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...TWO YEARS INTO THE NIGERIAN CIVIL WAR.

THE NIGERIAN SOLDIERS HAVING CAPTURED ASABA, CALABAR, AND PORT HARCOURT ARE ON THE VERGE OF CAPTURING ONITSHA ONE OF THE LAST STRONGHOLDS OF BIAFRA...

THE WAR WAS FOUGHT NOT ONLY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF BIAFRA...

I HAD MY BATTLE AND WAR WITH AN OLD FRIEND, DARK TERRA...



THIS WAR WILL LINGER ON, LONG AFTER THE END OF THE CIVIL WAR.

LORD SCIENT, I KNOW YOU ARE HERE...

FI ARA RE HAN! MO MO PE O WA NIBI...
OGUN YI TI SONLU, O TI MU WON LO SI IPARUN WON.*

*SHOW YOURSELF! I KNOW YOU'RE HERE... THIS WAR IS LOST, YOU'VE LED THEM TO THEIR DESTRUCTION. (TRANSLATED FROM YORUBA)

I CAN SENSE AND SMELL YOU, I CAN SENSE AND SMELL THAT DIRTY HUMAN MORALITY THAT HAS BLINDED YOU.

YOU REEK OF WEAKNESS JUST LIKE THESE PATHETIC HUMANS...

FROM THE SMOKY HAZE HE STEPS OUT GALLANTLY

SCIENT...


KUN SAN ABIN DA NAKE SO, KU MIKA YARON NAN ZA A DAINA ZUBAR DA JINI.*

*YOU KNOW WHAT I WANT, HAND OVER THE BOY AND THE BLOODSHED WILL CEASE. (TRANSLATED FROM HAUSA)

YOU CAN STOP THIS SENSELESS WAR WITHOUT HAVING HIM. HIS EXISTENCE ALONE WREAKS HAVOC ON THIS PLANET. THE ONLY REASON YOU WANT HIM IS FOR THE POWER YOU SEEK...

BROTHER, YOU NEED TO STOP... YOU CAN'T HAVE HIM, NOT ON MY WATCH.
*BA YAU, BA HAR ABADA!

*NOT TODAY, NOT EVER! (TRANSLATED FROM HAUSA)



YOU HAVE NO
RIGHT! NOT EVEN BY
THE **POWERS** OF THE
FOURTH **DIMENSION!**
I WILL **KILL** THEM ALL
AND THEIR **BLOOD**
WILL BE ON YOUR
HANDS!

**HAND HIM
OVER!**

THERE WAS NO **STOPPING**
THE **CARNAGE** AND DEATH
HE **UNLEASHED** THAT DAY...



PRESENT-DAY.



ALL BECAUSE OF YOU...

ALL BECAUSE I REFUSED TO GIVE IN TO HIS REQUEST.



I CAN NEITHER LET YOU GO NOR HAND YOU OVER TO HIM, IT HURTS ME TO HAVE TO BIND YOU UP HERE LIKE THIS...

THERE'S NO OTHER OPTION BUT TO HAVE YOU RESTRAINED WITHIN THE RING...

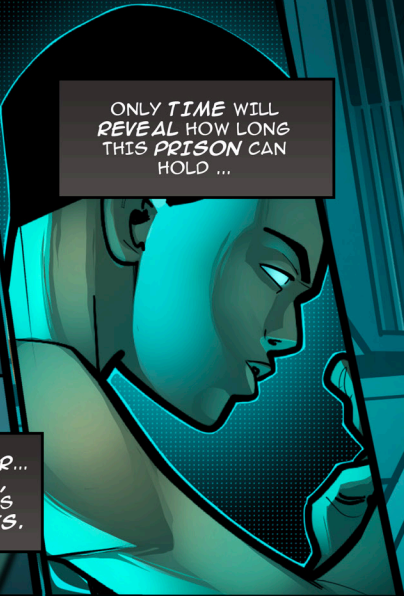
ONLY TIME WILL REVEAL HOW LONG THIS PRISON CAN HOLD ...



YOU'RE AN EXISTENTIAL THREAT TO HUMANITY ... TOO MUCH OF A RISK TO FALL INTO THE WRONG HANDS.



