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# BARIKISU



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ZAZZAU IS IN BATTLE AND HER  
CROWN MUST NOT FALL, ZAZZAU  
HAS NEVER BEEN DEFEATED.




ISSUE 1  
**BLOODLINE**





IT'S THE YEAR 1610 AND THE WARRIORS OF THE ANCIENT CITY OF ZAZZAU LEAD BY THEIR GREAT WARRIOR QUEEN IS IN BATTLE WITH THE WARRIORS OF KUBRA.



THE EVIL WARRIOR MAYAKINYAKI!

...ONCE KNOWN AS KUBRA WAS ONCE A LOYAL WARRIOR AND AID TO QUEEN BAKWA TURUNKU QUEEN AMINA'S MOTHER. FOR THE LUST OF POWER HE POISONED THE QUEEN, WITH THE AID OF A POWERFUL SORCERER.




THE GREAT WARRIOR QUEEN AMINATU OF ZAZZAU




...FOR YOU MOTHER, KARAMA ...ZARIA AND MY PEOPLE ZAZZAU!



KUBRA CAPTURED AMINA'S YOUNGER SISTER PRINCESS ZARIA AND KILLED HER TOO TWO YEARS AFTER THE DEATH OF KARAMA.




IN THE QUEST FOR REVENGE QUEEN AMINA'S YOUNGER BROTHER KING KARAMA HEIR APPARENT TO THE THRONE WENT AFTER KUBRA BUT MET HIS END AT THE HANDS OF KUBRA.



ALL SHE COULD SEE AND FEEL WAS THE DEATH OF HER FAMILY BY ONE MAN, KUBRA AKA MAYAKINYAKI!





TO SLAY THE QUEEN....  
TO RULE THE WORLD! I WILL  
SLAUGHTER YOU LIKE I DID  
YOUR MOTHER, BROTHER, AND  
SISTER! ZAZZAU IS MINE  
TO RULE!

**SHKAM!**



I SWEAR BY  
THE BLOOD OF MY  
MOTHER, BROTHER AND  
SISTER... ZAZZAU WILL  
NOT BOW TO YOU  
KUBRA!

I WILL  
SPILL YOUR  
BLOOD!!!

KUBRA!  
TODAY YOU MEET  
YOUR END AND ZAZZAU  
WILL NOT BE YOURS NOT  
NOW, NOT EVER!!!

SHE'S NOT  
LOOKING BEHIND





INCOGNIZANT OF  
WHAT LURKS AROUND  
THE CORNER...



AND...



**SLASH**



**AGHHH!!!!**

**SWASH**


**NO!!! SHE HAS TO FALL BY MY SWORD!**

TO POSSESS THAT WHICH HE WANTS, THE CROWN OF ZAZZAU MUST DIE BY HIS HANDS OR ALL IS LOST.

**ZZZARRRSH**

BY THE BLOOD OF MY QUEEN AND MOTHER... ZAZZAU WILL NOT FALL!






DA TAKOBINA ZA  
KI MUTU!...BY MY  
SWORD YOU WILL  
DIE!

HIS BLADE ALONE MUST STRIKE THE  
FINAL BLOW AGAINST THE QUEEN, HE  
ALONE HAS THE MANDATE . IT IS ALL  
HE ASPIRES FOR RIGHT NOW

ZAZZAU  
WILL BOW TO  
ME!!!



SHE MUST NOT ALLOW KUBRA  
WIN. ZAZZAU MUST NOT FALL  
TO HIM EVEN IF SHE DIES  
TRYING TO PREVENT IT.....

THIS IS NOT MY LAST  
KUBRA.... BAANAN NE ZAZZAU  
ZA TA KARE BA (THIS IS NOT  
THE END OF ZAZZAU)











IT IS  
FINISHED...ZAZZAU  
LIVES!



THE LIFE OF THE QUEEN HANGS IN  
THE BALANCE, SHE HAS FOUGHT THE  
WARRIOR'S BATTLE, WON WARS AND  
CONQUERED CITIES,


OPEN THE  
GATES! OUR  
QUEEN RETURNS  
VICTORIOUS!!!

I MUST LIVE FOR  
MY CHILD...ZAZZAU  
LIVES IN HIM.....



