

BARIKISU



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ISSUE 2
YAKI ZEALOTS

THE LAST TIME I SAW FATHER LIKE THIS, GRANDMA WAS STILL ALIVE AND I WAS STILL VERY YOUNG THEN, NOT KNOWING WHAT THE FUTURE HELD FOR ME.

THE STORIES FELT LIKE URBAN MYTH. DIDN'T KNOW WHY DAD HAD TO GO THROUGH ALL THIS FOR A FACELESS ENEMY

REALITY DAWNED ON ME AFTER I FOUND OUT THAT MY MOTHER WAS KILLED BY THIS ENEMY THAT THREATENS TO WIPE OUT MY ANCESTRAL BLOODLINE

ZAZZAU BAZAI FADI
INA KALLO BAL!

LIKE THOSE BEFORE ME,
I HAVE TO BE PREPARED
FOR WHAT LIES AHEAD.

"IF YOUR ENEMY IS SECURE AT ALL POINTS, BE PREPARED FOR HIM. IF HE IS OF SUPERIOR STRENGTH, EVADE HIM. IF YOUR ENEMY IS TEMPERAMENTAL, SEEK TO IRRITATE HIM"

"PRETEND TO BE WEAK, THAT HE MAY GROW ARROGANT. IF HE IS TAKING HIS EASE, GIVE HIM NO REST...."

AAHH!

AAGH!

IF HIS FORCES ARE UNITED, SEPARATE THEM. IF SOVEREIGN AND SUBJECTS ARE IN ACCORD, PUT DIVISION BETWEEN THEM...."



ATTACK HIM WHERE HE IS UNPREPARED, APPEAR WHERE YOU ARE NOT EXPECTED

AARRGH!

THUD

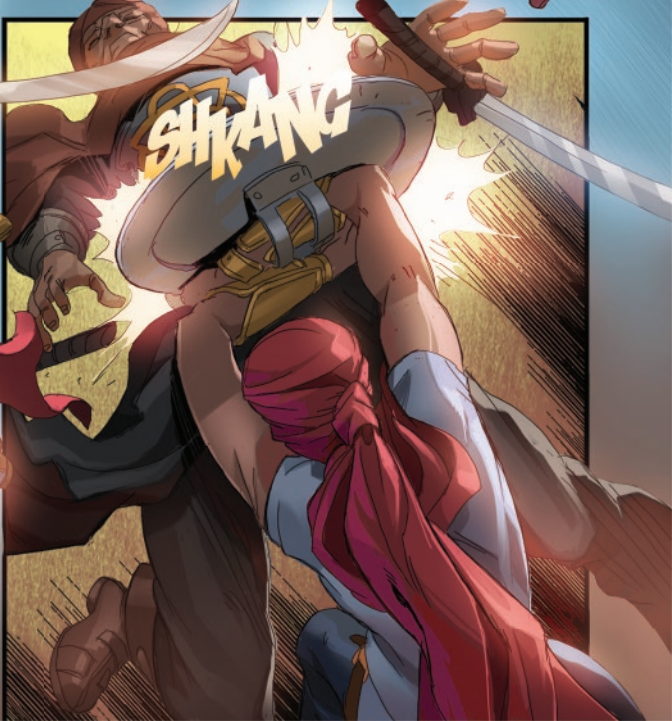


SUN TZU, THE ART OF WAR....