EVEN IF IT'S FOREVER... HE WILL NOT STOP, NOT ON TILL HE GETS THAT WHICH HE SEEKS.



SAME DAY.

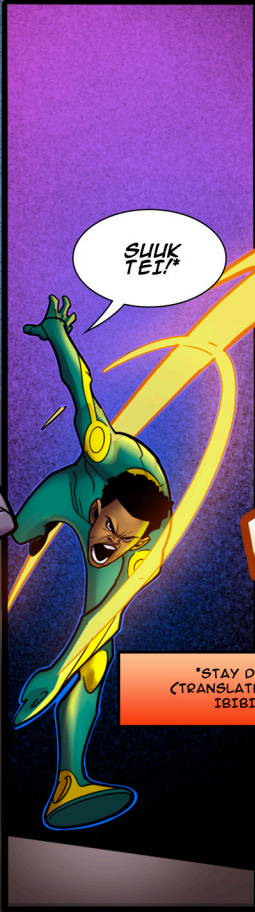
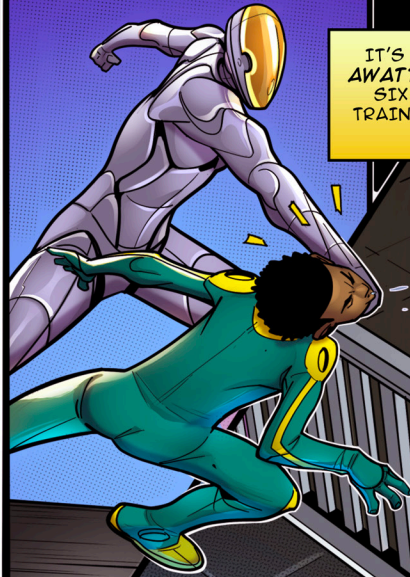
IT'S BEEN **SIX MONTHS** SINCE **AWATT** JOINED HIS NEW FAMILY, **SIX MONTHS** OF CONSTANT TRAINING IN **COMBAT** WITH HIS **TEENAGE** FRIENDS.

SIX MONTHS OF **LEARNING** WHAT IT TAKES TO BECOME A **MEMBER** OF **DINOBI** **ACHEBE'S** **TEEN** **ANGELS**

SULUK
TEI?!

*STAY DOWN!
(TRANSLATED FROM
IBIBIO)

FRRRRRSSHHH



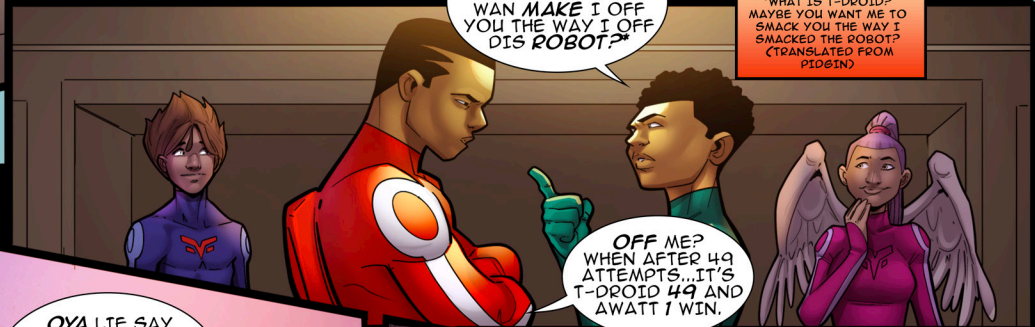


YES!
WHO IS
YOUR DADDY
NOW?!

YOU KNOW
T-DROID IS
STILL YOUR
DADDY...

WHICH ONE
BE T-DROID
AGAIN? ABI YOU
WAN MAKE I OFF
YOU THE WAY I OFF
DIS ROBOT?

