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HE WAS JUST A NORMAL REPORTER WHO STUMBLED ON THE HORRIBLE SECRETS OF A HIDDEN CULT,

SECRETS THAT WOULD CONDEMN THE ELITE OF SOCIETY. THEY HAD COME AFTER HIM AND HIS WIFE HAD BEEN KILLED, HIS DAUGHTER ALMOST LOST...

DEDE ?!

BUT NOW, FOR REASONS HE CAN HARDLY UNDERSTAND, DEDE PHILLIPS HAS THE POWERS OF A GOD!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS. DEDE, YOU JUST WIELDED THE LIGHT!

BUT HE CLEARLY NEEDS TRAINING. WE'LL NEED JITE ...

I FEEL FAINT..

THE WHAT?!

THE LIGHT! I'M SHOCKED!



**JITE MICHEALS,
UNIQUELY GIFTED AT
TEACHING.**

I'VE
HEARD A LOT
ABOUT YOU,
SO, HUMOUR
ME.

I KNOW I'VE
BEEN PESTERING
BUT JUST ONCE. WE
STOP IF ANYONE GETS
EVEN A TINY CUT
OR INJURY



IF YOU
INSIST...



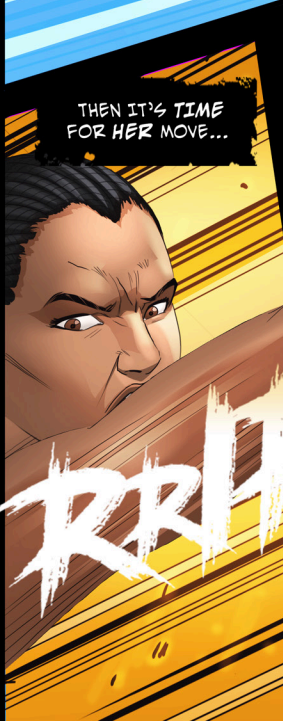
**THE DANCE BEGINS
LIKE MOST KNIFE
FIGHTS; STARTING WITH
CAREFUL POKES**

**BUT IN THIS
CASE, EVERY MOVE
IS PUNISHED...**



EVERY ATTACK
COUNTERED...

EVERY TECHNIQUE
DEMOLISHED...



THEN IT'S TIME
FOR HER MOVE...



DROPPED
YOUR
GUARD?



GAME OVER.



YOU NEED TO CALM DOWN AND SPEAK SLOWLY

THE GUY, THE ONE WITH A DAUGHTER WE WERE TO RESCUE. DEDE, THE REPORTER, HE USED THE LIGHT

THE LIGHT! THE POWER OF THE OVERLORD?

YES! IT WAS CRAZY!



ER, CAN YOU COME TOMORROW?

SURE. FIRST FLIGHT.

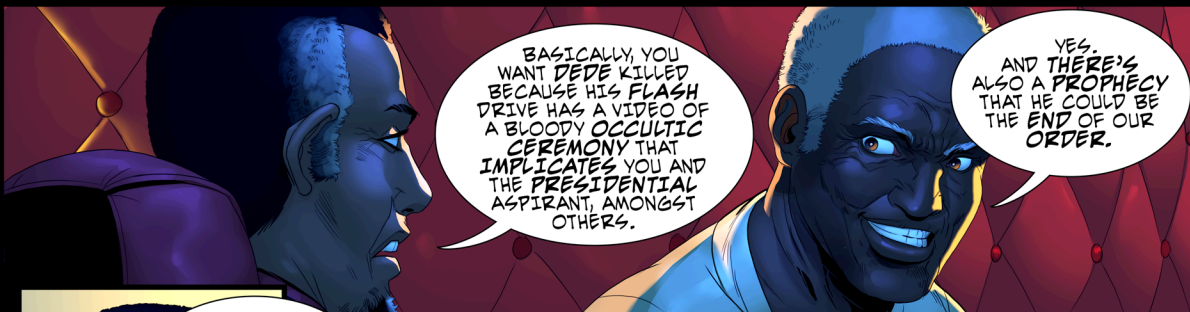
ER, JITE. I ASSUME THERE'LL BE NO NEED FOR THE FEAR

IF I DECIDE TO TRAIN THIS DEDE GUY, IT WILL BE AS I SEE FIT

<SIGH> JITE...



