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# THE PROPHECY

TRUTH WILL  
DEFY FEAR...

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# THE PROPHECY

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## ISSUE ONE: The Foreseen Adversary

This world is different. This world has seen through its errors, learnt its mistakes, and has therefore begun to truly advance. What we now see is a conglomerate of orderly advanced nations, Nigeria being one of them. Fast cars, Advanced architecture, Great economy. Only the visionaries could have seen this. Only the prophets could have seen this. Only the holy book could have foretold it. But there will also be those who seek to exploit, to control, such a world: they have always existed from the beginning. These ones see the development, these ones know its implication: the One who leads the growth is the One coming back to take ownership of His own world. Yet they do not agree with the truth, they do not seek this end, and they seek out to destroy all who align with this actuality. This battle has flared since the dawn of time, but now, in this period of seeming peace, it is about to be waged again. Two forces will be in conflict. Two allegiances will battle, from the womb of humanity. A son will be born, another will be given, and one will seek out the other, to tip this balance eternally. In this final frontier, in whose favor shall it tip?...

Shall this world tarry, the forces that be shall continue to battle. we only want to give our own interpretation of ...events

The art of this comic is a bit aged (2001) but the colours are very recent. We just agreed to give our fans a taste of another older title from our studios. Enjoy!



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LAGOS, NIGERIA

THE YEAR, 2081

THE THUNDER CLAPS. THE  
LIGHTNING STRIKES. BUT  
SOMETHING EVEN GREATER,  
SPARKS...



HE STANDS, TALL  
AND IMPOSING

WITH GLEAMING  
BLUE EYES

A FIRE WILL RAGE. A  
FIRE WILL BURN. A FIRE  
WILL CONSUME



HE WOULD BE THE  
MIDST OF THAT FIRE. HE  
WOULD BE THE FIRE.

## THE FORESEEN ADVERSARY

HE WILL OWN THIS  
WORLD, HE KNOWS IT.  
JUST SOON

HIS GHOULS GATHER.  
THEY TOO ARE EXCITED.  
SOON, THEIR MASTER SHALL  
FINALLY RULE CREATION.

THE LAST PLAN IS IN  
ORDER. IN THE QUIET OF  
THE THUNDER CLAPS



HE HAS DONE HIS WORK. ITS NOW LEFT TO THE SEED...

THE BALANCE, OR LACK OF IT, WILL DEPEND ON THE SUCCESS OF THIS LAST LEG....



NINE MONTHS LATER

...MA, PLEASE PUSH

AGHHHH

SUCH CLASS. SUCH EXQUISITENESS. SUCH PAIN...

COME ON...



...SHE SEES IT, THE FACE OF THE END.

AAAAAIEEEEE!!!  
NO!!!



IT STARES BACK AT HER. THE VICIOUSNESS.

THE DARKNESS. THE COOKEY SMILE.



A CHILD IS BORN UNTO US.....

...BUT HE WILL NOT BE EMMANUEL



...AND SHE CANT TAKE THIS. SHE HAS BIRTHED THE END, BUT EVEN THAT HAS BROUGHT HER OWN END.

SHE'S GONE

YET ELSEWHERE THERE IS ALSO THE BIRTH OF LIFE

MY SUNSHINE... JOEL

AND THIS ONE WILL BRING LIFE...

CONGRATULATIONS MRS. NWOSU!

YET NOT ALL...

NOW LET'S GO CLEAN UP...

"A CHILD IS BORN UNTO US..."

THERE SHE LAY.....HER PRICE FOR BEING HUMAN

BUT GOD IS ALWAYS GOOD. HE TAKETH AWAY. HE GIVETH. IT WAS UP TO HIM TO KEEP WELL WHAT GOD HAD NOW GIVEN....?

ALREADY ALOOF. ALREADY SEEKING WEIRD THOUGHTS. WAS HE LOSING HIM?

FATHER, WHAT AM I?

WILL HE?

CAN HE HANDLE THIS ALONE? WHY HAD HIS WIFE LEFT HIM ALL ALONE?....