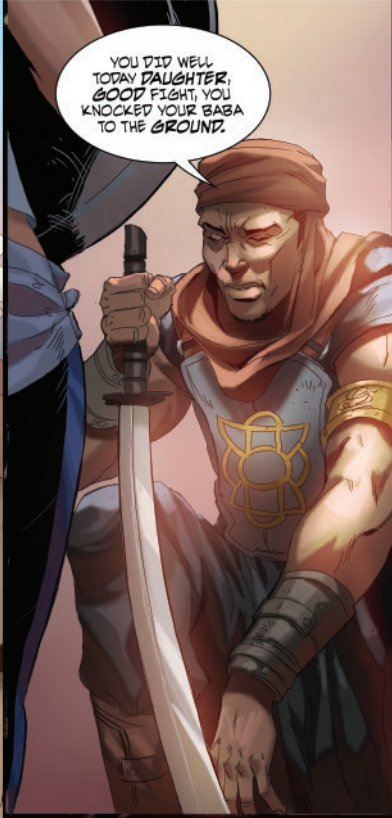
ATTACK HIM WHERE HE IS UNPREPARED, APPEAR WHERE YOU ARE NOT EXPECTED



SHE IS EVERY BIT A WARRIOR LIKE HER FATHER.



SHRANG



YOU DID WELL TODAY DAUGHTER, GOOD FIGHT, YOU KNOCKED YOUR BABA TO THE GROUND.



...SORRY FATHER, I GOT CARRIED AWAY ...I...I DIDN'T MEAN TO...

DON'T BE SORRY DAUGHTER, YOU DID WELL... YOU ARE A WARRIOR AND FIERCENESS WILL BE DEMANDED

MAYAKINYAKI IS NOT JUST AN ENEMY, HE IS RUTHLESS AND HAS LIVED FOR CENTURIES, AND MANY OF OUR PEOPLE HAVE DIED AT HIS HANDS OR AT THE HANDS OF HIS WARRIORS THE YAKI ZEALOTS...



IT HURTS TO KNOW THAT MOTHER WAS KILLED BY THESE PEOPLE AND YOU AND GRANDMA KEPT IT FROM ME SAYING SHE DIED OF ILL HEALTH SOME YEARS AFTER I WAS BORN....

WE HAD TO PROTECT YOU, YOU'RE OUR ONLY CHILD, AND WE WOULD DETEST TO SEE YOU TAKEN FROM US.... SHE DIED A WARRIOR PROTECTING THE BLOOD LINE. YOUR MOTHER WAS ONE OF THE CUSTODIANS OF ZAZZAU.....



SHE FOUGHT FOR ME, FOUGHT BY MY SIDE AND DIED FOR ME, SACRIFICING ALL FOR YOU... SHEHU BAKO WILL PAY FOR WHAT HE DID....

SUDDENLY HE APPEARS....



MALLAM ATIKAH CARRIES THE TORCH FROM MANY GENERATIONS ... FROM THE FORBEARER AND DIVINE LEADER OF THE CUSTODIANS OF ZAZZAU MALLAM DANLADI.



SAME DAY AT KASUWA BARCHI ALSO KNOWN AS THE SLEEPING MARKET IN TUDUN WADA, KADUNA

TWO HOURS BEFORE THE MARKET CLOSSES FOR THE DAY

HE HAS TO DO IT, THERE ARE NO EXCUSES, THEY LIVE FOR DAYS LIKE THIS, AND THEY BELIEVE AND CELEBRATE IT BEFORE EVEN THE MISSION IS ACCOMPLISHED.



THEY ARE KNOWN AS...



TO SPILL THEIR BLOOD, TO END THE BLOOD LINE, FOR MY MASTER I MUST TRANSCEND....

BOOM



THE YAKI ZEALOTS...

SAI KAYI MAYAKINYAKI !!!*

BELIEVERS OF MAYAKINYAKI.

HAUSA TRANSLATION: ARISE MAYAKINYAKI!!!!



THAT SAME DAY DEEP IN THE CAVE
THAT CAN'T BE FOUND THEY GATHER
BEFORE THEIR LEADER, THE
SORCERER...

BEFORE THE ONE THAT
HAS SEEN IT FROM THE
BEGINNING

...FROM THE VERY DAY
THE GREAT WARRIOR...
QUEEN AMINA WAS
BORN

BEFORE THE SWORN
POE TO THE BLOOD
LINE AND ZAZZAU.

BEFORE
BAKI WUTA

.ZAMU
KARASAU GABE
DAYAL SAI KAYI
MAYAKINYAKI!*

SAI KAYI
MAYAKINYAKI
!!!!!!

