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THE *STARTING* POINT WAS
A DESCENT TO CERTAIN
DEATH.

A FALL THAT
WOULD CHANGE
EVERYTHING.

NO!
IS THIS HOW IT
ENDS FOR ME?

... THE IMPACT TO THE
GROUND... THE *SHATTERING*
OF MY EVERY BONE ...THE
BLOOD *SPLATTER*

GOD, NO!

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HE WOULD NEVER SURVIVE THE IMPACT...



AT THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT...

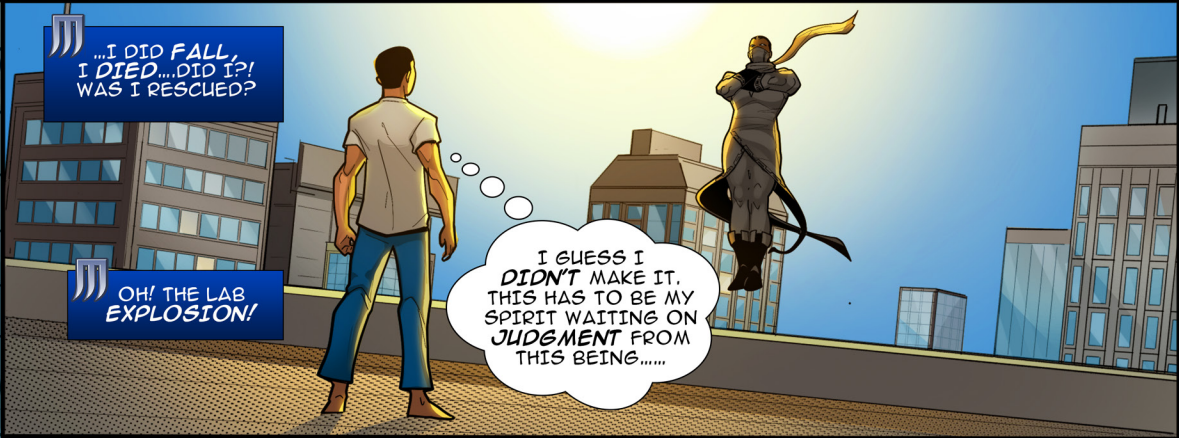
THIS CAN'T BE POSSIBLE... MAYBE I'M DEAD? WHERE IS HE OR IT TAKING ME TO?



NO!

WHAT'S ACTUALLY HAPPENING TO ME? ALIEN ABDUCTION?

OH DEAR, I'M DEAD...



...I DID FALL, I DIED... DID I? WAS I RESCUED?

OH! THE LAB EXPLOSION!

I GUESS I DIDN'T MAKE IT. THIS HAS TO BE MY SPIRIT WAITING ON JUDGMENT FROM THIS BEING...

KAZEEM OLADAPO... NO, **THIS** IS NOT YOUR SPIRIT, **NEITHER** ARE YOU **DEAD**...THERE IS A LOT FOR YOU TO **FIND** OUT, A LOT FOR YOU TO DO... IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO **WAKE UP**.

YOU'RE STILL IN THE HOSPITAL'S **I.C.U** WHERE YOUR BODY IS BEING **ATTENDED**. YOU'RE IN A **COMATOSE STATE**, YOU CAN CHOOSE TO EITHER REMAIN SO OR **WAKE UP**. THE **CHOICE** IS YOURS.....

WHAT DO YOU MEAN TO **WAKE UP**?! **WHERE** IS THIS?... WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME. IF I'M **ALIVE**, WHY IS IT JUST US **BOTH** HERE? **HOW** DO YOU **EVEN** KNOW MY **NAME**?!

NOW THIS IS SO **CONFUSING**. FIRST I'M NOT DEAD, THEN I'M IN A **COMA** IN A **HOSPITAL** WHILE HERE TALKING TO YOU AT THE **SAME** TIME **WHAT** IS THERE TO CHOOSE THEN?

YOU'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE. **MATTER** OF FACT, THIS IS YOUR **SEVENTH** FALL AND MY **SEVENTH** INTERVENTION. ON EACH FALL YOU HAVE REFUSED TO **WAKE UP**...**BEFORE** THE TIME, BEFORE THE **EXTRA-DIMENSIONAL COORDINATES** REQUIRED FOR THIS **PHYSICAL** EVENT, YOU HAVE TO **WAKE UP** NOW.