YOU'D HAVE TO TRUST ME...



BASICALLY, YOU WANT DEDE KILLED BECAUSE HIS FLASH DRIVE HAS A VIDEO OF A BLOODY OCCULTIC CEREMONY THAT IMPLICATES YOU AND THE PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANT, AMONGST OTHERS.

YES. AND THERE'S ALSO A PROPHECY THAT HE COULD BE THE END OF OUR ORDER.

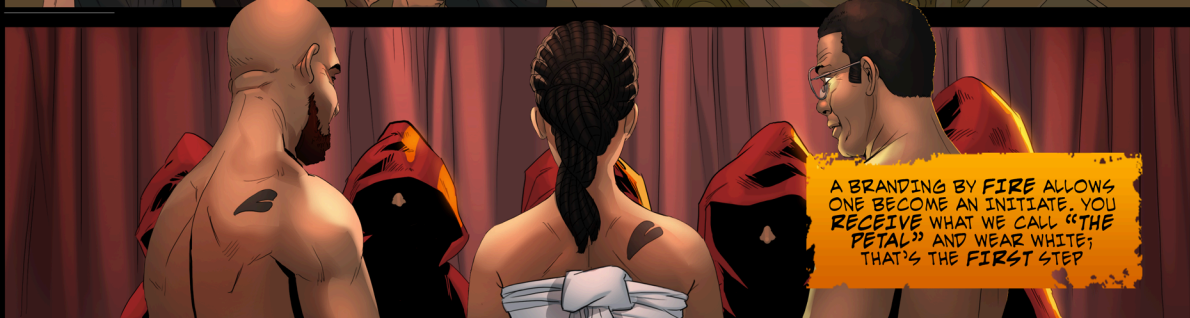


IF EVERYONE PRESENT WASN'T 150% TRUSTED, WHY WERE MEMBERS' IDENTITIES EXPOSED?

"I'LL SUMMARISE. "THE LORDS", AS OUR ORDER IS CALLED, IS AN OUTER CORE THAT ELITE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY CAN BE A PART OF. THE ATTRACTION IS MONEY, POWER, ILLUMINATION... AND MEANING."



"AS MEMBERS OF THE LORDS, WHAT WE LOOK FOR IS BRILLIANCE AND POTENTIAL."



A BRANDING BY FIRE ALLOWS ONE BECOME AN INITIATE. YOU RECEIVE WHAT WE CALL "THE PETAL" AND WEAR WHITE; THAT'S THE FIRST STEP



A BLOOD SACRIFICE ALLOWS YOU BECOME A MEMBER. WITH TIME AND EXPERIENCE, SOME MEMBERS BECOME ELDERS

"BUT 'THE LORDS' IS JUST THE OUTER SHELL. THE INNER CIRCLE, WHERE I BELONG, IS TOTALLY HIDDEN. THIS IS THE CIRCLE OF SIX

WE OPERATE IN THE SHADOWS AND HAVE GOTTEN TO WHERE WE ARE BY A GREAT AMOUNT OF SACRIFICE, AND VERY DEEP MASTERY OF THE DARK ARTS



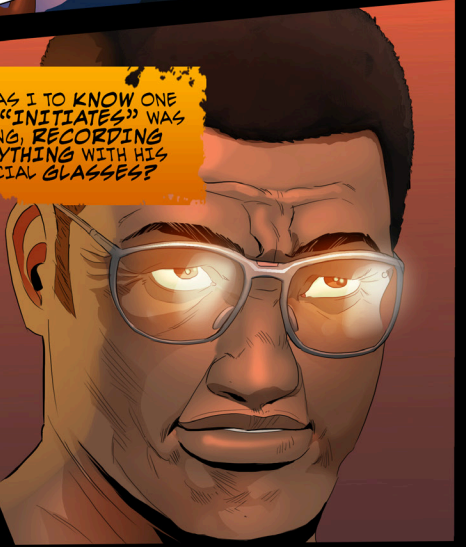
I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M TELLING YOU ALL THIS...

PLEASE, TELL ME MORE. TELL IT ALL. IT WILL BE HELPFUL IN GETTING DEDE



A MEMBER WAS BECOMING AN ELDER. HE HAD BROUGHT HIS CHILD AS REQUIRED

BUT I STRUCK TOO HARD. MY IDENTITY WAS TEMPORARILY REVEALED



HOW WAS I TO KNOW ONE OF THE 'INITIATES' WAS SPYING, RECORDING EVERYTHING WITH HIS SPECIAL GLASSES?