*WHAT IS T-DROID?
MAYBE YOU WANT ME TO
SMACK YOU THE WAY I
SMACKED THE ROBOT?
(TRANSLATED FROM
PIDGIN)

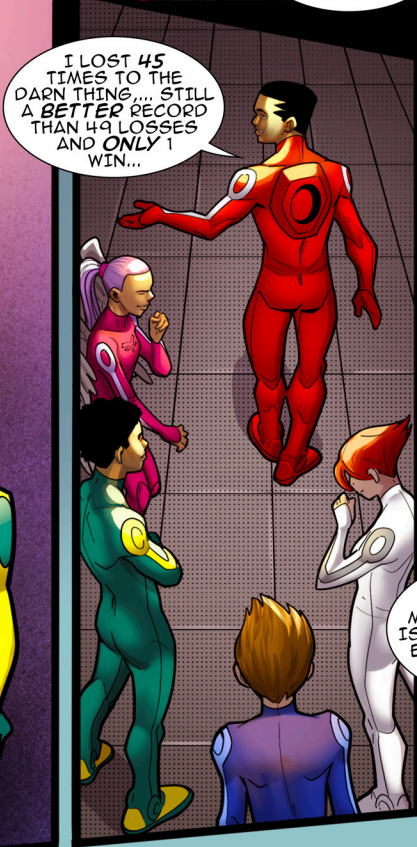


OFF ME?
WHEN AFTER 49
ATTEMPTS...IT'S
T-DROID 49 AND
AWATT 1 WIN.



OYA LIE SAY
YOU DEFEAT DIS
DROID-TEE JUST
DE FIRST TIME
YOU FIGHT AM,
OYA LIE...*

*OKAY, LIE TO ME THAT
YOU DEFEATED T-DROID
ON YOUR FIRST TRY.
(TRANSLATED FROM
PIDGIN)



I LOST 45
TIMES TO THE
DARN THING... STILL
A BETTER RECORD
THAN 49 LOSSES
AND ONLY 1
WIN...



WELL, IT TOOK
AWATT SIX MONTHS
WITH FIFTY FIGHTS
TO GET HIS FIRST
WIN AGAINST
T-DROID

WHILE IT
TOOK YOU TWO
YEARS PLUS A LOT
OF TRAINING FROM
MR. DINOBI, AND
46 FIGHTS TO GET
YOUR FIRST
WIN...

NNE MBAG
NOH AFFIONS
MMI, AKUBEN FIEN
ISUA IBA NOH ANIE
EDIKAN. HAHHA
HAHHA!

*PUT SOME RESPECT
TO MY MONTHS, IT
TOOK YOU TWO YEARS
TO GET A WIN
(TRANSLATED FROM
IBIBIO)

SAME DAY.

MASSIVE CROWD... NO SIGN OF HIM HERE... IS HE REALLY WITH THE GOVERNOR AND NOT AT HOME WITH HIS KIDS...

END SARS!!!

NO STUPID QUESTIONS. DO WHAT YOU ARE TOLD, I SAID HE IS WITH THE GOVERNOR! MAKE SURE YOU FIND HIM.

END SARS NOW

END SARS

END SARS NOW

STOP POLICE BRUTALITY

NONSO MAKES HIS WAY THROUGH A RALLYING CROWD, PROTESTING POLICE BRUTALITY AND THE KILLING OF A YOUNG NIGERIAN MAN BY THE SPECIAL ANTI-ROBBERY SQUAD (SARS).

PAYING LITTLE ATTENTION TO THE PROTESTERS HE MAKES HIS WAY THROUGH THE THRONG. HIS FOCUS SET ONLY ON HIS DESTINATION.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF LAGOS STATE.

GOVERNOR KUNLE OLASUNKANMI IS NOT AMUSED BY WHAT HE IS HEARING.



DO YOU INSIST THAT THE LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT DOES NOTHING ABOUT THE RIOT THESE UNRULY AND VIOLENT YOUTHS ARE ABOUT TO UNLEASH IN THE STATE?

THERE'S NO WAY I WILL FOLD MY HANDS AND ALLOW THEM TO BURN THIS STATE TO THE GROUND

SO I'M LOOKING FOR A PERSON AND NOT AN OBJECT... HMM...

DINOBI ACHEBE...

YOUR EXCELLENCY SIR, SENDING HEAVY-ARMED SOLDIERS TO A PEACEFUL PROTEST GROUND IS NOT THE RIGHT THING TO DO,

WHAT MESSAGE DO YOU WANT TO SEND TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY? YOU NEED TO THINK THIS THROUGH BEFORE THE UNSPEAKABLE HAPPENS...