OKAY, EVEN IF I **PRETEND** TO UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE ON ABOUT... HOW ON **EARTH** DO I **WAKE UP**, SEEING THAT I'M ALREADY **AWAKE** HERE CONFINED TO THIS...**SPACE**?! I'M TRYING TO **MAKE SENSE** OF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING...

YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE **FALL** FROM WHERE YOU **STAND** AND **NOT** BE AFRAID OF THE **IMMEDIATE** OUTCOME. ONLY THEN WILL YOU FULLY BE **AWAKE**. IF YOU MUST **FALL**, IT HAS TO BE **NOW**.

SUDDENLY...

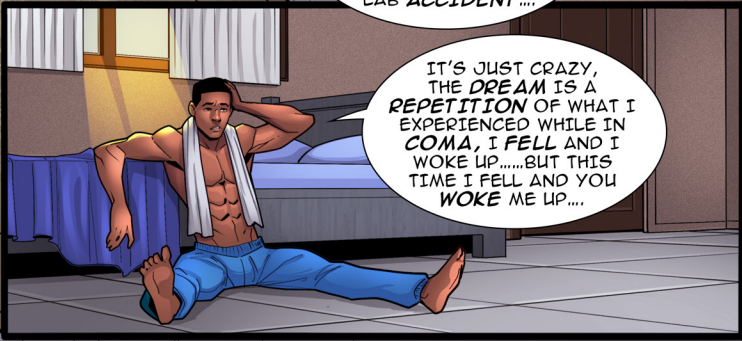
YOU LEAVE ME
NO CHOICE BUT
TO DO THIS
AGAIN!

EHN? ARE YOU
OUT OF YOUR MIND?!
I SHOULD DO WHAT?
TAKE A JUMP FROM HERE
BECAUSE YOU SAY SO?...
SORRY, BUT THAT'S NOT
HAPPENING!





I'M NOT AFRAID...





ANYWAY IT'S JUST YOUR **BRAIN** PLAYING BACK WHAT YOU **EXPERIENCED** WHILE YOU WERE IN COMA, PROBABLY YOUR RECENT **ENCOUNTER** WITH THE **BULLET** IN YOUR SCHOOL TRIGGERED IT, NOTHING SERIOUS....

GET UP AND LET'S **GO** DO SOME TRAINING, KEPT WAITING FOR **YOU** AT THE DOJO SINCE 7 AM, THERE'S A NEW GUY IN THE **DOJO**...

IS **THIS** THE **GUY** YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT?

YEAH, MET HIM AT THE LEKKI FITNESS **CENTER** LAST WEEK AND I INVITED HIM TO COME **SPAR** WITH US...DUDE IS **SUPER-FAST**, I HAVE ALREADY **SPARRED** WITH HIM THIS MORNING AND I **COULDN'T** LAND A SINGLE PUNCH OR KICK.



KAZEEM MEET **AKIHIRO**, AKIHIRO MEET MY **YOUNGER BROTHER** KAZEEM...

LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'VE GOT, YOUR **BROTHER** SPEAKS HIGHLY OF YOU, A LITTLE SPAR WOULDN'T **HURT**.

OKAY... BE CALM HE **DOESN'T** KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR **ABILITIES**, TAKE IT EASY ON THE **JET LI**

