

# PTERYGOTE



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**[ter-i-goht]**

...belonging to a subclass of insects  
that includes the winged insects.

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THE YEAR IS 2035.

LAGOS HAS BECOME ONE OF THE MOST WEALTHIEST AND MOST TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED CITIES IN THE WORLD

BUT ALL IS NOT WELL

**TERRORISTS STRIKE LAGOS.**

Boko Haram, others deny responsibility

**BREAKING NEWS**

**Terrorists strike Lagos. Boko Haram, others deny responsibility**

Unknown persons in very advanced robotic armour suits yesterday destroyed parts of Ikoyi, Lagos as they invaded the city. The attack was repulsed by....

A SMALL GROUP OF UNKNOWN BEINGS CLAD IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE HIGHLY ADVANCED INSECTOID BODY ARMOUR SUITS APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE AND ATTACKED PARTS OF IKOYI, LAGOS YESTERDAY.

THE ATTACKS WERE WELL COORDINATED AND THEIR MOVEMENTS SUGGESTED THEY WERE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE OR SOMETHING. NOBODY HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE ATTACKS. OUR CORRESPONDENT....

NEWS

TERRORISTS ATTACK LAGOS



NOBODY KNOWS WHO OR WHAT  
ATTACKED LAGOS LAST NIGHT.  
WELL, NOBODY BUT AFAM



AND HE HAS COME TO SEEK  
OUT A PRIEST TO TELL HIS  
STRANGE TALE



HUH?



A TALE SO STRANGE, HE  
SOMETIMES WONDERS IF  
HE ISN'T GOING CRAZY.



FATHER,  
I'M HERE FOR  
CONFESSION

THE PRIEST  
LEADS AFAM TO THE  
CONFESSIONAL

BLESS ME  
FATHER, FOR I  
HAVE SINNED AND  
IT HAS BEEN A WHILE  
SINCE MY LAST  
CONFESSION

I KNOW WHO...  
OR MAYBE I SHOULD  
SAY WHAT ATTACKED  
US LAST NIGHT AND I  
KNOW WHY

PLEASE  
DON'T PLAY  
TRICKS ON AN  
OLD PRIEST

(SIGH) I  
WISH THIS  
WAS A JOKE  
FATHER

SON, I WAS ONE  
OF THE FEW PEOPLE  
WHO SAW THEM. I WAS  
THERE AND I SAW IT ALL.  
AND ONLY GOD KNOWS  
WHAT THEY WERE

BUT THEN MY EYES  
ADJUSTED TO THE LIGHT

LAST NIGHT

I COULDN'T SEE  
CLEARLY AT FIRST.

IT WAS A MIRACLE  
I ESCAPED UNHURT

MOTHER  
OF GOD!



YES FATHER, I SAW THOSE COCKROACHES TRY TO KILL YOU.

WHA...? I NEVER TOLD YOU WHAT THEY LOOKED LIKE?

I WAS THERE FATHER. YOU JUST DIDN'T KNOW.

I WAS A SMART KID

THE STORY BEHIND WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU LAST NIGHT STARTED A LONG TIME AGO.



I GREW UP TO BECOME THE YOUNGEST PERSON TO EVER HEAD THE LAGOS INSTITUTE OF THEORETICAL PHYSICS.



AND IT WAS THIS MIND OF MINE THAT CAUSED IT ALL

WHAT THE?!...

I KEPT ON TELLING MYSELF, NO THIS CAN'T BE REAL



... IT'S A DREAM, A NIGHT MARE. BUT DEEP INSIDE ME, I KNEW IT WAS REAL. I HAD BEEN ABDUCTED BY ALIENS!



I HAVE NO IDEA HOW LONG I WAS IN THAT SPACESHIP. COULD HAVE BEEN DAYS... WEEKS... MONTHS. YEARS EVEN...



I KEPT ON GOING IN AND OUT OF CONSCIOUSNESS AS THEY DID ALL SORTS OF THINGS TO ME



THE HORROR... IT WAS A MIRACLE I DIDN'T LOSE MY MIND



AFTER WHAT SEEMED LIKE EONS, I STARTED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WERE PLANNING AN INVASION OF EARTH. AND THEY NEEDED ME TO DO THE CONQUERING FOR THEM



W...WHAT ARE YOU FFFFILTHY INSECTS DOING TO ME?



THERE ARE SOME THINGS THEY DID FATHER, THE WAY I FELT... HOW SCARED I WAS... I DON'T EVEN WANT TO REMEMBER

SOMEHOW, I BECAME STRONGER. I STARTED TO HAVE POWERS GREATER THAN MY MIND COULD COMPREHEND.

I STARTED TO UNDERSTAND THEIR LANGUAGE. I WAS BECOMING ONE OF THEM.

THEY TAUGHT ME HOW TO USE MY MIND TO CONTROL THE SUIT. THEY TAUGHT ME HOW TO KILL

ARRGHHH

THE SECTOBRUM IS A SORT OF MEGA SHARED CONSCIOUSNESS WITH VARYING LEVELS OF ACCESS FOR DIFFERENT INSECTOIDS

THEY FINALLY MADE A MISTAKE WHEN THEY PLUGGED ME INTO THE SECTOBRUM

THE PLAN WAS FOR THE SECTOBRUM TO OVERRIDE MY BRAIN SIGNALS THEREBY FULLY CONVERTING ME TO AN INSECTOID. BUT THEY FORGOT ONE LITTLE THING

I HAD A MIND THAT WAS PROGRAMMED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL. AS A HUMAN MY SOURCE CODE COULD NOT BE OVER-WRITTEN.