HAUSA TRANSLATION: : ZAMU KARASAU GABE DAYA (WE WILL DESTROY EVERY ONE OF THEM),
SAI KAYI MAYAKINYAKI (ARISE MAYAKINYAKI)



SLEEP ON, SOON YOU WILL WALK UPON ZAZZAU AGAIN, TO TAKE WHAT RIGHTLY BELONGS TO YOU. THIS TIME WE WILL CONQUER ZAZZAU ONCE AND FOR ALL...CUSTODIANS OR NOT, ZAZZAU WILL FALL.

...THE STRIKE WAS SUCCESSFUL TODAY, AHMED WAS BRAVE...

ENTER IBRAHIM AHMED ALSO CALLED SHEHU BAKO



I HAD NO DOUBT THAT HE WOULD BE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE TO THE CAUSE. WHERE DID HE CHOOSE TO ADD TO THE POWERS OF THE MASTER?

KASUWA BARCHI...



EVERY PLAN IS FALLING INTO PLACE AND HE KNOWS IT.

THIS WILL DRAW HIM OUT AND IN TIME FOR MAYAKINYAKI TO RISE. WE ARE ON CAUSE, I CAN SENSE HIM....



OUT OF DARKNESS WILL HE BE RAISED AGAIN, OUT OF DARKNESS WILL MAYAKINYAKI DWELL AGAIN, THROUGH FIRE AND DARKNESS TO PROCLAIM THAT WHICH IS OURS!



TAKE THE PALACE !!!

KASAWA BARCHI IN TUDUN WADA.

TWO HOURS AFTER THE YAKI ZEALOT'S SUICIDE ATTACK

THIS HAS YAKI ZEALOTS WRITTEN ALL OVER IT. THEIR FIFTH IN LESS THAN TWO MONTHS, THEY WANT TO DRAW YOU OUT... BAKI WUTA IS HERE AND THAT MEANS HE IS ABOUT TO WAKE UP THE SLEEPING MAYAKIN YAKI....

WE CAN'T WAIT FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, SHEHU BAKO MUST BE STOPPED, WE NEED TO GET THE CUSTODIANS OF ZAZZAU INVOLVED. IF BAKI WUTA IS HERE HE WILL DO ALL WITHIN HIS EVIL POWERS TO GET MY DAUGHTER.

TOO MANY DEATHS... WE NEED TO PROTECT THESE INNOCENT LIVES, THEY DON'T DESERVE THIS....

PEOPLE ARE DYING BECAUSE OF US, FATHER.

I UNDERSTAND, AMINA, BUT MY PRIORITY NOW IS TO KEEP YOU SAFE...
YAKI ZEALOTS WILL NOT REST TILL THEY HAVE EVERY LAST SURVIVING MEMBER OF THE BLOOD LINE...

HELLO! HELLO! THE PALACE! UNDER ATTACK!
YES SIR! ON OUR WAY SIR!
YAKI ZEALOTS...

WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY ARE THEY RUNNING... WHAT'S HAPPENING?
THE PALACE IS UNDER ATTACK... THEY ARE GOING FOR THE EMIR. WE HAVE TO HELP THE EMIR...
THEN TAKE MY DAUGHTER HOME, PROTECT HER... I MIGHT NEED A FEW CUSTODIANS FOR BACK UP...

WHY CAN'T I HELP? WHAT IS THE ESSENCE OF MY WARRIOR LINEAGE IF I CAN'T DEFEND ZARIA, WHAT'S THE POINT OF ALL THE HISTORY AND TRAINING?
AMINA YOU ARE NEXT IN THE BLOOD LINE AND I CAN'T RISK ANYTHING HAPPENING TO YOU, I PROMISED YOUR MOTHER. YOUR TIME WILL COME BUT IT'S NOT NOW.



WHAT!
CAN HE DO
THAT!

YOU WILL
BE SURPRISED
WHAT YOU CAN
DO.