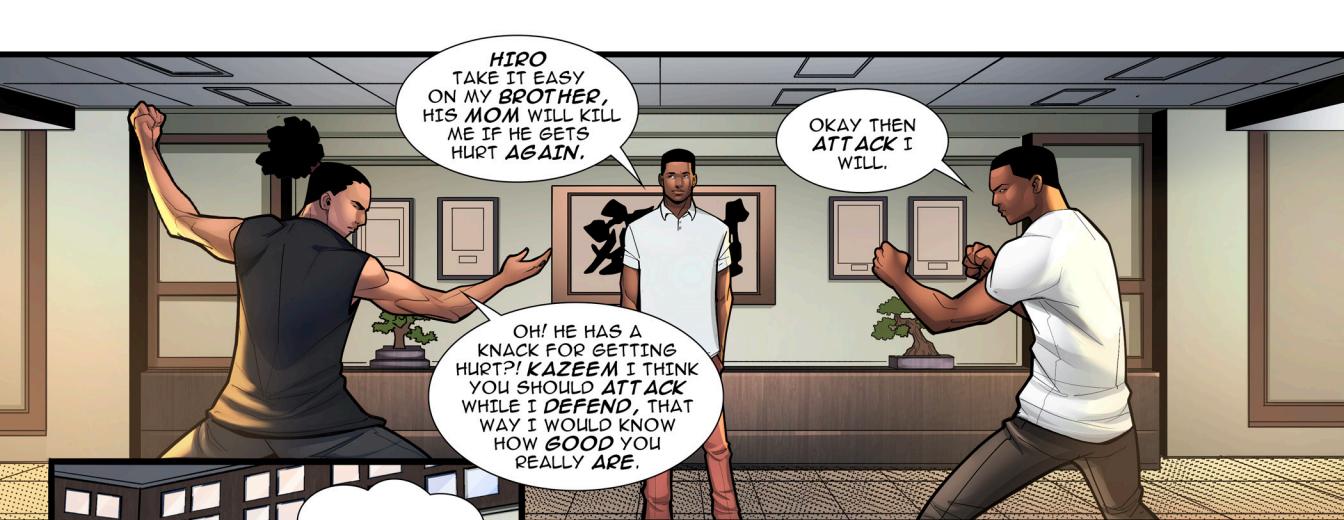


NICE TO MEET YOU MAN, SO YOU'RE **JAPANESE** OR IS IT **KOREAN**?

NIGERIAN ACTUALLY, LET'S JUST SAY **HALF NIGERIAN, HALF JAPANESE**.



SURE IT WOULDN'T....



HIRO
TAKE IT EASY
ON MY BROTHER,
HIS MOM WILL KILL
ME IF HE GETS
HURT AGAIN.

OKAY THEN
ATTACK I
WILL.

OH! HE HAS A
KNACK FOR GETTING
HURT?! KAZEEM I THINK
YOU SHOULD ATTACK
WHILE I DEFEND, THAT
WAY I WOULD KNOW
HOW GOOD YOU
REALLY ARE.



OKAY...HE'S
PRETTY FAST,
INTERESTING.



WOW! THIS
GUY IS FAST,
BLOCKING EVERY
MOVE I MAKE LIKE
HE CAN PREDICT
THEM ALL....
HMMMM!



TIME TO
UP THE GAME.
LET'S SEE HOW
YOU HANDLE
THESE NEXT SET
OF ATTACKS.

道場訓
一人格完成は努力の至事
一誠の道を守り奉る事
一努力の精神を養ふ事
一礼儀を重んずる事
一血氣の勇を成す事

STILL REALLY FAST, THIS SKILL LEVEL JUST CAN'T BE BECAUSE HE IS HALF ASIAN...



WOAH! YOU HIT HARD, THOSE ARE SOME GOOD MOVES, AND I DIDN'T SEE THAT ONE COMING...



HMMM....

I WILL TAKE THAT AS A COMPLIMENT...



KAZ THAT WAS SUPER DUPE COOL! AKIHIRO IS ONE TOUGH GUY TO PUT TO THE GROUND. YOU'RE GETTING BETTER BY THE DAY. MAN I SHOULD BE SCARED OF YOU NOW....

YOU'RE ACTUALLY GOOD, YOU'RE PRECISE WITH YOUR MOVES AND THAT WAS A GOOD KICK. YOU GOT ME...

HE IS NOT ORDINARY...



初心生活

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一人格完成に努む事
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OCHUKO
OGHENETEGA, TALL
AND HOSTILE
LOOKING

WALKS BRISKLY
DOWN THE ISOLATED
PARK AREA.



...STOPS AND
STARES ON
ENQUIRINGLY...



YOU'RE
LATE.....



PERMIT ME FIRST TO COMMEND YOU ON THE **GOOD** JOB YOU DID WITH THE LAST SUBJECT. YOU'RE AN ARTIST.....



I HAVE NO TIME FOR **SMALL TALK**...LET'S DO BUSINESS, WHO IS IT THIS TIME?



HMMM... THIS WILL BE TWICE THE PRICE. WHO'S THE CLIENT



THE **BIG BOYS** UP AT THE VILLA WANT HIM OUT... AS USUAL PAYMENT ON DELIVERY, **MAKE SURE** HE DOESN'T REACH THE HOSPITAL.

YOU HAVE **TWO WEEKS** AND HEY! THIS MIGHT HELP...HE HAS A **SON** HERE.