TWO YEARS LATER

A LITTLE BOY RUNS FRANTICALLY DOWN THE DARK STREETS

SOMEONE IS AFTER HIM

THE FEAR ON HIS FACE TELLS IT

BUT FILLED WITH MANIACAL RAGE

HE LOOKED UPON FEAR...FEAR EMBODYING THE SHAPE OF ONE RUNNING TOWARDS HIM

AND HAS UNEARTHLY BLUE EYES

SUDDENLY HE BURSTS OUT

DEAR LORD HELP ME!

HE TURNS AROUND TO FIND THAT HIS ASSAILANT IS LOST IN THE DARKNESS

...AND

AND THEN, FROM THE DARK, LUNGED THE EVIL...

JOEL?



IT'S OKAY SWEETIE, IT WAS ONLY A NIGHTMARE...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND, DEAR

ANOTHER NIGHTMARE?

QUESTIONS...

NEITHER DO I. HE'S TOO YOUNG FOR THIS

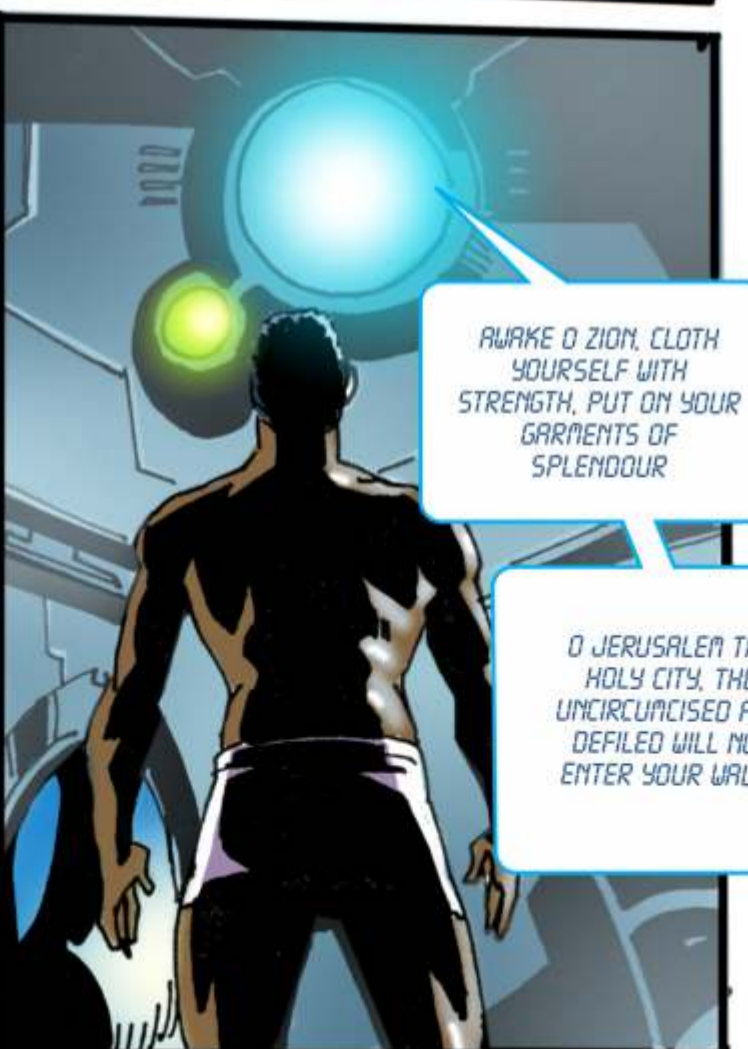


THE YEAR 2099

LAGOS



UPLIFT MY SOUL



AWAKE O ZION, CLOTH YOURSELF WITH STRENGTH, PUT ON YOUR GARMENTS OF SPLENDOUR

O JERUSALEM THE HOLY CITY, THE UNCIRCUMCISED AND DEFILED WILL NOT ENTER YOUR WALLS



FOR MANY YEARS, I HEAR THESE VERSES EVERYDAY

FROM THE BOOK OF THE JEWISH PROPHET, ISAIAH

JOEL?

GOOD MORNING, SON! YOUR DAD ASKS TO SEE YOU.

YES, MOM?