I THINK IT'S THE FIRST TIME THE IDENTITY OF A MEMBER OF THE CIRCLE OF SIX HAS BEEN REVEALED TO THE GENERAL HOUSE.

I QUICKLY COVERED MY FACE WITH MY COWL, BUT THAT BRIEF MOMENT WAS ENOUGH.



I KNOW IT CAN BE DISMISSED. AS YOU KNOW, MISTAKES HAPPEN. BUT SOMETHING ABOUT THE EVENT HAS LEFT ME FEELING UNSETTLED. LIKE SOMETHING IS UNRAVELLING.

BROTHERS

WHO ARE YOU?

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

I AM RIMMON. PRINCE RIMMON

TO RELIEVE TWO OF YOU GUARDS OF YOUR COMMAND. THE ONE YOU PROTECT NOW NEEDS LESS PROTECTION AND...

WE GOT NO SUCH ORDERS AND WE DO NOT REPO...



I HATE BEING INTERRUPTED...

AS I WAS SAYING, THE ONE YOU ARE PROTECTING WILL NEED ONLY TWO ELITE GUARDS FOR NOW. ONE OF YOU IS FREE TO GO



I GUESS IT'S TIME I TAKE MY LEAVE, PRINCE RIMMON



FAREWELL.

...TO YOU!

KLANG

THE SCENE IS ALL TOO FAMILIAR TO HIM

JOIN ME, BROTHERS! THIS ONE SEEKS TO RELIEVE US OF OUR DUTIES. THAT WILL LOWER OUR RANKS!

IT BRINGS TO HIS MIND IMAGES OF A FIGHTER CALLED ABISHAI.

...IT WAS SAID THAT HE ALSO USED SPEARS



IT WAS SAID THAT
ABISHAI WAS REALLY
GOOD...



IT WAS SAID THAT
ABISHAI KILLED 300 MEN
WITH A SPEAR IN A
FIGHT...



BUT RIMMON CONSIDERS
ABISHAI AS NOTHING
COMPARED TO HIM!



COS IN THE END,
"WHAT IS MANE..."



I SEE YOU DID NOT JOIN IN THE FIGHT. WISE CHOICE. OR WAS IT COWARDICE?

IT WOULD BE FOLLY TO CHALLENGE A PRINCE, GREATER FOLLY TO FIGHT A PRINCE. WE WILL DO AS COMMANDED



AS YOU CAN TELL, SOME THINGS ARE BEGINNING TO UNRAVEL. A CHANGE IS COMING. AND WHEN THE TIME COMES, YOU WILL BE TOLD ABOUT YOUR PART IN WHAT COMES NEXT.



I ALSO SENSE THERE IS MORE TO THIS THAN THE NEED TO SILENCE DEDE OR STOP WORD GETTING TO THE PRESS. IT'S WHY I HAVE A REQUEST...



SENATOR DIKKO, I WILL LIKE TO DO MORE BY JOINING "THE LORDS"

A VOICE.