AJAGBADI.

THAT SAME DAY.

STARING DOWN THE BALCONY, OCHLIKO PONDER'S ON THE TASK AHEAD

SENATOR ADELAJA HAS BEEN ASSASSINATED BY A MYSTERIOUS GUNMAN. THE ASSASSIN STILL UNKNOWN TOOK OUT EIGHT POLICE OFFICERS WHO ENGAGED HIM IN *GUN BATTLE*...

NO ONE KNOWS WHO HE IS OR WHAT HIS MOTIVES ARE FOR THESE *SERIES* OF ATTACKS.

...REPORTS REACHING US INDICATE HE WAS HEAVILY ARMED AND HE FLEW WITH A JET PACK WHEN HE HIT THE CONVOY...



WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?

YOU WANT IT NEXT WEEK?

I CAN'T BE RUSHED... IT WON'T BE IN HIS HOME, I WILL MAKE IT SENSATIONAL.

I LOVE THE PUBLICITY FOR MY ART. ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU CALLED IT?



APPARENTLY,
I'M **GOING** TO
HAVE TO SPEED UP
THE **COMPLETION**
OF MY LATEST
CONTRAPTION.

AND THIS
MEANS, **CHIEF...**
YOUR DAYS JUST
GOT **ONE WEEK**
SHORTER.
TOO BAD....

IKOYI, 8PM

HOME AT LAST. CRAZY TRAFFIC, WHAT WOULD I EVER DO WITHOUT MY BIKE IN THIS CITY.

HOPE I'M NOT LATE FOR WHATEVER IT IS HAKEEM HAS BEEN CALLING ME ALL DAY FOR.

OK...OF COURSE I'M ALREADY LATE...

LOOK WHO FINALLY DECIDES TO SHOW UP...

YOU EVENTUALLY ARRIVED, WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU MAN, HOW ARE YOU?

WAITING FOR ME?" HMMM! IT'S...NOT MY BIRTHDAY YET ...

YES IT'S NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY, COUSIN, BUT WE'RE CELEBRATING THREE THINGS, ONE OF WHICH YOU HAPPEN TO BE ... I'M PRIVY TO INFORMATION EVEN YOU THREE DO NOT HAVE.

QUITE A FULL HOUSE TONIGHT. SO DO YOU MIND SHARING THIS SECRET OF YOURS WITH US?

THE NUMBER OF GUESTS HERE SURE HINTS AT SOMETHING BIG.

OH YES! BIG AND IMPORTANT, I BETTER KEEP MY BIG MOUTH SHUT BEFORE I SPOIL THE SURPRISE. UNCLE IS HERE ...



GOOD EVENING EVERYONE, I REALLY DO APPRECIATE YOUR HONORING OUR INVITATION TO BE HERE. WE HAVE LITTLE ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE....

I WILL LET MY LOVELY WIFE TAKE IT FROM HERE.



THANKS DARLING, AS WE CELEBRATE KAZEEM'S LIFE AND AZEEZ'S NEW HEALTH CENTER...

I ALSO WISH TO PRESENT TO YOU, AN ASPIRANT AND CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA. MY HUSBAND CHIEF SEGUN IBRAHIM OLADAPO.



?!!!

??!!

DAD?!

YES, I EXPECTED IT WOULD COME AS A SHOCK TO SOME OF YOU

EVEN THOUGH I DROPPED THIS AMBITION LONG AGO, THE PEOPLE BECKONED, AND I COULDN'T DECLINE A BIG OPPORTUNITY TO BETTER THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT NATION OF OURS.

NOBODY WITH SUCH NOBLE INTENTIONS EVER GETS TO THAT SEAT. POLITICS IN THIS COUNTRY IS DANGEROUS, IT'S ALL ABOUT BLOODSHED AND BACKDOORS....

SENATOR ADELAJA WAS JUST KILLED THE OTHER DAY...

SON, THIS IS A CALL TO SERVICE. IT WILL BE A MASSIVE LET DOWN TO THE PEOPLE IF I WITHDRAW DUE TO FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN.

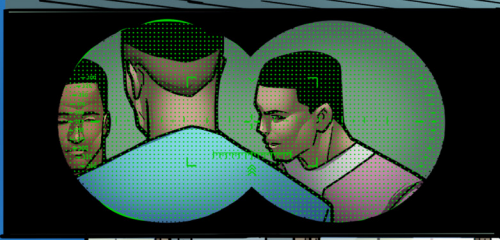
I HAVE THE BACKING OF THE PEOPLE, AND THAT'S THE GREATEST ASSURANCE ANY OFFICE HOLDER COULD ASK FOR.