VICTORIA ISALND

SAME DAY



CHIEF ADEYEMI'S RESIDENCE

ETHAN ADEYEMI'S DARK FIGURE SLOWLY EMERGES FROM THE BUSHES BEHIND ONE OF THE NUMEROUS DOMESTIC HANDS MOWING THE LAWN



OGA ETHAN, GOOD MORNING O



IN RESPONSE HE THROWS A COLD STARE

HE IS UNCONCERNED WITH THE PITIFUL BEINGS OF THIS DIMENSION



THEN CONTINUES ON HIS WAY

THERE ARE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS ON HIS MIND...THE SEARCH FOR ALL UNDERSTANDING. THE UNDERSTANDING OF THIS UNIVERSE...THE OPPOSING FORCES....INCLUDING THE ONE THAT OPPOSES HIM...



HELLO ETHAN, HOW ARE YOU DOING THIS MORNING?



DAD, WHERE IS HE?



WHO?

ETHAN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING ON AND ON ABOUT...



I SEEK TO KNOW

LISTEN SON, I'M NO LONGER ABLE TO PUT UP WITH THIS NONSENSE

WHAT ON EARTH IS WRONG WITH YOU!?



NOTHING, DAD...

NOTHING



A FEW DAYS LATER AT ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY

IT'S THE DEAD OF THE NIGHT



UPLIFT MY SOUL



CLICK

THE DEVIL WHO DECEIVED THEM WAS THROWN INTO THE LAKE OF BURNING SULPHUR WHERE THE BEAST AND FALSE PROPHET HAD BEEN THROWN. THEY WILL BE TORMENTED DAY AND NIGHT FOREVER AND EVER.

REVELATION 20:10

JOEL HEARS SOME NOISE OUTSIDE



KRAAK

HUM?

THOSE SAME EYES. THAT FACE. HE HAD LOOKED UPON IT BEFORE. THE FACE OF FEAR

HE WALKS TO THE PORCH



THE EVIL LUNGES FROM THE DARK AT HIM AGAIN...

...AND THIS TIME, IT GETS HIM....

Y...YOU'RE MY REFUGE, MY PORTION IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING!



OR SOMETHING ELSE? WHY WAS HE OUT HERE? AND WHY WAS HE BACK? WHAT WAS GOING ON?

HE WAKES UP AND REALIZES IT WAS JUST ANOTHER NIGHTMARE



THE KEEPERS OF FAITH,  
AFRICAN QUARTERS

LAGOS  
ISLAND



PUBLIC ORIENTED  
CONVENTION IN  
SESSION

HOST MINISTER:  
KUNLE FADIPE

...EVEN THE APOSTLE PAUL BELIEVED THE RETURN OF THE KING WAS VERY IMMINENT MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO, SO DID EVERY GENERATION AFTER THAT

WE STILL HAVE THAT SAME HOPE TODAY. IT ISN'T SO MUCH ABOUT "WHEN" AS IT IS ABOUT HOW READY WE ARE FOR IT



I WANT YOU ALL TO KNOW WITHOUT A DOUBT THAT IT IS REAL BECAUSE THE LORD MADE IT CLEAR THAT NO ONE KNOWS THE TIME AND DAY BUT THE ALMIGHTY. WE ARE ON THE VERGE OF THE 22ND CENTURY AND A VERY SIGNIFICANT TIME IN HISTORY. OUR ROLE IN THE CULMINATION OF THE AGE IS VERY PARAMOUNT...

DO THEY BELIEVE? DO THEY GRASP THE TRUTH?

THIS CROWD LOOKS LIKE IT COULD USE A LITTLE MORE CONVICTION

I SENSE A GREAT LEVEL OF UNVOICED APATHY FOR OUR TEACHINGS

I JUST HOPE THEY EVENTUALLY GET TO GRASP THIS TRUTH

HAVE I TRULY GRASPED IT MYSELF?

AMONG THE CROWD, A FIGURE ALL CLAD IN BLACK GETS UP

DAD...HOW CAN YOU EVER HOPE TO SAVE THESE PEOPLE...WHEN YOU HAVEN'T SAVED YOURSELF?...



LATER THAT NIGHT

BORED WITH THE FUTILITY OF THEIR LOST HOPES, HE WALKED THROUGH THE CITY, DARKNESS HIS ALLY

YOU ALL... YOU ONLY FEEL DOUBT NOW, BUT THAT'S ENOUGH. IN TIME, IT WILL INSPIRE FEAR. IN TIME IT WILL INSPIRE CHAOS. THE INEVITABLE IS UPON YOU.