DEDE

A FEMALE VOICE.
CALLING OUT TO HIM

DEDE

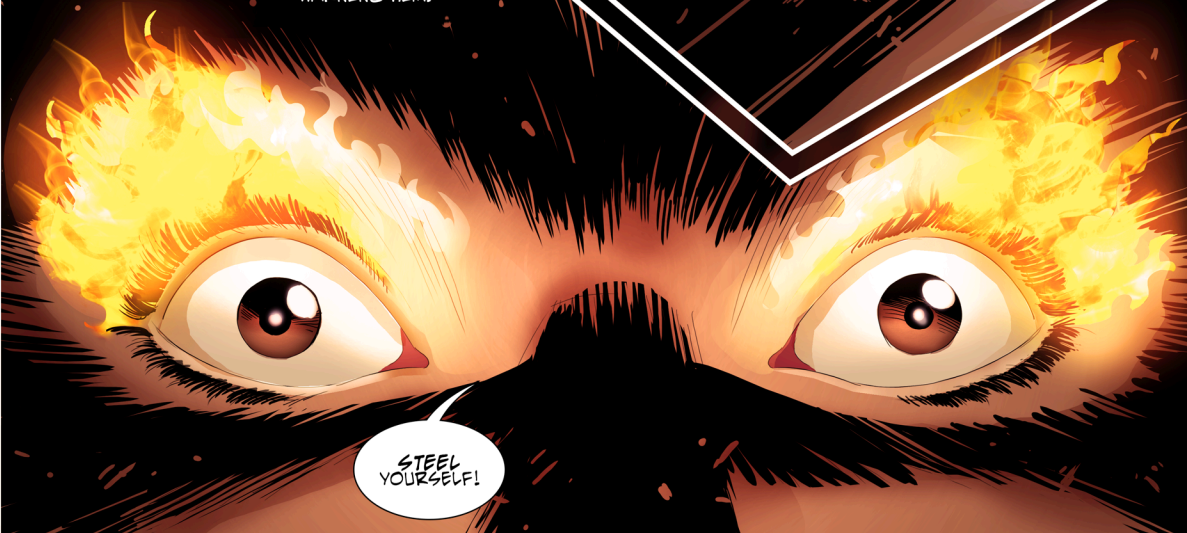


INSTRUCTING
HIM...

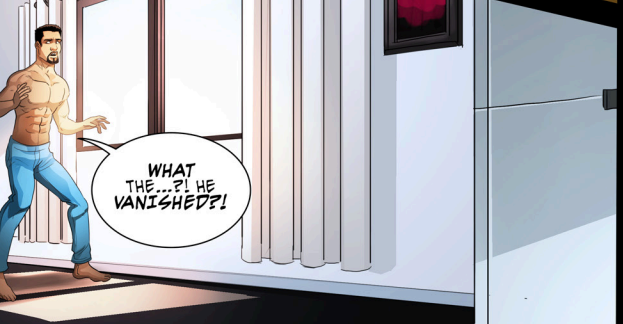
BE
PREPARED,
DEDE



DROWNING HIM
IN HORROR - AND
WARNING HIM.



STEEL
YOURSELF!



LATER THAT DAY...

HOW ARE YOU FEELING NOW, DEDE?

HMM. REALLY DON'T KNOW.

I KNOW YOU SAID YOU SAW ANGELS AND ALL, BUT I KNOW YOU ALSO HAVE LOTS OF QUESTIONS.

WE'LL ANSWER AS MUCH AS WE CAN, BUT FIRST I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR SAVING MY LIFE.

RIGHT BACK AT YOU! AND THANK YOU FOR SAVING MY DAUGHTER, NIKKI. BY THE WAY, MY FULL NAME IS DEDE PHILLIPS. WHAT'S YOURS?

I AM MUSA. MUSA SOLOMON.