HER WARRIORS WANT HER  
ALIVE AND NOT DEAD...SHE  
IS THEIR SYMBOL AND  
PRIDE OF ZAZZAU.

GET DANLADI!  
DANLADI!!!



PROTECT MY BOY,  
GUARD HIM WITH YOUR  
LIVES, HE IS MY HEIR, MY  
BLOOD AND THE FUTURE  
OF ZAZZAU.....

...ZAZZAU LIVE, MOTHER, MY  
BROTHER AND SISTER ARE  
AVENGED...SOON I JOIN THEM NOT  
IN DEFEAT BUT IN VICTORY OVER  
MAYAKINYAKI.





ZAZZAU MOURNS THE DEATH OF THEIR WARRIOR QUEEN, HER LIFE AND LEGACY THEY CARRY IN THEIR HEARTS.

MEANWHILE LATE IN THE NIGHT THAT SAME DAY BAKINUTA THE DARK SORCERER AND AID TO MAYAKINYAKI IS ABOUT TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE...

ALL HELL WILL BE LET LOOSE.



OUT OF DARKNESS WILL YOU RISE AGAIN, OUT OF DARKNESS WILL MAYAKINYAKI DWELL AGAIN...THROUGH FIRE AND DARKNESS TO PROCLAIM THAT WHICH IS YOURS....

FIVE YEARS AFTER THE DEATH OF QUEEN AMINA, ZAZZAU IS UNDER ATTACK BY THREE KINGDOMS.




the enemy of ZAZZAU MAYAKINYAKI DEFEATED BY QUEEN AMINA RULER OF ZAZZAU

PROTECT THE BOY! GUARD HIM...







PRESENT DAY...  
KADUNA STATE,  
NIGERIA.



THE TIME HAS  
COME... THE FUTURE  
IS ALREADY HERE.

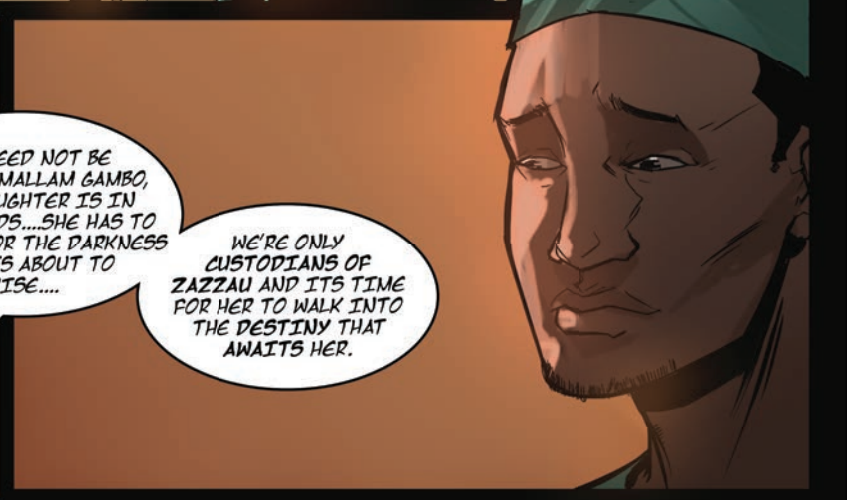


HE HAS TO BE  
PREPARED FOR WHAT  
LIES AHEAD... THE  
SIGNS ARE HERE AND  
HE MUST BE READY.

HE IS A SHE, WE  
NAMED HER AFTER HER  
GREAT GREAT  
GRAND MOTHER... OUR  
WARRIOR QUEEN...  
AMINA.



AMINA...



YOU NEED NOT BE  
WORRIED MALLAM GAMBO,  
YOUR DAUGHTER IS IN  
GREAT HANDS... SHE HAS TO  
BE READY FOR THE DARKNESS  
THAT IS ABOUT TO  
RISE....

WE'RE ONLY  
CUSTODIANS OF  
ZAZZAU AND ITS TIME  
FOR HER TO WALK INTO  
THE DESTINY THAT  
AWAITS HER.



OBLIVIOUS TO WHAT'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN, AMINA WALKS IN WITH HER FATHER.