**SHEHU BAKO LEADS
THE ONSLAUGHT.**

NONE OF THEM
MUST ESCAPE... TO SPILL
THEIR BLOOD TO RULE
ZAZZAU... WE GIVE NO
MERCY! SAI KAYI
MAYAKINYAKI!

FOR GENERATIONS BAKI WUTA AND
THE YAKI ZEALOTS HAVE BELIEVED
THAT WHOEVER SITS ON THE THRONE
OF ZARIA IS A DIRECT DESCENDANT
OF THE WARRIOR QUEEN OF ZARIA
AND UNFIT TO RULE



AND SUDDENLY

SO YOU'RE ALIVE,
YOU STILL BREATHE
THE AIR OF ZAZZAU, SON
OF THE BLOODLINE...
GOMA KAI!

BAKO!!!
TODAY YOU WILL
KNOW WHAT
REVENGE IS!
TODAY I AVENGE
MY WIFE!

LIKE YOUR GREAT
WARRIOR QUEEN, AND
YOUR WIFE, YOU WILL
BITE THE DUST OF
ZAZZAU, TODAY WE
TRAMPLE UPON YOUR
CORPSE,
**DOMIN
MAYAKINYAKI
ZAN**

THE ONLY PERSON
TO BITE THE DUST OF
ZAZZAU FOR THE LAST
TIME IS YOU, AND
YOUR DOGS!



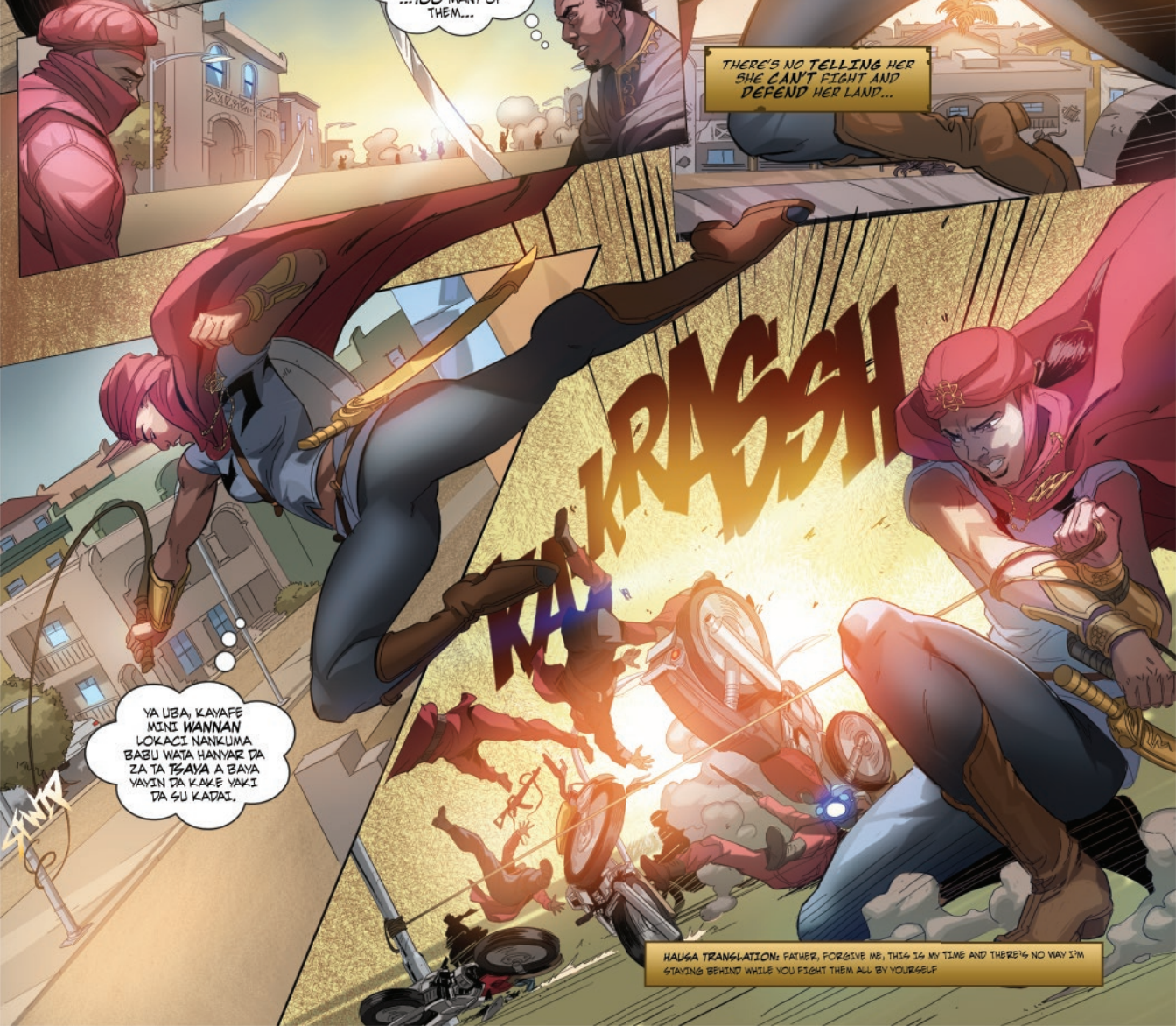
HAUSA TRANSLATION: : SAI KAYI MAYAKINYAKI - ARISE MAYAKINYAKI
DOMIN MAYAKINYAKI ZAN GOMA KAI - FOR MAYAKINYAKI WE WILL DESTROY YOU.