AS HE LOOKED ON, HIS EYES SAW THE FILTH THAT WAS AND WAS TO COME EVEN MORE. BUT HIS MIND SAW THE THE GLORY THAT WAS TO COME. YET THIS FILTH WILL FIRST BE CLEANSED...

HEY! THAT'S AS FAR AS YOU CAN COME



I SAID STOP THERE! WHO ARE YOU AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN OUR PART OF TOWN?

NOW DROP EVERYTHING YOU HAVE ON YOU, AND I MEAN EVERYTHING!



HAND THEM OVER, MAN! YOU HAVE ONLY ONE SECOND

YOU DARE CHALLENGE ME MUSA? LOOK UPON THE FACE OF YOUR END. STARE INTENTLY AT YOUR OBLIVION.



EH? THE GUY BE LIKE SAY HE KNOW YOU O!

ABEG I DONT CARE! STRIP HIM TO HIS VERY SKIN!

THOU PITIFUL SOULS. YOU WISH TO DIE? YOU WILL BE THE FIRST TO BE CLEANSED OFF THIS EARTH FOR ITS REBIRTH.

THEY DARE TO REACH INTO THE EYE OF THE STORM.....

**HYAAA!**

**CHARH!**

**WHAM!**

**THUMP!**

THIS WILL BE SWIFT

**UGHNN!!**





AAARGGHHH!!!



THEY WILL TASTE OF MY WRATH. MY BRUTALITY



SONOFA...



SHKOW  
SHKOW  
SHKOW



**SPOCK**

MY FIERCENESS  
WOULD BE THE FIRE THAT  
WOULD CONSUME  
YOU. CLEANSER YOU...

LOOK ONE LAST TIME,  
AT THE CLEANSING  
FLAMES OF HELL!

IT'S THE DEVIL HIMSELF! DID  
YOU SEE THE SHOTS PASS  
THROUGH HIM?!!

GOD!  
I'M GETTING  
OUT OF HERE

..HE RIPPED A HEAD  
OUT WITH HIS BARE  
HANDS!!! WHAT BEAST  
IS THIS?!!!



**WOOOOEEEEEE**



WHY FLEE FROM YOUR ENLIGHTENMENT. YOUR SALVATION IS HERE. I AM YOUR MESSIAH, AND SOON THIS WORLD WILL BE REMADE IN MY IMAGE





NEXT MORNING.

MR. ADEYEMI GETS SET FOR THE KEEPERS OF FAITH PROPHETS' SUMMIT

AS HE GETS DOWN TO UTTER A WORD OF PRAYER...

DAD, WHY DO YOU EVEN BOTHER? YOU'RE WEARY, TIRED AND DISHEARTENED

YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO CONVINCE ANYBODY TO BELIEVE IN SOMETHING YOU LACK ZEAL ABOUT

ETAHN, WHY QUESTION TRUTH? WHY SEEK TO LIVE ON ITS FRINGE, INSTEAD OF EMBRACING IT?

YOU NEVER CEASE TO AMAZE ME. WHAT TRUTH THAT HAS NOT

CONVINCED YOU, THAT HAS NOT STRENGTHENED YOU, IS IT SUCH 'TRUTH' THAT I WILL SEEK?

I WILL CONTINUE MY SEARCH FOR TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WILL CHANGE THIS WORLD. YOUR 'TRUTH' IS NOT THAT KNOWLEDGE. AND I WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK OUT THE ONE WHO STANDS IN MY WAY.

18 YEARS, AND I STILL ASK; WHO IS HE?...

WHAT IS HE?

AFTERWARDS AT THE  
K.O.T.F DOME



...PERMIT ME  
BRETHREN TO  
BREAK THIS NEWS  
TO YOU

HE IS  
HERE!

WHO?!?

THE ANCIENT  
SCRIPTS FORETOLD THE  
GHASTLY EVENTS THAT  
TAKING.....I BELIEVE THE  
TIME HAS BEGUN. I  
BELIEVE HE IS HERE...

**THE  
DESOLATE  
ONE?**

HE IS HERE



YES  
THE  
ONE...

next: issue 2 **The Skirmish**