ALL THAT THESE YOUNG NIGERIANS ARE ASKING IS FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO ARREST AND PROSECUTE SARS OPERATIVES THAT EXTORT AND KILL INNOCENT NIGERIANS...

THEIR GRIEVANCES CAN BE ADDRESSED WITHOUT ALL THE FUSS, I HAVE REASONED WITH THEM LIKE A FATHER, BUT THEY WILL NOT SEE REASON. I HAVE NO OTHER OPTION BUT TO COMPLY WITH MY FATHER AND ASO ROCK...

I DON'T THINK YOU UNDERSTAND THE PRESSURE I'M GETTING FROM ASO ROCK AND MY FATHER TO PUT AN END TO THIS SENSELESS PROTEST.

THESE UNRULY CHILDREN NEED TO BE TAUGHT A LESSON, THEY ARE HOLDING THE STATE TO RANSOM.

DO YOU EVEN KNOW HOW MUCH THE STATE IS LOSING EVERY DAY FROM THE LEKKI TOLL GATE SINCE THIS PROTEST STARTED?

NI AKOKO TI WON BA TI PII AWON OMO OGUN PELU IBON, GBOGBO WON YOO SA LO SI ILE.*

*BY THE TIME THEY SEE SOLDIERS WITH GUNS, THEY WILL ALL RUN HOME. (TRANSLATED FROM YORUBA)



I HOPE AND PRAY THE SOLDIERS WILL DEAL PROFESSIONALLY WITH THIS PROTEST AND NOT USE BRUTE FORCE ON PEACEFUL PROTESTERS...



THANK YOU FOR COMING, I APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU HAVE SAID AND I GIVE YOU MY WORD THAT THE SOLDIERS WILL ACT ACCORDINGLY AND NOT USE BRUTE FORCE...

YOUR EXCELLENCY, THANK YOU, SIR.

4:30 PM
SAME DAY...



IF SO,
THEN DO WHAT
IS NECESSARY, EVEN
IF IT'S SPILLING THE
BLOOD OF A FEW
RIOTOUS INDIVIDUALS.
KO BURU...*

*IT'S NOT BAD...
(TRANSLATED FROM
YORUBA)

YOUR EXCELLENCY
ALL IS SET AND THE
SOLDIERS ARE READY.
THE PRESIDENT INSISTS
THAT ALL NECESSARY
MEASURES BE TAKEN TO
STOP THESE
PROTESTERS.



DARK TERRA...
HE SMILES KNOWING
THAT HIS PLANS ARE
SET IN MOTION.

6:30 PM



HE CHANGED
THE GATE, HOW
INTERESTING...
WINGS... I WONDER
WHAT ELSE HAS
CHANGED.



WOW!
IT'S NONSO
AT THE GATE, I
WONDER WHY
HE IS HERE...

MAYBE HE IS
BACK AND WANTS TO
BE PART OF THE FAMILY
AGAIN, THE QUESTION IS
IF UNCLE DINOBI WOULD
WANT TO TAKE HIM
IN A SECOND
TIME.

HMMM...
I DOUBT IT, HE
JUST MIGHT BE
HERE TO SEE HOW
WE'RE DOING
WITHOUT HIM.

6:50 PM

END SARS!

END POLICE BRUTALITY!!

END SARS!!!

YOU CANT KILL US ALL!

PROTEST GROUND, LEKKI TOLL GATE



OH YES, WE CAN! THAT'S LITERALLY WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO DO NOW! ONCE THE TOLL GATE'S LIGHTS GO OFF....



FIRE!