LOOKS LIKE I CAME IN TIME FOR INTRODUCTIONS. MY NAME IS MAZ

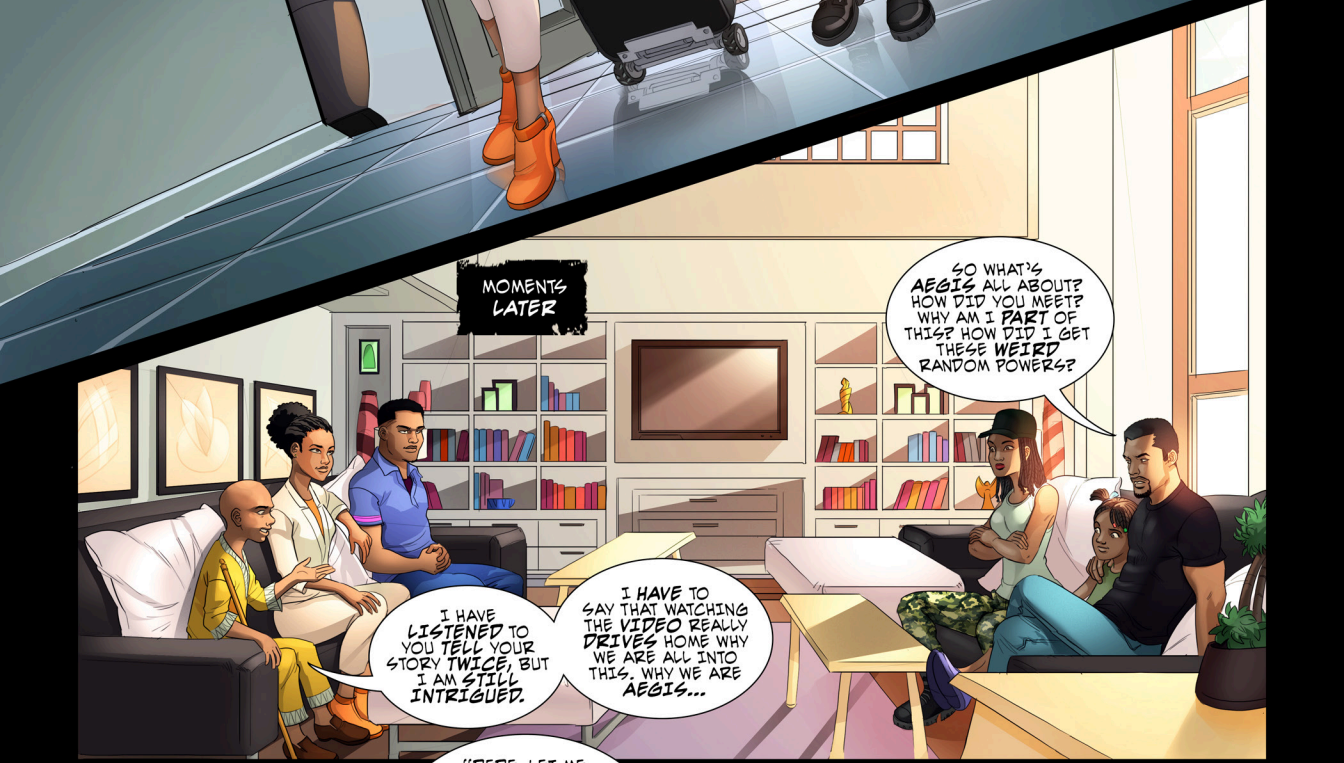
AH! LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE COMPANY.

DING DONG



GUYS!
SO GOOD TO
SEE EVERYONE!
HELLO DEDE!

HELLO
EVERYONE...



MOMENTS
LATER

SO WHAT'S
AEGIS ALL ABOUT?
HOW DID YOU MEET?
WHY AM I PART OF
THIS? HOW DID I GET
THESE WEIRD
RANDOM POWERS?

I HAVE
LISTENED TO
YOU TELL YOUR
STORY TWICE, BUT
I AM STILL
INTRIGUED.

I HAVE TO
SAY THAT WATCHING
THE VIDEO REALLY
DRIVES HOME WHY
WE ARE ALL INTO
THIS. WHY WE ARE
AEGIS...



WHAT
DO YOU
GUYS DO?



"DEDE, LET ME
START WITH THE
FOUR OF US IN THE
ROOM AND WHAT GIFTS
WE HAVE RECEIVED"
I'M MAZ, LEADER OF
AEGIS, CUSTODIAN
OF WHAT'S CALLED
"THE WISDOM"



THERE'S
AISHA,
CUSTODIAN
OF "THE
UNDERSTANDING"



WISDOM.
UNDERSTANDING.
HERE COMES "THE
KNOWLEDGE"!



WAIT, MAZI AISHA, I NEED A FAVOUR. COULD YOU TAKE NIKKI TO THE PLAY AREA FOR A BIT? THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO SORT OUT WITH DEDE

DEDE, COULD YOU GET UP FOR A SECOND?

UHM, OK.

UHM, SURE.

URGH!!!

TO BE CONTINUED...

FAN DIMENSION

The second volume of AEGIS has officially kicked off with this issue. Are you getting a clearer perspective yet on the backstories, the ugly ritual, Dikko's Payne's role in all of it, ?

The journey has only just begun for Dede who finds that even though he wielded the light, to the surprise and bewilderment of Musa and Aisha, he doesn't even yet know what it is, what to make of it or what to do with it.

Who is Jite, and why was she brought in to train Dede? What is "The Fear"? Why on earth did she stab Dede in the stomach at the end.

Knife is suddenly interested in joining the Circle of Six. What does that mean for The lords? Was that the reason why the evil angel, Rimmon showed up at the scene?

We know all these questions and more and dancing around in your mind, but stay put as the story continues to unravel in future episodes. You are in for a deep dive into the world of men, angels and demons and how these realms are intertwined.

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