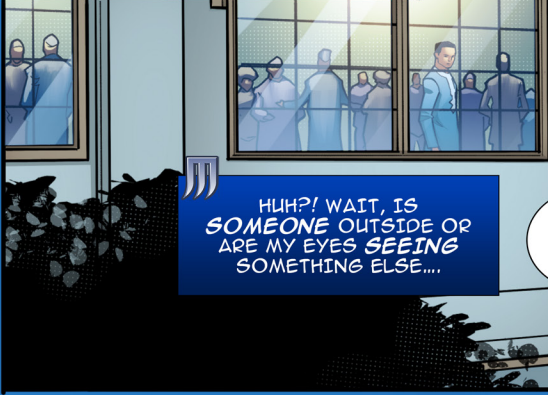
ALL I NEED NOW IS THE SUPPORT OF MY FAMILY. EVERYONE PRESENT HERE IS PART OF THE DRIVE TO LIFT UP THIS GREAT NATION.



MEANWHILE **SOMEONE IS WATCHING FROM A DISTANCE, TARGET LOCKED ON CHIEF OLADAPO...**

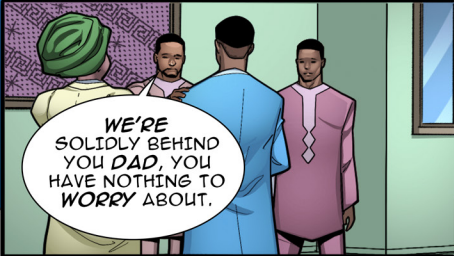


RAZE WATCHES STILL...VERY STILL

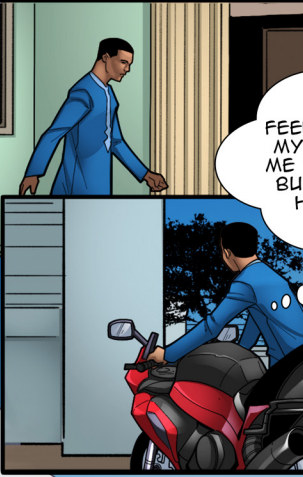


HUH?! WAIT, IS SOMEONE OUTSIDE OR ARE MY EYES SEEING SOMETHING ELSE....

CHIEF OLADAPO OUR DATE IS SET... .. COULD THAT BOY POSSIBLY BE GAZING IN THIS DIRECTION.



WE'RE SOLIDLY BEHIND YOU DAD, YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.



I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS MY INSTINCT TELLS ME THIS IS NOTHING BUT TROUBLE...DAD HAS GOT TO BE CAREFUL.

MAYBE I'M BEING UNDULY APPREHENSIVE, WHAT'S THAT RUSTLING SOUND FROM THE TREE, IS SOMEONE ACTUALLY THERE?

WHO'S THERE?



WOOOOSSSH!

I THINK SOMEONE IS AFTER DAD. WHOEVER OR WHATEVER YOU ARE, I WILL BE WAITING.

ONE WEEK LATER

RAZE IS SET, THE HUNT FOR CHIEF OLADAPO IS ON, AS HE RECEIVES FINAL INSTRUCTIONS.

HELLO!

I UNDERSTAND. I KNOW THE CONFERENCE IS AT TBS AND IT'S TODAY, I DON'T NEED A REMINDER

HE WON'T GET TO THE VENUE ...JUST HAVE MY MONEY READY!

KAZEEM, YOUR DAD IS REALLY TRENDING ONLINE, HE IS THE NUMBER ONE TRENDING TOPIC ON TWITTER TODAY.

WITH HIS OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ALMOST UNDERWAY AT THE TBS TODAY, SOCIAL MEDIA IS ABUZZ WITH SUPPORT FOR HIM...

