

# THE SERAPH






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6.22AM

THIS WAY, SIR. WE HAVE PREPARED BOTH WARDS.

ONE WARD, PLEASE. I WANT THEM TOGETHER. IT WOULD BE EASIER TO KEEP AN EYE ON BOTH OF THEM

CAN WE HAVE THE V.I.P WARD ON THE TOP FLOOR, BUNMI?

OF COURSE SIR. LUCKILY, IT'S CURRENTLY VACANT. PLEASE, COME WITH ME.

THANKS, BUNMI.

SO, WHAT'S EATING YOU UP? I KNOW THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE.

I'VE BEEN THINKING...REMEMBER WHEN YOU MENTIONED HOW WEIRD IT WAS THAT WE CAPTURED A SERAPH - AND THE GIRL - IN ONE MORNING?


HMM...VERY POSH. PERKS OF BEING D.P.O., EH?

MY MATERNAL FAMILY OWNS THE HOSPITAL...BUT, YES, THAT TOO. 'CHUCKLE'


YEAH. USING YOUR OWN WORDS - WEIRD COINCIDENCE.

CHAPTER 3

LURE AND COMBAT



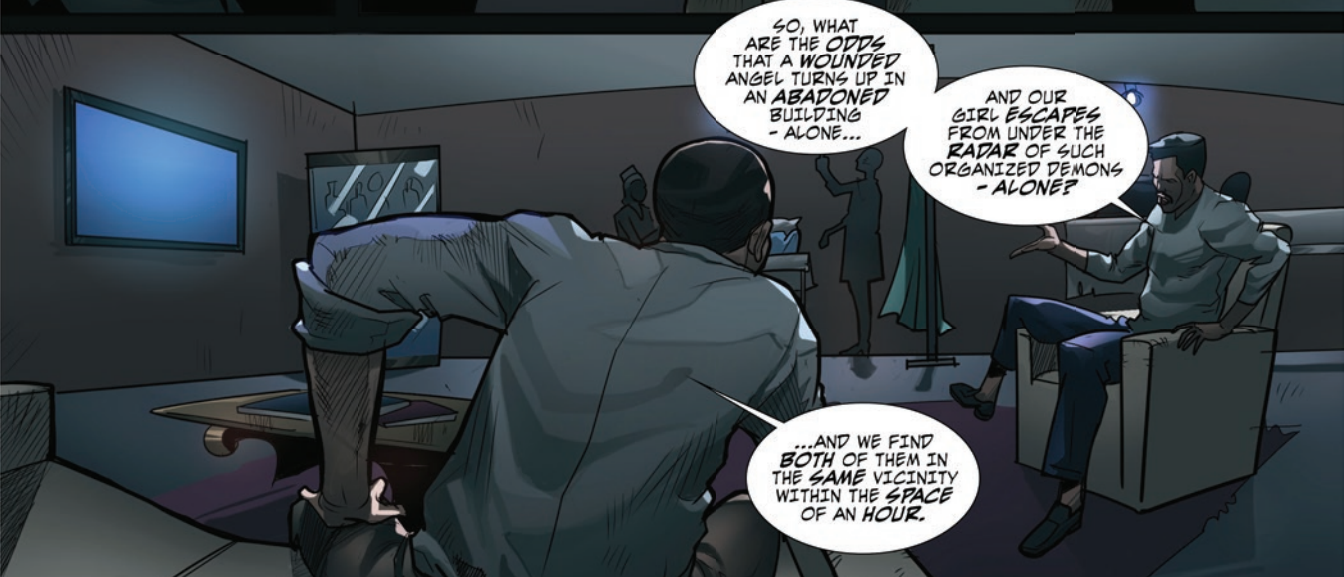
THAT  
COINCIDENCE  
BOTHERS ME, BANK.  
MY GUTS ARE  
SCREAMING BLUE  
MURDER!



YOU AND YOUR  
INFAMOUS GUTS.  
HAVE YOU STOPPED  
TO CONSIDER THAT  
WE MIGHT JUST HAVE  
BEEN PLAIN  
LUCKY?

PLAIN  
LUCKY? BANK,  
WE ARE DEALING  
WITH BOTH ENDS OF  
THE SPECTRUM HERE:  
ANGELS AND  
DEMONS!


