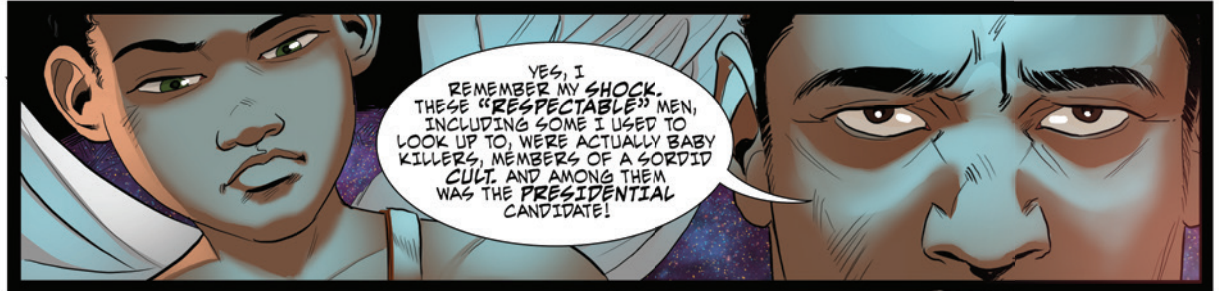
YOUR WIFE WAS KILLED BY THOSE WHO DESIRE TO FILL THAT SPARK WITH EVIL BECAUSE OF THE PLEASURES THEY HAVE BEEN PROMISED BY THE UNDERLORD.

THEY CALL THEMSELVES THE LORDS, ARE SPREAD ACROSS YOUR PLANET AND THOSE YOU SAW ARE THE LORDS WITHIN YOUR REGION. YOUR COUNTRY.

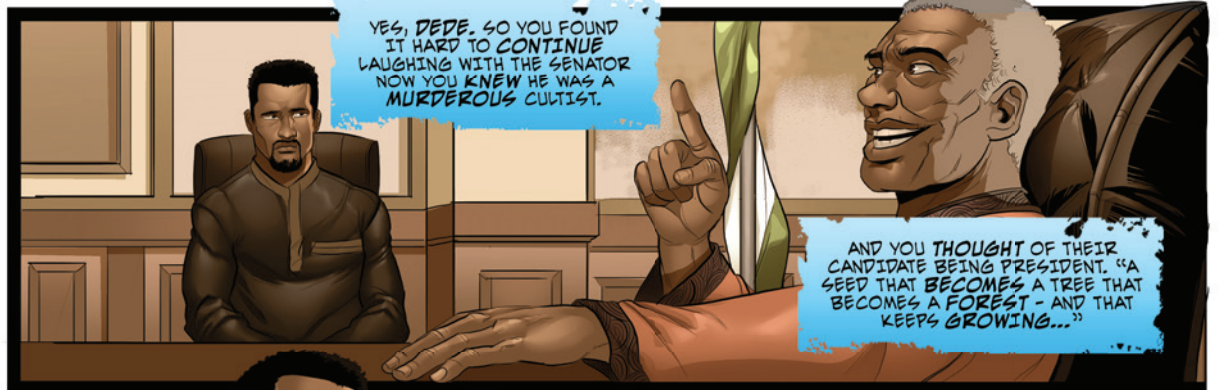


ON THAT FATEFUL DAY WHEN THE PHONE RANG, THE SENATOR WENT OUT TO TAKE HIS CALL AND RECEIVED A VIDEO THAT STARTED TO AUTO-PLAY.

DRAWN TO THE SOUND, YOU WENT TO SEE. AND YOU SAW. THE RITUALS. THE BLOOD. THE BABIES. AND THEIR FACES!



YES, I REMEMBER MY SHOCK. THESE "RESPECTABLE" MEN, INCLUDING SOME I USED TO LOOK UP TO, WERE ACTUALLY BABY KILLERS, MEMBERS OF A SORDID CULT. AND AMONG THEM WAS THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE!



YES, DEDE. SO YOU FOUND IT HARD TO CONTINUE LAUGHING WITH THE SENATOR NOW YOU KNEW HE WAS A MURDEROUS CULTIST.

AND YOU THOUGHT OF THEIR CANDIDATE BEING PRESIDENT. "A SEED THAT BECOMES A TREE THAT BECOMES A FOREST - AND THAT KEEPS GROWING..."




IS EVERYTHING OKAY?

I...I...GOT SOME BAD NEWS. MY, ER, MOTHER IS NOT FEELING WELL.



YOU TRIED TO LIE, BUT THE SENATOR KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG. AND WITH THE HELP OF THE ONES WHO GIVE HIM INFLUENCE, HE STARTED TO CONNECT THE DOTS..."

HMM... I SEE. SORRY ABOUT THIS DEDE. I BELIEVE WE WILL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE SITUATION.



IF I MAY INTERRUPT, I GOT SOME INTEL ON DEDE'S LOCATION. HE WAS TAKEN TO PAY A VISIT TO SOME UNKNOWN PEOPLE.