THERE'S JUST LITTLE TO SAY HERE BUT A LOT YOU WILL HAVE TO LEARN IN TIME, AS YOUR LATE GRAND MOTHER AND FATHER HAVE BEEN TELLING

YOUR GREAT GREAT GREAT GREAT GRAND FATHER WAS KING AND WARRIOR, HE BORE A CHILD, A FEMALE CHILD WHO BECAME QUEEN OF ZAZZAU, BAKWA OF TURUNKU...

BAKWA OF TURUNKU BORE THREE CHILDREN AND AMONG THEM WAS THE GREAT WARRIOR QUEEN AMINA....

YOU ARE PART OF THAT GREAT BLOODLINE THAT LEADS TO QUEEN AMINA.

GRAND MOTHER'S TALES ARE STILL FRESH IN MY HEAD AND I'M YET TO FULLY UNDERSTAND MY PART IN ALL OF IT.

QUEEN AMINA HAD NO CHILDREN, SO WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT I OR MY FATHER CARRY THIS SO CALLED BLOODLINE?

HMMMM...SOME THINGS ARE KEPT SECRET FOR A REASON; YOUR LATE GRAND MOTHER BORE THE BIRTHMARK AND THAT SAME BIRTHMARK IS UPON YOUR FATHER...

MALLAM GAMBO SHOW YOUR DAUGHTER THE SEAL OF THE NORTH ON YOUR RIGHT HAND.

YOU HAVE NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF MY DAUGHTER....YOU CARRY THE SEAL ALSO AND IN TIME IT WILL APPEAR BUT FOR NOW YOU HAVE TO GO WITH HIM. YOUR TIME HAS COME.

THERE ARE FORCES AND PEOPLE THAT WANT THIS BLOODLINE TO END, BATTLES HAVE BEEN FOUGHT FOR GENERATIONS TO END OUR VERY LIVES...

THE CUSTODIANS OF ZAZZAU HAVE ALWAYS PREVAILLED YOU ARE THE REBIRTH OF ZAZZAU. THE WORLD AWAITS YOU MY CHILD.



SOMEWHERE  
IN KADUNA...  
THAT SAME DAY.

THE YAKI ZEALOTS

THE YAKI ZEALOTS, LEAD  
BY IBRAHIM AHMED ARE  
DESCENDANTS OF THE  
MAYAKINYAKI WARRIORS.

THEY ARE LOYAL TO THE  
CAUSE OF WIPING OUT ANY  
TRACE OF THE BLOODLINE  
OF THE WARRIOR QUEEN,  
AMINA.

THE RISE OF  
MAYAKINYAKI IS HERE,  
THE CUSTODIANS OF ZAZZAU  
WILL ALL BE TERMINATED AND  
THEIR BLOODLINE WILL CEASE  
TO EXIST...TO SLAY THEIR  
BLOODLINE! TO RULE THE  
WORLD!

MAYAKINYAKI!

MAYAKINYAKI!!

MAYAKINYAKI!!!

**BRATATA**

**BRA-TA**



SOMEWHERE  
UNKNOWN

SUDDENLY....


**FZZZT**

WHERE  
ARE WE?!


THIS IS THE  
LAND OF YOUR ANCESTORS  
LONG BEFORE THERE  
WERE KINGS AND QUEENS  
...THIS IS ZAZZAU  
WHERE HISTORY  
WAS MADE

AND WARRIORS  
FOUGHT TO DEFEAT THE  
ENEMIES OF THE KINGDOM,  
THIS IS THE LAND OF YOUR  
GREAT ANCESTOR THE  
WARRIOR QUEEN. THIS IS  
WHERE YOUR OWN HISTORY  
BEGINS. YOU WILL WALK  
THE PATH OF YOUR  
ANCESTORS.






MAY THE EARTH  
GIVE WAY TO WHAT LIES  
BENEATH, MAY THE EARTH  
UPON WHICH OUR ANCESTORS  
WALKED OPEN UP SECRETS  
AND POWERS TO DEFEAT  
OUR ENEMIES.



YOUR FUTURE  
AWAITS YOU, ONLY  
YOU CAN WALK  
THROUGH THAT  
DOOR...