BOTH  
HIGHLY ORGANIZED,  
STRUCTURED AND  
SYSTEMATIC FORCES,  
...AND NOT FORGETTING,  
EXTREMELY  
POWERFUL!



SO, WHAT  
ARE THE ODDS  
THAT A WOUNDED  
ANGEL TURNS UP IN  
AN ABANDONED  
BUILDING  
- ALONE...

AND OUR  
GIRL ESCAPES  
FROM UNDER THE  
RADAR OF SUCH  
ORGANIZED DEMONS  
- ALONE?

...AND WE FIND  
BOTH OF THEM IN  
THE SAME VICINITY  
WITHIN THE SPACE  
OF AN HOUR.



EXACTLY!! IN  
THEIR WORLD,  
BANK, THERE ARE  
NO COINCIDENCES.  
WHAT ABOUT ...  
THE OTHERS?

WELL, FOR NOW,  
YOU WOULD HAVE TO  
FIND OUT ON YOUR  
OWN. I RESUME AT THE  
OFFICE IN ABOUT TWO  
HOURS, AND I HAVEN'T  
HAD SLEEP IN 48.

BOTH MEN FALL  
SILENT, EACH  
MUSING.

NO WORRIES,  
MAN. I'LL LET YOU  
KNOW IMMEDIATELY  
ANYTHING COMES  
UP.

AS THE HUMANS  
POUNDER ...

WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING HERE,  
MONITORING  
IMPS?!

WE WERE  
SSSENT  
HERE, ALAL!

RIMRAZ  
WANTS  
NEWS  
OF THE  
GIRL AND  
TUMAL!

WE JUST GOT  
HERE! IT'S BARELY  
UP TO TWO HOURS! I  
CAN TAKE CARE OF  
THIS MYSELF!

WELL, DON'T  
BLAME THE  
MESSENGERS!  
...

...AND YOU CAN'T  
BLAME RIMRAZ,  
EITHER!... REMEMBER  
WHEN YOU LOSST  
THAT OTHER GIRL  
IN PARIS?!

HEE! HEE!  
HEE! HEE!

OOOWW!!

OUCH!! THAT  
HURTS!!

SLAP!!

SHUT UP,  
SWINES! THAT WAS  
OVER A CENTURY AGO,  
AND I HAVE REDEEMED  
MYSELF MILLIONS OF  
TIMES SINCE THEN!

SLAP!!

MMPPHHH!!  
WELL, YOU KNOW  
RIMRAZ NEVER  
FORGETS...OR  
FORGIVES!!

UNLIKE THE  
MIGHTY ONE UP  
THERE...!!!

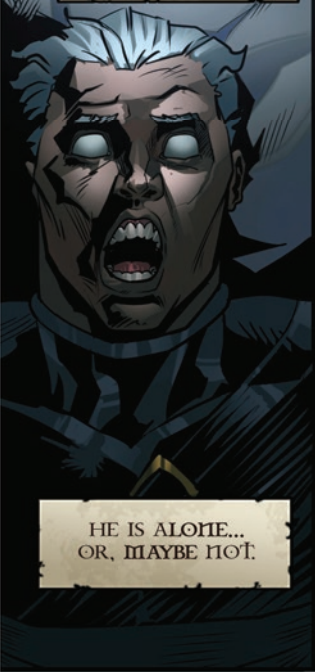
WELL, TELL  
RIMRAZ THAT  
EVERYTHING IS UNDER  
CONTROL. HE WILL GET  
NEWS SOON...VERY SOON!  
NOW, GET OUT!

ALAL FEELS THE  
ALIE'OO-FAMILIAR  
PRESSURE  
BUILD INSIDE HIM - THE  
HATRED, THE RAGE, THE FEAR.

THE FUTILE  
DESPERATION  
TO PLEASE SOMEONE  
WHO CAN NEVER  
BE PLEASED.

I  
MUST MOVE  
QUICKLY!

THE SERAPH IS  
JERKED AWAKE  
FROM TROUBLING  
DREAMS.



HE IS ALONE...  
OR, MAYBE NOT.