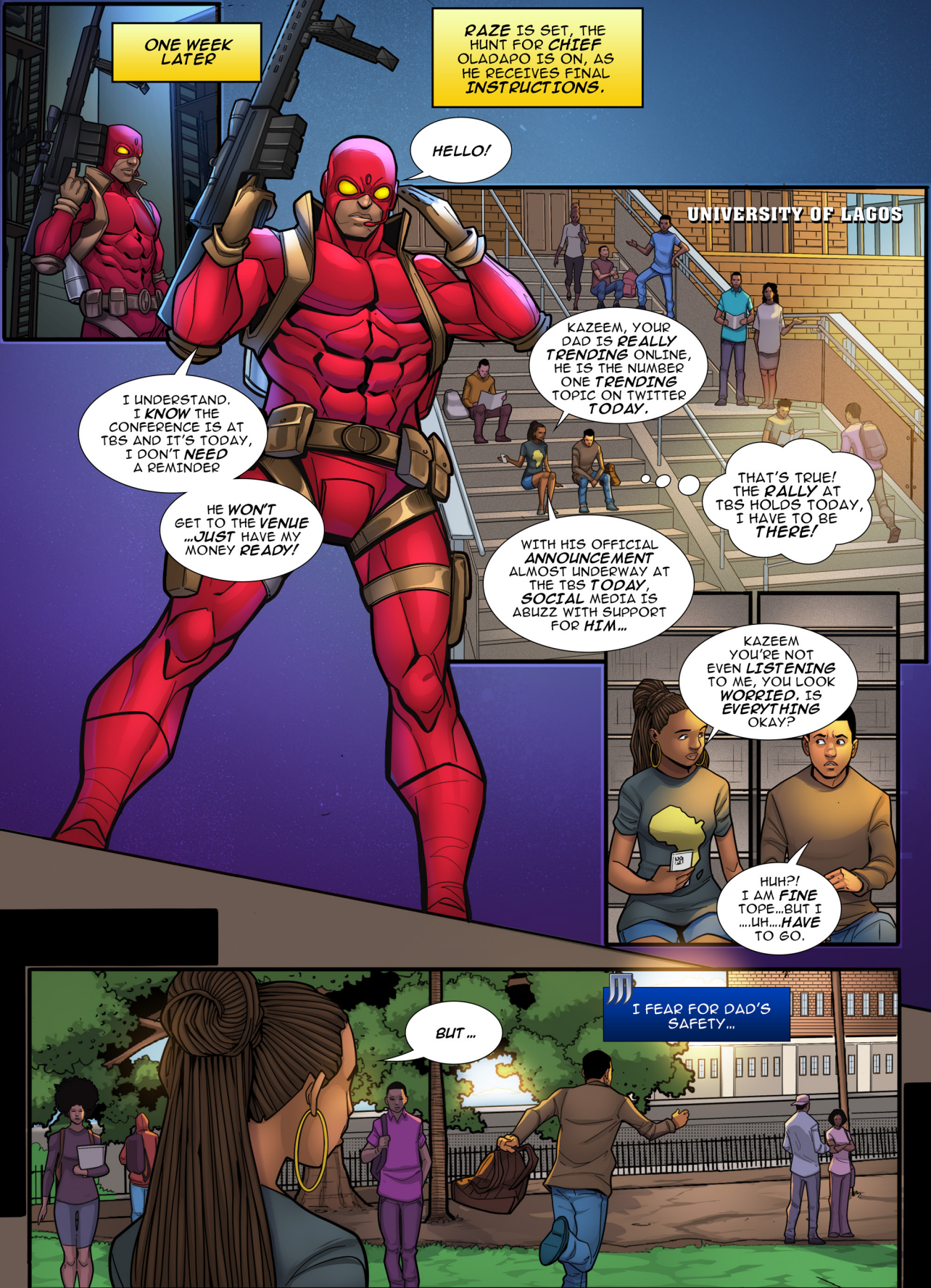
THAT'S TRUE! THE RALLY AT TBS HOLDS TODAY, I HAVE TO BE THERE!

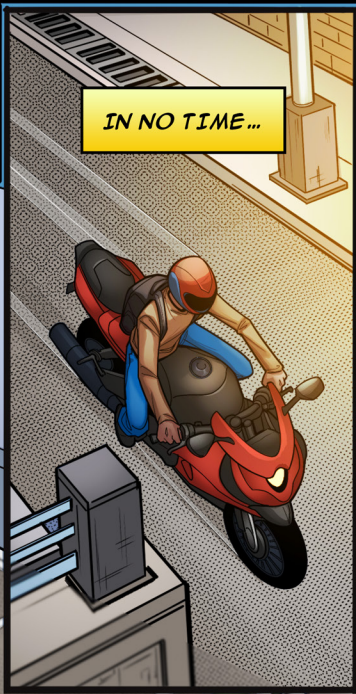
KAZEEM YOU'RE NOT EVEN LISTENING TO ME, YOU LOOK WORRIED. IS EVERYTHING OKAY?