SOON I LEARNED TO RESIST CONTROL FROM THE SECTOBRUM

THROUGH THE SECTOBRUM, I LEARNED THAT THE ALIENS ARE A PARASITIC RACE WHO LIVE IN A GREEN PLANET CALLED HYMENOPTERA\*

\*HYMENOPTERA IS OUR BEST EFFORT TO TRANSLATE THE ORIGINAL INSECTOID WORD "... TO ENGLISH. THEY LIVE ON A GREEN PLANET TWO HUNDRED MILLION LIGHT YEARS AWAY FROM EARTH. MORE DETAILS IN LATER EPISODES



ALL I HAD TO DO WAS TEMPORARILY SURRENDER CONTROL OF MY MIND TO THE SECTOBRUM

I KNEW I HAD TO ESCAPE FROM THIS ALIEN WORLD AND GET BACK TO MINE... AND I KNEW EXACTLY HOW.

ONCE THE SECTOBRUM SENSED IT HAD FULL CONTROL OF ME, IT STOPPED PAYING ATTENTION TO ME.

FOR JUST A FEW SECONDS. IT WAS ALL I NEEDED.

IT WAS ALMOST LIKE A MIND-HACK, I CONVINCED IT TO BREAK THE BONDS AND LET ME GO...



I HEADED STRAIGHT TO THE SPACESHIP HANGARS

I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE, WHETHER Y'ALL LIKE IT OR NOT.

SKILFULLY MANIPULATING THE SECTOBRUM TO LET ME STEAL A SHIP AND FLY OFF.



THE FARTHER I GOT AWAY FROM THAT ACCURSED PLANET, THE LESS I WAS CONNECTED TO THE SECTOBRAUM

AND THE HARDER IT WAS FOR ME TO CONTROL THE SPACESHIP.



AND TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, I HAD COMPANY

AND THEY WEREN'T INTERESTED IN TAKING PRISONERS. THEY OPENED FIRE IMMEDIATELY

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM



IF THERE IS A GOD OF THE UNIVERSE, I NEED YOUR HELP NOW!

PERHAPS GOD HEARD ME. THE SHIP'S COORDINATES WERE LOCKED TO EARTH. AND EVEN THOUGH THE SHIP WAS FALLING APART, THE HYPER DRIVES ENGAGED, AND I DID A JUMP...



IT TOOK ONLY MINUTES TO GET TO EARTH.

I KNEW ALL WAS LOST AND THAT THE SPACESHIP WAS GOING TO CRASH LAND.

THE FRICTION CAUSED BY THE SHIP ENTERING INTO THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE AT THAT HIGH UNCONTROLLED SPEED CAUSED ONE OF THE ENGINES TO CATCH FIRE.

MEANWHILE A LOCAL FISHERMAN WAS HAVING A LAZY DAY WHEN SUDDENLY...

SPLOOSH



AT THAT POINT, I HAD NO IDEA THE POOR FISHERMAN WAS JUST ONE OF THE MANY LIVES I WOULD BE SAVING IN THE NEAR FUTURE



MEANWHILE... THE INSECTOIDS HAD SENT AN ADVANCE TEAM. THEIR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY MADE IT EASY FOR THEM TO SLIP INTO THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE UNDETECTED.

FINDING ME WASN'T DIFFICULT. MY SUIT MUST HAVE CALLED OUT TO THEM.

THEY WASTED NO TIME IN ATTACKING. IT WAS BRUTAL. IT DIDN'T SEEM THEY WANTED TO TAKE ME ALIVE.

BUT MY KEEN MIND, COUPLED WITH THE SUIT PLUS THE FACT THAT I WAS MORE FAMILIAR WITH EARTH MADE ME MORE THAN A MATCH FOR THEM

THEY WERE ABOUT TO SEE THE REAL POWER OF THE PTERYGOTE



**GOMPFF!**

UH-OH, MUST NOT CRASH INTO THE CHURCH

**KRAASH**

**WHH!**

GET OFF ME!!!

**GIM**

**GBOLAKA**

IT IS AT THIS POINT,  
THE ALIENS SPOT YOU  
FATHER

I STILL WONDER WHY  
THEY WENT AFTER YOU

AND THEY  
ALMOST KILLED  
YOU...

**SKRROW**

THIS HAS TO  
END NOW



SMASH



WHAT AN INTERESTING STORY SON. I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO MAKE OF IT. DO YOU INTEND TO INFORM THE GOVERNMENT ABOUT ALL THIS?



WELL....



THERE'S ONE MORE THING FATHER



HYMENOPTERA



NEXT: SWARM

# PTERY GOT MAIL



FROM THE EDITOR.

Wow guys! ...PTERYGOTE is here!

As usual it's just a great honour for us at Epoch Comics to finally bring to you the fans the much awaited PTERYGOTE issue 01 #TheBeginning.

As you can already tell Pterygote is action packed, exciting and the story telling and art remain at par with our other titles, because that is what the EPOCH brand of comics wants to be recognized for.

Pterygote was created as far back as 1999, ( Yes we didnt have the resoures to bring him to you, but yet we didnt let the dream die).

We saw the need for a super Sci-fi Hero because not every Nigerian comic title has to have someone donning red beads and cowries, we just needed to spice things up. It's not every day you see a black African abducted into another galaxy ....Pterygote dares into that genre of storytelling and we hope to reach the hearts of the fans with this one as well. Pterygote is proudly African, Proudly Naija .

We can't wait to hear from you on your thoughts and expectations for Pterygote... so log in, plug in and write in. We're waiting to hear from you all.

Your emails, comments and reactions from any of our social media platforms stands a chance to be published in the next issue so make it witty, make it apt and make it memorable.

Cheerz!

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