AWAKE ALREADY?  
YOU SHOULD BE OUT  
FOR HOURS. WELL, I  
THINK I'LL SEIZE THIS  
OPPORTUNITY TO ASK A  
FEW QUESTIONS...IF  
YOU DON'T MIND.

FIRST OF ALL,  
HOW DID YOU  
GET THESE  
WOUNDS?

I WAS  
ATTACKED BY  
OLD ENEMIES  
...RIMRAZ AND  
SCOURGE.



I SERIOUSLY  
DOUBT THAT I WILL  
FIND HUMANS  
BEARING THESE  
NAMES. WHY DID  
THEY ATTACK  
YOU?

I WAS PART  
OF THE LEADING  
ANGELS WHO CAST  
THEM OUT OF HEAVEN  
DURING THE GREAT  
BATTLE.



UHHHHH...OKAY,  
WE WILL COME BACK  
TO THAT. NOW, WHAT  
WERE YOU DOING  
IN THE OLD CHURCH  
BUILDING?



I WAS  
SEARCHING  
FOR A PLACE TO  
REST...THE CROSS  
REMINDED ME  
OF HOME.

SO, WHY ARE YOU  
NOT HOME? WHY ARE  
YOU ALONE? ARE YOU  
ON A SOLO-MISSION  
- UNDERCOVER OR  
SOMETHING?



HE IS SILENT FOR SO  
LONG, BEN THINKS HE  
WILL NOT ANSWER.

BUT THEN

I WAS  
PUNISHED.  
BANISHED.



REALLY? I'M  
SORRY TO HEAR  
THAT. MAY I ASK  
WHY?



THE PAIN IS  
STILL FRESH.



NO

BEN DOESN'T  
PUSH.

IT'S 2.A.M...

BUT NOT ALL THE CITY SLUMBERS...

THE HUMANS SLEEP.. IT IS TIME!!



THE SERAPH IS BIZARRELY AWAKENED

WHA.... ?!

SHHHHH... HELLO, ANGEL.



HER TOUCH. HER EYES. HER LIPS...

TU.. TUMAL.

MY NAME IS WURA. BUT YOU CAN CALL ME... GOLD. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

HE IS SHOCKED AT THE STRANGE, INTENSE FEELINGS FLOODING HIM...PULLING HIM TO HER

TUMAL. IT SUITS YOU ...STRONG AND POWERFUL.

BUT BENEATH ALL THE STRANGENESS, HE CATCHES A WHIFF VERY FAINT, YET VERY FAMILIAR...

HE HAS CAUGHT THE GLIMPSE OF THE OBSCURE SPIRIT BEHIND THE BEGUILING EYES.

I KNOW YOU.