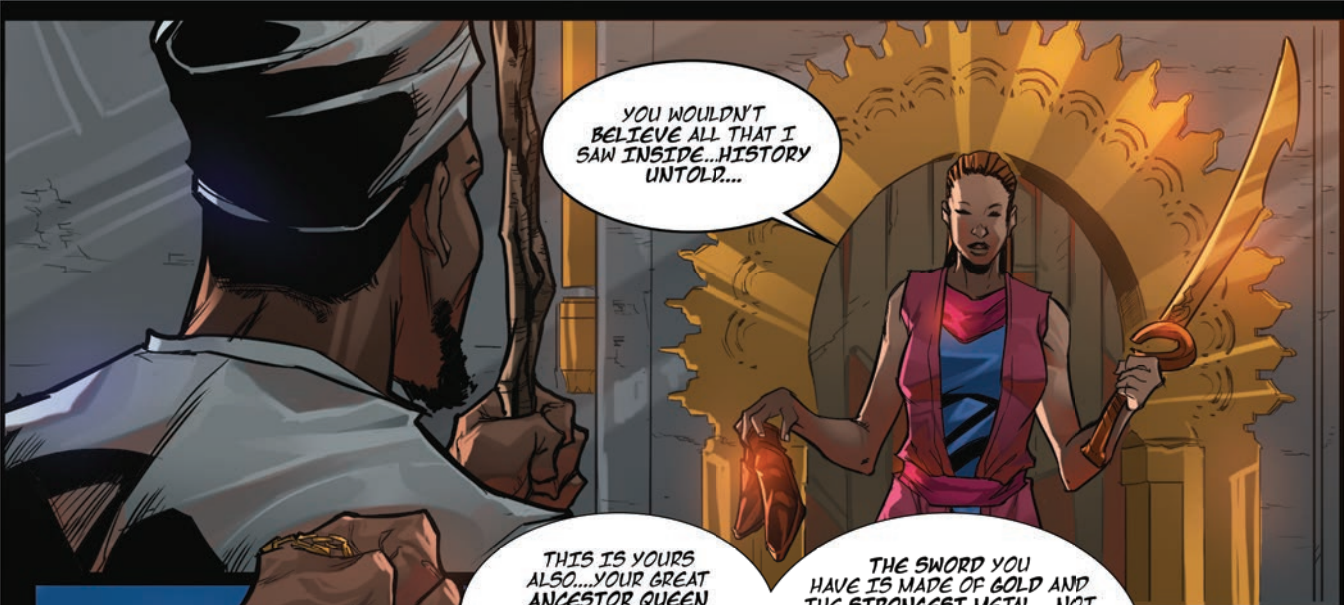
IT'S NOT  
OPENING.....HOW  
DO I GET IN?




PLACE YOUR HAND  
RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF  
THAT SEAL ON THE DOOR  
AND IT WILL OPEN ONLY  
TO YOU...YOU CARRY THE  
BLOOD OF YOUR  
ANCESTORS.









YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ALL THAT I SAW INSIDE...HISTORY UNTOLD...



THIS IS YOURS ALSO...YOUR GREAT ANCESTOR QUEEN AMINA WORE IT...ITS A SYMBOL OF POWER AND STRENGTH



THE SWORD YOU HAVE IS MADE OF GOLD AND THE STRONGEST METAL... NOT OF THIS WORLD...THE TWO BRACELETS ARE POWERFUL, THEY BOTH CAN WIELD OUT YOUR SHIELD OF DEFENCE AND WITH THEM YOU MORPH INTO THE WARRIOR THAT YOU ARE.



THE POWERS ARE YOURS DAUGHTER OF ZAZZAU, YOU CARRY THE BLOOD OF WARRIORS, GREAT KINGS AND QUEENS. YOUR PATH BEGINS THIS VERY HOUR...LET NOT FEAR NOR DARKNESS OVERCOME YOU.....




ARRGH! WHATS HAPPENING?!