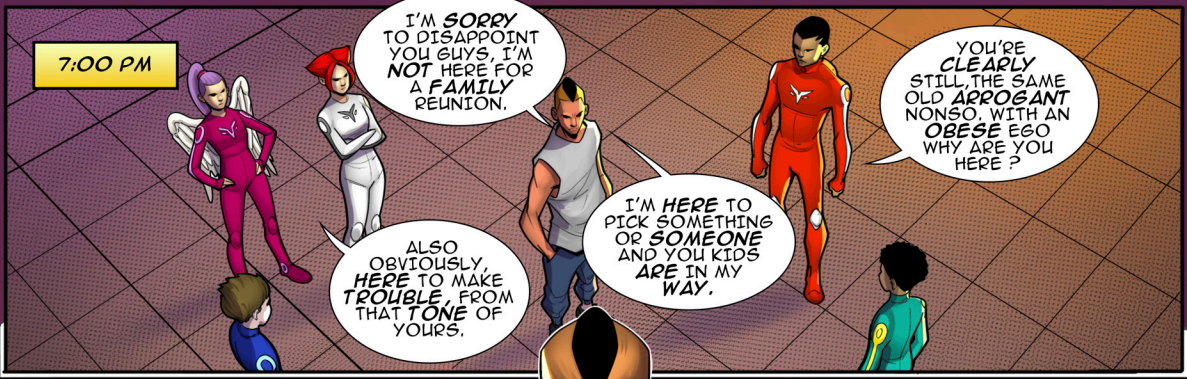
BRATATATA

BRATATATA

RRATATATATA

THEY ARE SHOOTING AT US!!!





7:00 PM

I'M SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU GUYS, I'M NOT HERE FOR A FAMILY REUNION.

YOU'RE CLEARLY STILL THE SAME OLD ARROGANT NONSO, WITH AN OBESE EGO WHY ARE YOU HERE?

I'M HERE TO PICK SOMETHING OR SOMEONE AND YOU KIDS ARE IN MY WAY.

ALSO OBVIOUSLY, HERE TO MAKE TROUBLE, FROM THAT TONE OF YOURS.

TOTALLY YOUR CALL IF IT HAS TO END IN TROUBLE OR NOT. UNFORTUNATELY UNCLE DINOBI WON'T BE HERE TO SAVE ANY OF YOU...

JUST STAY OUT OF MY WAY ...NO?



TROUBLE ALL THE WAY THEN

STAY CLEAR!

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?

MEANWHILE AT THE PROTEST GROUNDS, LEKKI TOLL GATE...

WHY WOULD THE GOVERNOR ALLOW THIS AFTER GIVING ME HIS WORD...



I KNEW YOU WOULD TAKE THE BAIT AND COME TO THE RESCUE OF THESE MISERABLE ONES... WHY DID IT TAKE YOU SO LONG?



SO YOU'RE THE WHISPERING DEMON BEHIND THIS...



DEMON? YOU USE SUCH DEMEANING WORDS ON ME, WHEREAS YOU AND I ARE WOVEN FROM THE SAME FABRIC, BROTHER...

OH WELL, MY PLAN IS GOING TOO WELL. NONSO IS BABYSITTING YOUR LITTLE TEENAGER ANGELS, WHILE YOU'RE HERE



WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?! SO THIS HAD BEEN YOUR PLAN ALL ALONG, TO LURE ME AWAY FROM HOME...

YES! NONSO WILL FREE THE ONE YOU HAVE IN CHAINS...

THAT WHICH YOU FEARED THE MOST IS ABOUT TO COME UPON YOU!

UNKNOWN TO THEM SOMETHING OR SOMEONE LURKS IN THE UNSEEN





TANI ASIWERE YI, SE O FE KUP?!

... AND IN A BLINK THEY'RE GONE

...KILL YOU...

DON'T! HE WILL...

*WHO IS THIS FOOL, DO YOU WANT TO DIE?! (TRANSLATED FROM YORUBA)



AND BACK IN AJAH...

NONSO STOP THIS! YOU CAN'T FIGHT ALL OF US...