I HIRED A FEW PEOPLE TO BRING HIM IN ALIVE. WE WILL PRY FROM HIM THE LOCATION OF THE USB.



GREAT! HOPEFULLY, IT ENDS TONIGHT WHEN I GET THAT USB! AS I WAS SAYING...



DEDE ACTUALLY RECORDED THE VIDEO WITH HIS PHONE AND TRANSFERRED IT TO HIS LAPTOP.

INTERNET RECEPTION IS BAD IN MY OFFICE OR HE WOULD HAVE GOTTEN IT ONLINE. BUT UNKNOWN TO ME, DEDE WAS FAR SMARTER THAN I THOUGHT.



BEFORE HE LEFT, I CHECKED SECURITY CAMS AND SAW HIM RECORD AND TRANSFER THE VIDEO.

I GOT MY BOYS TO DESTROY HIS LAPTOP AND PHONES ON HIS WAY OUT BUT HE PLAYED US ALL!

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HE KNEW I MIGHT BE WATCHING AND WHILE HE ACTED LIKE HE WAS JUST MOVING THE VIDEO TO HIS PHONE...

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HE WAS ALSO CREATING A COPY ON A HIDDEN FLASH DRIVE!



I GET IT. BUT WHO WAS FILMING DURING SUCH A CEREMONY?

WE HAD A MOLE.

A RICH YOUNG POLITICIAN WHO ACTED LIKE HE WANTED TO JOIN US BUT WAS REALLY IN OPPOSITION TO OUR CANDIDATE. HE HAD GLASSES WITH CAMS. PLAYED US FOR FOOLS BUT OUR SEER CAUGHT ON TO HIM.



HE WAS FED IN BITS TO THE FISHES...



ELSEWHERE

KLANG

A HEATED BATTLE COMES TO AN ABRUPT END, NO PRISONERS TAKEN.



BOOM!



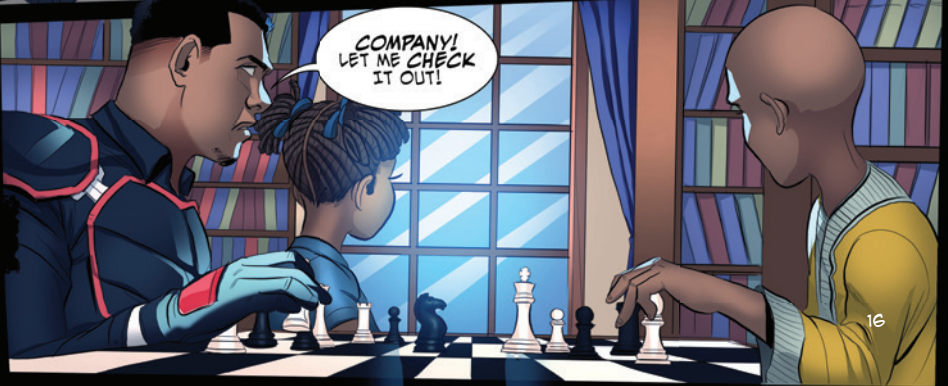
BUT IT APPEARS THINGS ARE STARTING TO GET INTERESTING!

SPLAT!



THIS ONSLAUGHT COMES TO AN END. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY I'VE BEEN TOLD TO STAND DOWN FOR WHAT COMES NEXT. I'LL NEED TO TRUST THE PLAN.

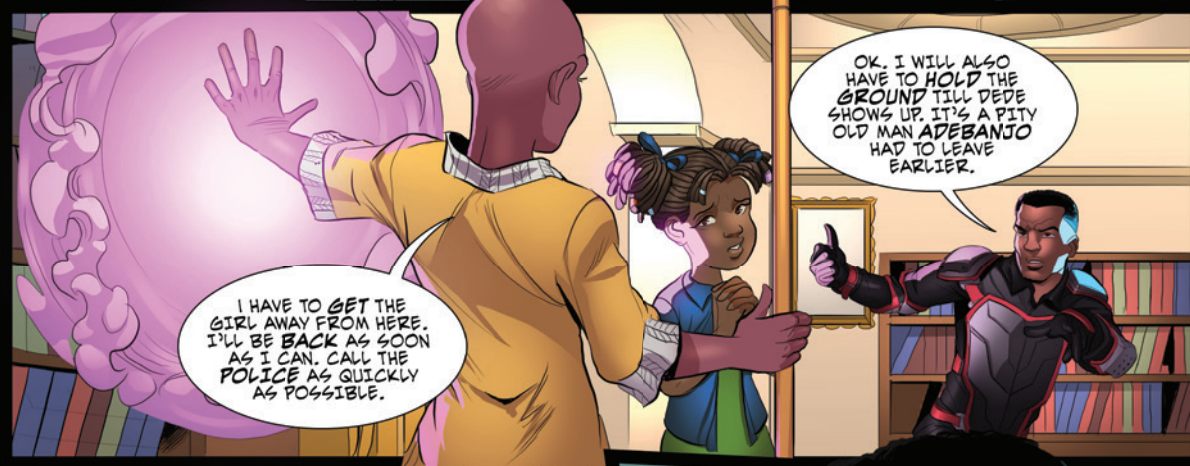
THE BATTLE MAY BE OVER...