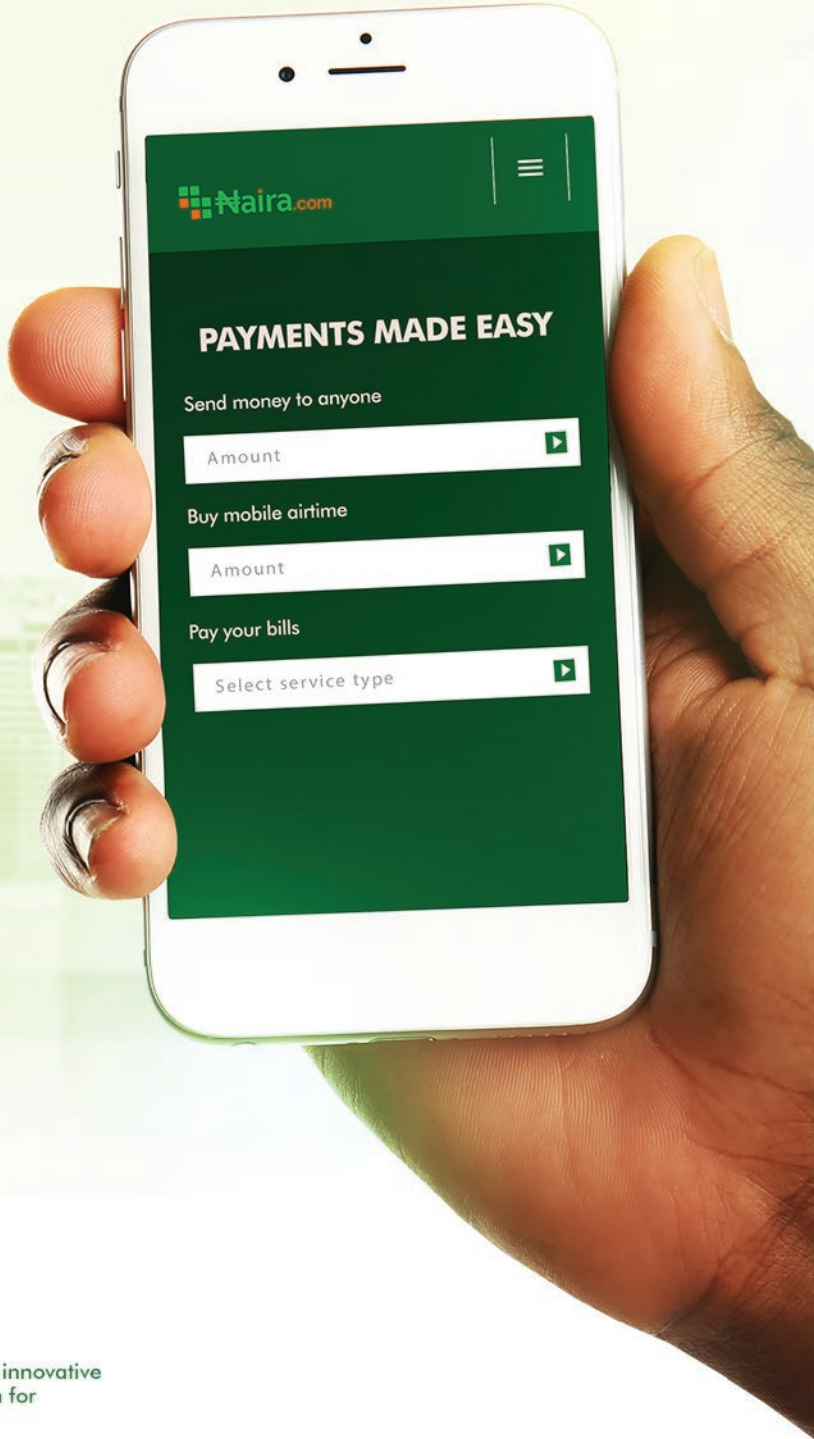
ALAL..





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HE SEES THE STUNNED RECOIL... BULLSEYE.

NO, I'M WU... LET ME GO!

HEY! LET HER GO!

TUMAL! I SAID LET HER GO!

HOW DARE YOU? HAVE YOU SOON FORGOTTEN HIERACHY... YOU LITTLE, FILTHY, PERVERSE IMP?! WHAT AFFRONT!

DID RIMRAZ PUT YOU UP TO THIS?! SENDING A DISGUSTING, LITTLE IMP TO ME? GO BACK AND TELL HIM I FIGHT WITH NO ONE LOWER THAN HE!



DON'T YOU DARE CALL ME AN IMP, TUMAL!! I BRING DOWN MONARCHS AND TOPPLE KINGDOMS!! I HAVE RUINED DESTINIES, AND MADE LORDS MY WRETCHED SLAVES!!.....AND YOU DARE CALL ME AN IMP?!

HIERACHY?! WHAT HIERACHY?! THIS IS NOT YOUR HEAVEN, ANGEL! HERE, I AM SUPERIOR TO YOU!!

WHAAAAA...?! UH OH!

SUPERIOR TO ME?...AND YOU USE A FRAIL, HUMAN BODY - OF THE WEAKER VESSEL, NO LESS...

I CANNOT FIGHT HIM IN HER BODY! IT WILL DESTROY HER!



...FOR A SHIELD?! YOU COWARD!!

THE GIRL! SHE WILL BE BROKEN! I HAVE TO STOP THAT ANIMAL!

YOU CANNOT EVEN BATTLE THE LEAST OF THE SERAPHS ON THE FIRST LEVEL! YOU COWARDLY, VILE, INSIGNIFICANT, TINY IMP!!

IT IS TOO MUCH FOR THE ALREADY FRETZIED AND ENRAGED DEMON!