HUH?! I AM FINE TOPE...BUT I ...UH...HAVE TO GO.

BUT ...

I FEAR FOR DAD'S SAFETY ...

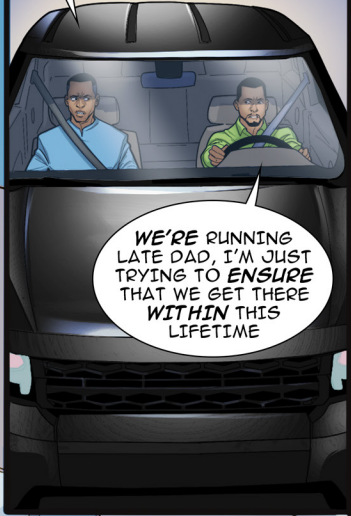




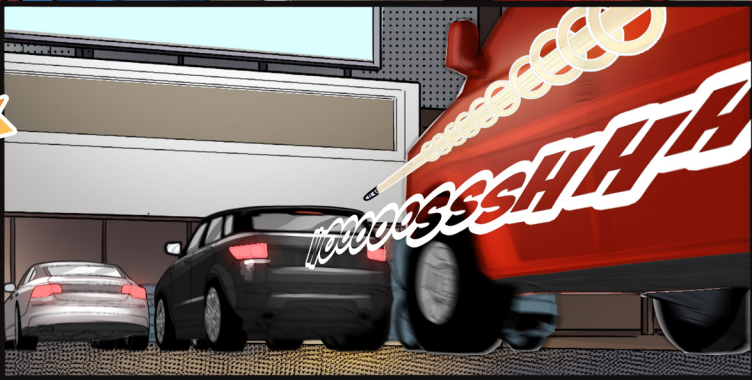
IN NO TIME...