COMPANY! LET ME CHECK IT OUT!



WOAH!



I HAVE TO GET THE GIRL AWAY FROM HERE. I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS I CAN. CALL THE POLICE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

OK, I WILL ALSO HAVE TO HOLD THE GROUND TILL DEDE SHOWS UP. IT'S A PITY OLD MAN ADEBANJO HAD TO LEAVE EARLIER.



FROM THE LOOK OF THINGS, THIS LOOKS LIKE IT MAY BE IT.

I KNOW.

IT'S BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE UNDER YOUR COMMAND!.

MUSA, THE PRIVILEGE IS MINE. FIGHT A GOOD FIGHT!



HIS IS THE GIFT OF "SIGHT"; IN DIRE MOMENTS, SUCH AS THIS ONE, HE CAN SEE THINGS BEFORE THEY HAPPEN - AND THE POSSIBLE VARIANTS OF OUTCOMES.

LET'S DO THIS!



BRAYATA

BASH

KPASHH

THUMP

BFF!

HEARD
HELP WAS NEEDED.
I'M IN TOKYO. HAD
TO FIND A WASHROOM
TO BE HERE!

APPRECIATED -
THE STRENGTH OF
SOME OF THESE ONES
COME FROM TRULY
VILE SOURCES!

THE REASON FOR YOUR WIFE'S DEATH WAS THAT AFTER IT WAS FOUND THAT YOU HAD THE USB, THEY HAD CONSULTED WITH THEIR SEER ABOUT YOU - AND ABOUT HOW TO PROCEED.

INSTEAD, THE SEER OF THE LORDS HAD A PROPHECY ABOUT YOUR FAMILY. "ONE ALIGNED WITH THE OVERLORD WOULD DESTROY THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE LORDS".

THEY THOUGHT IT WAS YOUR WIFE, A DEVOUT FOLLOWER OF THE OVERLORD.

THEY DECIDED SHE HAD TO DIE - BUT THEY WERE WRONG. THE PROPHECY WAS ABOUT YOU, DEEDE.

...

I'M SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS - AND YET, AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE IS THE FATE OF THAT DOMAIN TO BE DECIDED. THERE IS A CALL TO EMBRACE YOUR PURPOSE DESPITE YOUR PAIN.

YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER, PAIN, PLEASURE AND AN AMAZING LIFE IF YOU CHOOSE TO EMBRACE THIS BURDEN OF ETERNAL ALLEGIANCE TO THE OVERLORD.

AND DESPITE HIS GRIEF, ONCE AGAIN, DEEDE STANDS AT A CROSSROAD...

WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROTECT YOU SHOULD YOU CHOOSE NOT TO EMBRACE THAT PATH, DEEDE.



MUSA FIGHTS ON, HIS SPIRIT IS STRONG AND WILLING

I'M...I'M... OKAY.

MUSA! HOW ARE YOU DOING?!

HANG IN...

UNGH!!

BFF!

MUSA!

BUT THE FLESH CAN BE WEAK...

THE FACT IS HE HAS FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT...

URGH!

MUSA!!!

HE HAS FINISHED HIS COURSE, A GOOD COURSE...



OR MAYBE NOT!

ENOUGH!!!



DEDE?



DEDE KEE?

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We are happy to announce that there are more titles in The Period Comic series. Join Ada, Anabel and Misha as they embark on more adventures of self- discovery and learning about changes happening in their bodies. Through journaling, they share exciting and fun filled experiences that more girls can enjoy and learn from.

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And so we come to the “end” of the first part of the beginning! It’s been quite an interesting journey to see how the story has evolved for Dede who goes from being “naive” to becoming the hunted - and then, in some way, becoming the “hunter”. If you think the story has been interesting or intriguing, then think again, because, as they say, “you ain’t seen nothing yet!”

There are a lot of plot twists ahead and answers to many questions: Why did his wife have to die, even with so many angels around? What happens to his daughter? Apart from the Presidential candidate, who are the other members of the cult - and what are their intentions? All these and more are answered in the coming episodes of Aegis.

And if you think The Knife is an intriguing villain, then wait until you see... Well, let’s just say “her” at this point; less is more. There will be new characters on all sides of the divide and we hope to give you a lot of “aha” moments that will explain parts of the story, and even some complicated questions about life as we know it.

So a big “thank you” to readers and lovers of this series as well as all supporters of the Epoch comic universe. We will do our best to keep churning out beautiful comics that are meaningful, and that are worth your time. And keep your feedback and thoughts coming in; they are genuinely appreciated.

Yours Sincerely

J.C. Nova signing out...

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