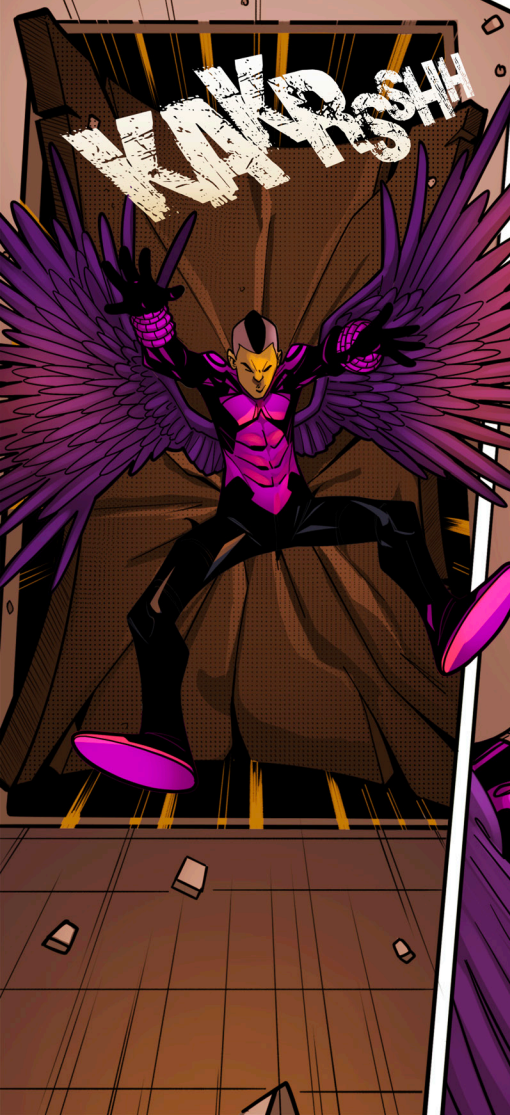
ALL FIVE OF YOU ARE NOTHING BUT VERMIN TO ME! NOTHING BUT DINOBI'S GUINEA PIGS WITH NO SENSE OF LIBERTY!

NOW YOU'RE CROSSING THE LINE, ENOUGH!



I SAID ENOUGH!!!

BASSHH



KRRSHH

THEY DON'T SEE IT AT FIRST, BUT THEN



GUYS, WHY IS THERE A BOY IN THAT THING?



THIS IS WHO I CAME FOR... SEE HOW YOUR BELOVED UNCLE TREATS ONE OF US?

HOW IS THIS POOR BOY DIFFERENT FROM ANY OF YOU, AND WHY SHOULD HE BE HELD LIKE A PRISONER OR TREATED LIKE A LAB RAT. WHY?!

SUDDENLY...

NONSO!
DO NOT GO ANY
CLOSER TO HIM, DARK
TERRA HAS FED YOU
LIES... THERE IS MORE
TO THIS THAN ANY
OF YOU CAN
UNDERSTAND.

MORE TO
THIS THAN WE CAN
UNDERSTAND? HOW
DO YOU EXPLAIN
HOLDING A TEENAGE
BOY AS A PRISONER IN
THIS STRANGE RING
OF YOURS?

I KNOW THIS
IS THE BOY DARK
TERRA WANTS ME TO
SET FREE FROM YOUR
HOLD...AND I'M NOT
LEAVING HERE
WITHOUT HIM!

LISTEN
TO ME **NONSO**...
STEP AWAY FROM THE
RING, DARK TERRA HAS
YOUR MIND POISONED,
PLEASE JUST LISTEN
TO ME.

WHY **SHOULD** I
LISTEN TO YOU, DARK
TERRA IS THE REASON WHY
I'M FREE... BY THE WAY HOW
LONG HAVE YOU KEPT THIS
BOY PRISONER IN THIS
POSITION, HOW LONG HAVE
YOU HELD HIM AGAINST
HIS WILL?!

YOU ALL
SHOULD JUST
STAY BACK COS
I'M SETTING
HIM FREE!



TRAORE NO!

YOU'RE DOING NO SUCH THINGS..



THE UNSPEAKABLE HAS BEEN SET FREE...

THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE EASY. WE MUST STOP HIM BEFORE DARK TERRA GETS TO HIM...



NEXT: CONTENTION!

FAN HEART

Hi!


Yes, we know, it took long enough but the great news is that it arrived. This episode showcases what the Epoch brand is known for; great story telling and quality art. We have vowed never to compromise either of these. We trust that it has been worth the wait. We will do all that is within us to continue to bring you wholesome entertainment, more consistently.

Nigeria is passing through a phase at the moment and we thought to portray not just the roots of the issues by touching on the Nigerian Civil war of 1967 -1970, but also to explore sadly our present day realities as it has to do with leadership and governance. The voice of the people has constantly been silenced through violence, nepotism and the ever potent ethnic / tribal incitements, but we believe it won't be for too long.

The theme of this issue, ENDSARS is our way of continuing to lend our voice to the struggle. We dedicate this to the victims and all who have lost loved ones in the course of the struggle. We will never relent in the quest to take our nation back. Kindly send us all feedback and correspondence on any of the social media platforms below.

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