SAI KAYI
MAYAKINYAKI
!!!!!!

I NEED
TO HOLD THEM
OFF BEFORE THE
CUSTODIANS ARRIVE
...TOO MANY OF
THEM...

THERE'S NO TELLING HER
SHE CAN'T FIGHT AND
DEFEND HER LAND...



YA UBA, KAYAFE
MINI NANNUMA
LOKACI NANKUMA
BABU WATA HANYAR DA
ZA TA ISAYA A BAYA
YAVIN DA KAKE YAKI
DA SU KADAI.

HAUSA TRANSLATION: FATHER, FORGIVE ME, THIS IS MY TIME AND THERE'S NO WAY I'M
STAYING BEHIND WHILE YOU FIGHT THEM ALL BY YOURSELF



MALLAM ATIKAH WAS SUPPOSED TO WATCH OVER YOU! YOU SHOULD BE SAFE AT HOME... AMINA ME YASAF!*

I'M SORRY FATHER, COULDN'T STAND BY HOPING YOU WOULD BE ALRIGHT...IT'S TIME TO PUT TO USE THE THINGS YOU TAUGHT ME

SAI KAVI MAVAKINYAKI!*

SO YOU HAVE A DAUGHTER? MAVAKINYAKI WILL BE PLEASED... KILLING YOU BOTH WILL BRING HONOR TO ME!

MEN... KILL HER!!!

KATANG KANG KANG

THAK

JOIN YOUR WIFE AND YOUR WARRIOR QUEEN!

HUH?!



UBA!!!!!!!*

ON THE SPUR OF THE
MOMENT SHE STRIKES....

WATCH OUT
FATHER
!!!!!!!





YOU ALL THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING?!