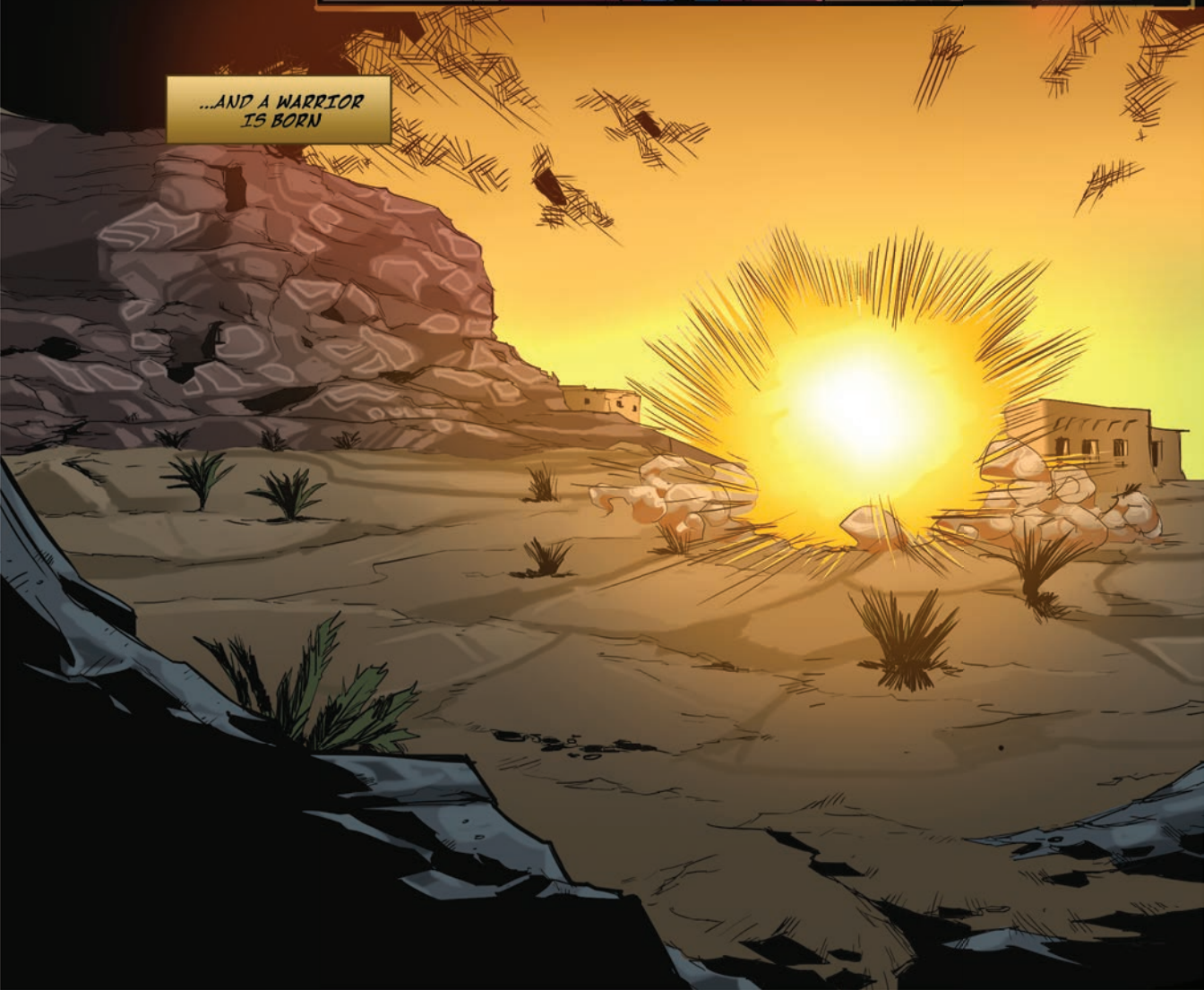




THE MARK IS  
WHITE?! GRANDMA  
WAS ALWAYS  
RIGHT.....



IT ALL STARTS  
HERE. YOU ARE THE NEW  
CUSTODIAN OF ZAZZAU, THE  
VERY ESSENCE OF KINGS, QUEENS  
AND WARRIORS FROM YOUR  
ANCESTORS DWELL WITHIN YOU.  
THE IMPOSSIBLE IS AT YOUR  
FEET.....EMBRACE THE  
FUTURE THAT AWAITS  
YOU!



...AND A WARRIOR  
IS BORN



# BARIKISA

IS BORN



**NEXT:  
THE YAKI ZEALOTS**



# WARRIOR'S MailRoom

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR.

So, we finally did it! Yay! You may not believe it but this work has been more than a decade coming. Barikisu was created in the year 1999, when we (The creators) were fresh out of high school.