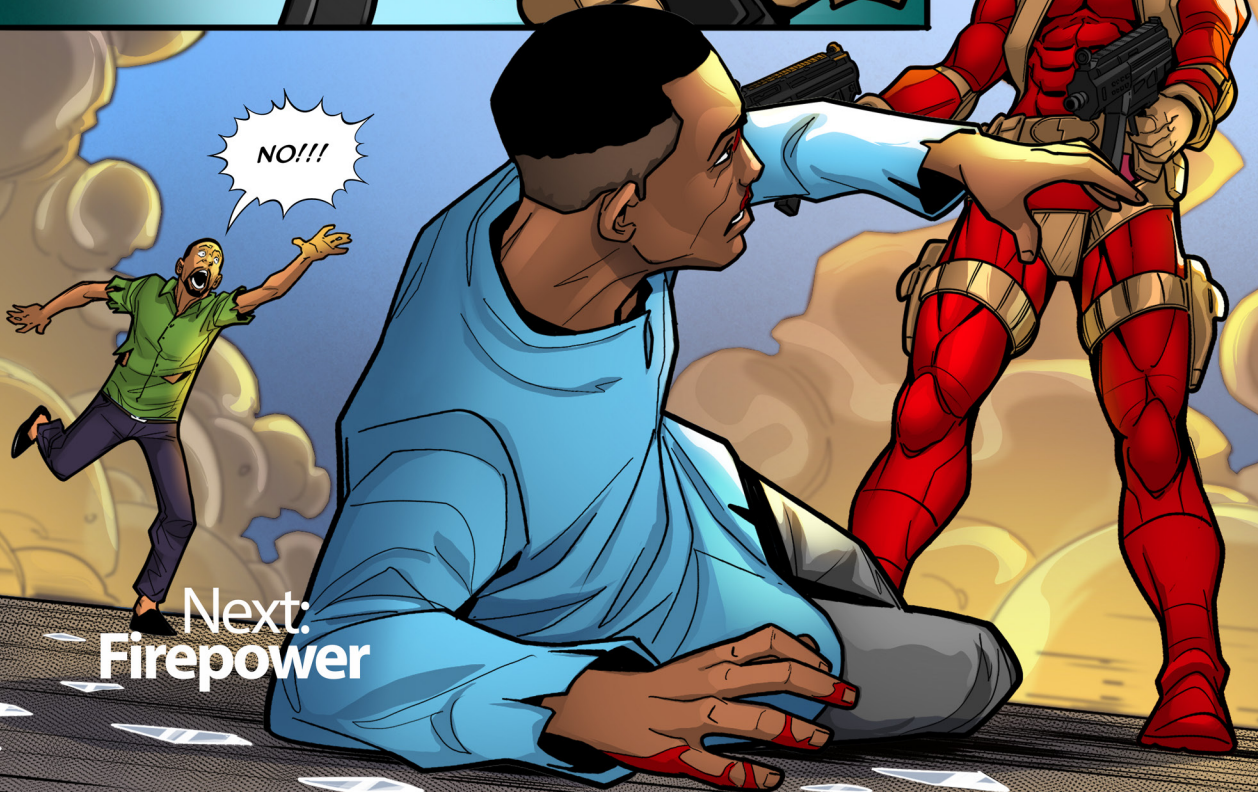
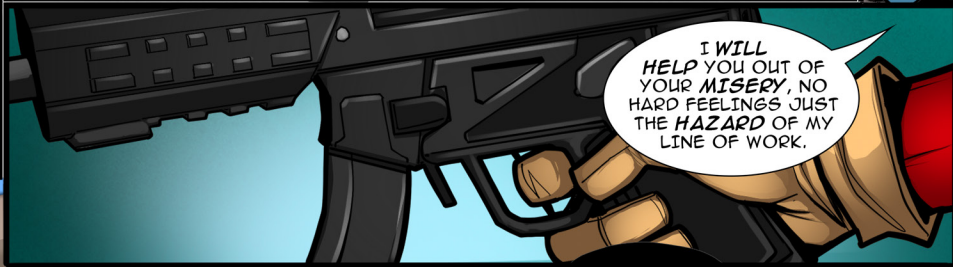
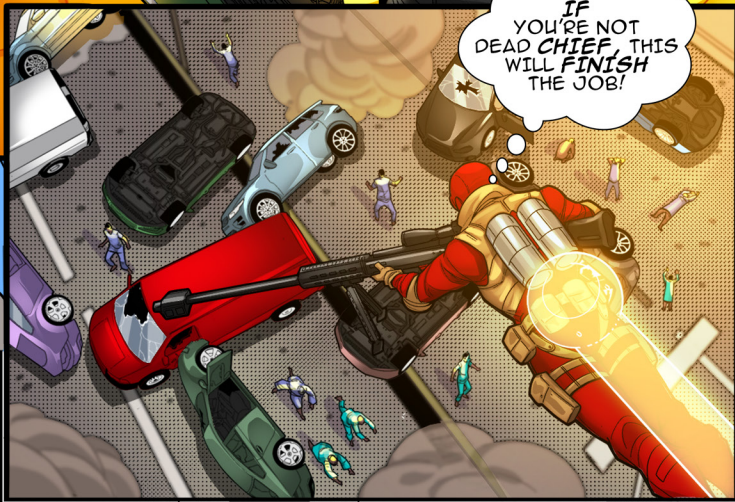
HONK
SOFTLY AZEEZ,
YOU'RE IN
TRAFFIC.



MEANWHILE, JUST
ABOVE THEM...



KRA-TOOOOONNNNN



Next:
Firepower

THE MOONDUST FAN BASE

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR.

Hey!

Just like we did with Moondust #1, it also became important for us to do something about the original edition of MOONDUST #2. The art also didn't quite age well, as it was done about 20 years ago while the artist was still a student. Infact, Martin Okonkwo's daughter called out Epoch Comics for the weird looking art of that old edition. We try to maintain great quality visuals for all our projects and this is no exception. This time we featured the art of the highly talented Dominic Oziren for pencils and inks. The colourist, Abosede Akanni, (Pseudo named) is also one of the high flyers in the industry today .

Also just like the issue #1 remake, we decided not to alter the story too much, but to find ways to overlay it with the present day Epoch Universe's theme. The supernatural angle to the lab incident and the ensuing coma has finally been revealed, and we're sure you were surprised to find Sient (Dinobi Achebe) making an appearance in Kazeem's subconscious, and in this title for that matter. There'll be more surprises in issue 5, which is already in the works and will be the next instalment in the series.. See you at issue #5 and the numerous sequels to come!

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