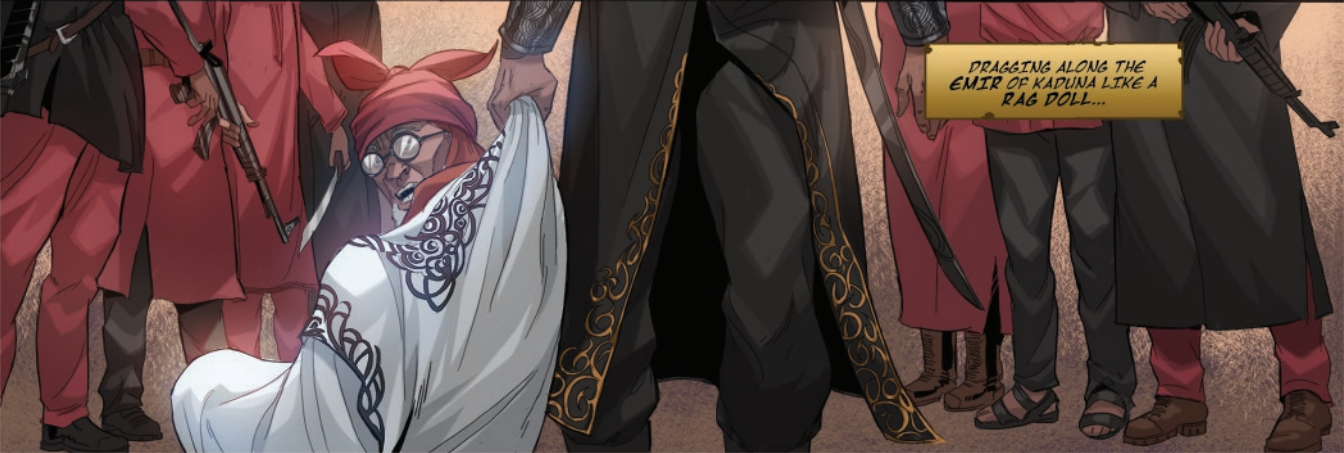
SATHUNK

SWIT

SWIT

SUDDENLY ALL IS STILL, AS A TALL FIGURE WALKS THROUGH THE CROWD...

PREPARE YOURSELF DAUGHTER, IT LOOKS LIKE MAYAKINYAKI HAS RISEN AGAIN....



DRAGGING ALONG THE EMIR OF KADUNA LIKE A RAG DOLL...

THIS IS NEITHER
BAKI WUTA, NOR
MAYAKINYAKI....

WHAT DO WE HAVE
HERE, GAMBOP THIS
CAN'T BE YOUR WIFE,
I KNOW THAT ZAZZAU
CUSTODIAN DIED
LONG AGO...

HMMM, THIS
IS MOST
CERTAINLY YOUR
DAUGHTER

HUHH... ..
WHO IS THIS,
FATHER AND WHY
DOES HE HAVE
OUR SYMBOL?

NO! THIS
CAN'T BE... IT
JUST CAN'T BE.
IMPOSSIBLE...

HASSAIN IS
ALIVE...

OH! LITTLE
BROTHER, THIS IS
FOR REAL AND IT IS
ME HASSAIN!

FATHER
YOU HAVE A
BROTHER?!

HASSAIN!!!



...ALWAYS WAS THE FAMILY'S BLACK SHEEP.. HASSAIN ONCE FOUGHT ALONGSIDE HIS BROTHERS, HIS TWIN, HASSAN AND THE YOUNGER, GAMBO

LOOK BROTHER I WILL MAKE THIS EASY FOR YOU AND YOUR DAUGHTER....

GIVE UP BOW TO MAYAKINYAKI, OR DIE BY MY SWORD. THERE'S NO WAY YOU AND THE CUSTODIANS OF ZAZZAU WILL EVER WIN THIS WAR, HISTORY HAS NEVER BEEN ON THE SIDE OF THE BLOODLINE EVEN MIGHTY GREAT GRANDMOTHER LOST THE BATTLE.

THE THRONE OF ZAZZAU IS AND SHOULD HAVE ALWAYS BEEN OURS! WE ARE THE DIRECT DESCENDANTS OF OUR MOTHER....THE GREAT QUEEN AMINA!

HASSAIN HAS ALWAYS WANTED THE DIRECT BLOODLINE TO OCCUPY THE THRONE OF ZAZZAU.

SO, TO ACHIEVE YOUR SELFISH DREAM OF GAINING THE THRONE OF ZAZZAU, YOU KILLED OUR BROTHER YOUR TWIN, HASSAN AND YOU JOINED FORCES WITH BAKI WUTA TO GIVE OUR ENEMY THE UPPER HAND?!