It's such an amazing feeling and honour to finally introduce you guys to the very first female hero of the Epoch Universe, BARIKISU the Warrior Princess.

Weaved into the history of the great Queen Amina of Zaria, we tell the story of the bloodline of this great Queen and Warrior that has been part of the heritage and history Nigeria and Africa at large.

We sure hope BARIKISU will win your hearts as it draws you into the very fabric of this beautiful storyline and character. BARIKISU is not just a superhero, she is history in the making and a symbol of justice and hope, her story as it unfolds promises to be filled with many intrigues and to give quality entertainment value.

We would very much like to appreciate our highly talented team who have burnt the night oil and in spite of the odds, still met the deadline for this work.

Shout out to Stanley Obende for his beautiful line art and concepts. Also Tarella Pablo for breathing life into the illustrations with his unique colouring style.

Also to every one else who has contributed in any way to make this work a success. Gracias!!

We also invite you to be part of the process by sending your feedback to us.

Send your comments and observations to [studios.epoch@gmail.com](mailto:studios.epoch@gmail.com). Help us make this story better.

Do remember to make the mails short and precise in order to accommodate other mails from fans like you, always add your name and location to the emails.

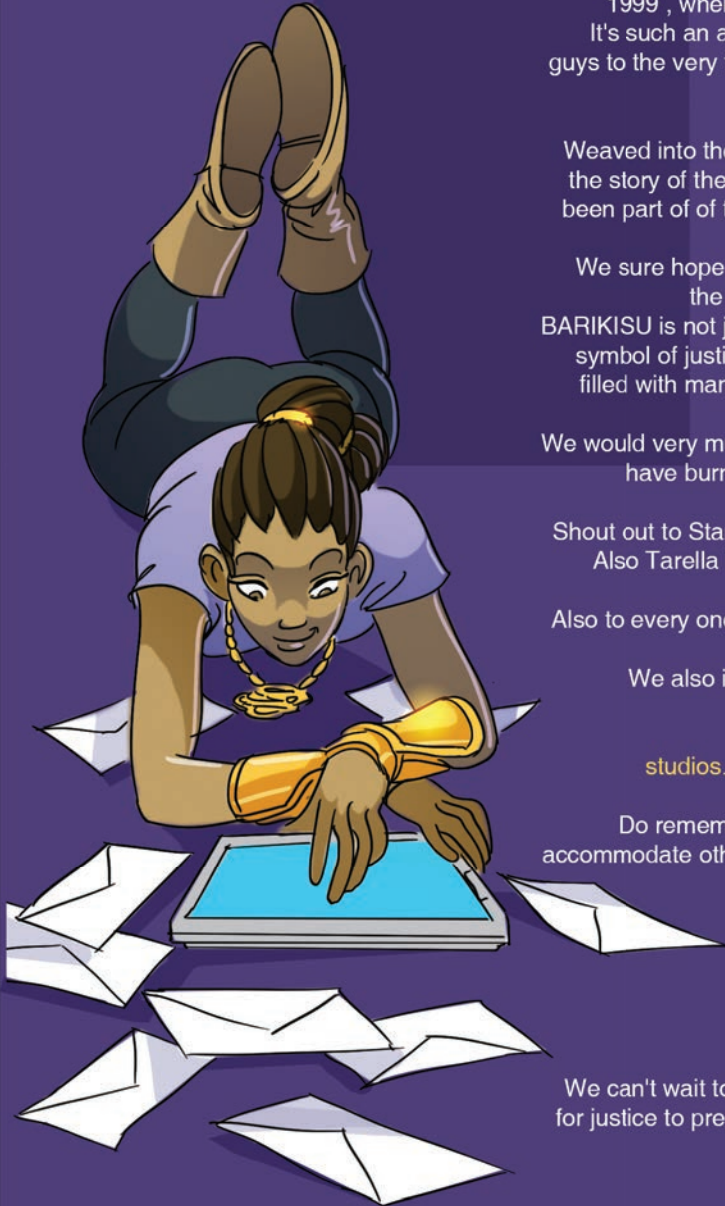
We can't wait to hear your thoughts and ideas as BARIKISU fights for justice to preserve her bloodline as she battles the great warrior MAYAKINYAKI and the Yaki Zealots.

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