NOW THIS IS ALL SHADES OF CONFUSING... HE IS MY UNCLE AND HE KILLED HIS OWN TWIN BROTHER?!

THOUGHT FATHER AND I WERE THE ONLY DIRECT DESCENDANTS REMAINING. AND WHY IS HE WITH THE ENEMY?



DO NOT FRET OVER HASSAN, HE IS IN ME... WELL HIS ESSENCE, THAT IS. HAHAAHAHAHAHAHA! YOU SEE, ONCE A DIRECT DESCENDANT OF OUR WARRIOR QUEEN AND MOTHER KILLS ANOTHER BLOODLINER, DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS?

HE POSSESSES THE ESSENCE OF THE ONE HE KILLS. NOW YOU KNOW WHY I HAVE TO DO THIS.... AN HELPING OF YOUR ESSENCE AND NOW, A BONUS OF YOUR DAUGHTER'S...NOTHING CAN GET IN MY WAY NOW



YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE THE HERO WHO SAVES THE PEOPLE, LET'S SEE IF YOU CHOOSE THE FAIR OVER YOUR DAUGHTER....

YOU KNOW I WILL KILL HER; SHE STANDS NO CHANCE AGAINST ME...HAHAHAHA HAAAA!



SAVE THE
EMIR, AMINA!
HASSAIN! I AM
COMING FOR
YOU...



NO HE CAN'T DEFEAT
FATHER...THIS IS NOT
HAPPENING, I CAN'T LOSE
MY FATHER, I CAN'T!



I KNEW YOU
WOULD MAKE THE RIGHT
DECISION BROTHER,
REALLY IT PAINS ME TO
HAVE TO KILL YOU, BUT THEN
AGAIN I NEED YOUR
POWERS...HAHAHAHA
HAHAHAHA!



NO!!!
STOP!!!

BOOSH!



YOU SHOULD'VE MADE THE SMARTER CHOICE, BROTHER, NOW YOUR ESSENCE WILL BE MINE FOR THE TAKING... HAHahaha HAHahaha!



ARCHHHH!



IT ENDS HERE! YOUR POWERS WILL BE MINE!!!!



SAI KAYI MAYAKINYAKI!*

SAI KAYI MAYAKINYAKI !!!!!!!

NEXT: THE RISE OF MAYAKINYAKI!

WARRIOR'S *MailRoom*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We couldn't imagine a better way to start the year for you than releasing this sequel to our Warrior Princess story, **Barikisu**. 2019 sure is looking good already...We have a lot planned for this year, but none of it would see the light of day without you, our wowsome fans!

We once again tender our sincere apologies for bringing this to you more than a month late. We're sure you saw why, from the quality of work that has been put into this book. Honestly this one took a lot of wind out of us but we're happy with the way it turned out. We appreciate every member of the team who burned the night oil on this task, our very own Martin Okonkwo, now two time Best Comic Artist 2017 & 2018 Comic Panel Fist Awards, took care of the line art and graphics, plus lettering, while Tarella brought his magic with the colours, I'm very certain this ranks among his best work yet. I had fun also scripting this one.

We'd go to any length to give you an amazing experience, and you know it. This story is about the dignity, bravery, strength and will power of a young girl born to protect her embattled lineage. She has taken the first step on the long journey that would put her to the ultimate test, amidst raging persecution.

Our warrior princess is coming into full knowledge of her powers, also finding out about an uncle she never knew...an uncle who wants to drain her very essence and her father's in a bid to get more powerful, a member of the bloodline, turned foe. We hope the action and storyline was able to draw you in... Hang in there as all the pieces of the puzzle continue to fall in place in this story about the descendants of Queen Amina of Zaira. Will Barikisu survive her uncle's wrath, and ultimately face Mayakinyaki? The story just began

-Emmanuel Ezeabiana-

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