UNGH!

**CRASH!!!**



MEANTWHILE, IN THE DARKNESS OUTSIDE...

OH NO! OH NO! OH NO!  
THISSSS ISSSS NOT GOOD!

THISSSS ISSSS A DISSSSATER!  
ALAL HASSSS FAILED... AGAIN!

WE MUSSST GET REINFORCEMENTSSS!  
THE GIRL MUSSST BE CAPTURED BACK!



...AND IN THE HEAVELIES ABOVE.

OOHHH...!!  
RIMRAZ WILL BE FURIOUS!! I'M  
SSSSOOO NOT GIVING HIM THE  
NEWSSS MYSSSELF!!

HE OVERCAME THIS ONE,  
CAPTAIN

WELL, ME NEITHER! WE WILL  
TELL SSSSCOURGE...  
SSSSHE WILL PASSSS IT ON TO HIM!

GOOD IDEAL

YES, HE DID...HE DID.



ELSEWHERE, WHERE  
ABSOLUTE DARKNESS  
REIGNS...

MY LORD, WE HAVE A  
PROBLEM. WE NEED TO  
SEND REINFORCEMENTS  
TO THE HOSPITAL  
... AT ONCE!!

WHY?...  
DON'T TELL  
ME....!!!

I'M AFRAID SO,  
MY LORD. ALAL  
HAS FAILED. TUMAL  
DISCERNED HIM.

THE FOOL!!  
THE BUNGLING  
FOOL!! OF COURSE  
HE WOULD DISCERN  
HIM!! IT WAS TOO  
SOON!! WHY DIDN'T  
HE WAIT?!!

HE, OF  
ALL DEMONS,  
SHOULD HAVE  
UNDERSTOOD THE  
IMPORTANCE OF  
TIMING!! THE  
IDIOT!!

SEND BISHAKA  
AND TWO OTHERS  
IMMEDIATELY! I WANT  
THE GIRL RECAPTURED  
AND TUMAL  
OVERCOME!!

YES,  
MY LORD.

BACK AT THE  
HOSPITAL...

COME ON, IMP!!  
I THOUGHT YOU WERE  
STRONGER THAN THIS!  
SHOW ME HOW YOU  
TOPPLE KINGS AND  
KINGDOMS!!

WRACK

BLAM! BLAM!  
BLAM!

GRRROOOWWWW!!

THEN, COME OUT,  
ANGEL!! WHY ARE  
YOU HIDING? COME  
OUT, TUMAL!!

SWIPE

I'M  
RIGHT HERE,  
IMP! TAKE  
THAT!

SNARRRRLL!

SUDDENLY

YOU SEEM  
TO NEED MY HELP,  
ALAL...AGAIN!  
HELLO...COMMANDER,  
OR SHOULD I  
SAY...TUMAL?!

I SHOULD  
HAVE GUESSED,  
BIGHAKAL...GENT AS  
USUAL TO CLEAN UP  
ALAL'S MESS!

WHEN WILL  
RIMRAZ REALIZE  
YOU ARE MORE THAN  
A WET NURSE?

THE DEMON IS  
ANGRY BUT, UNLIKE  
ALAL, HE IS NOT  
EASILY GOADED...

I AM NOT HERE  
TO TRADE WORDS  
WITH YOU...TUMAL,  
JUST TWO THINGS.  
THE FIRST IS...

...NOT EASILY  
DISTRACTED!

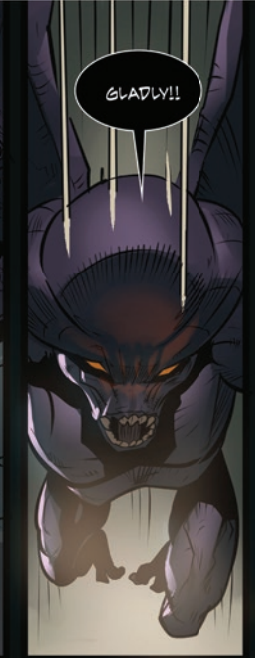
GET  
THE GIRL!...



MOVE AWAY, HUMAN!!...WE JUST WANT THE GIRL!!

**BLAM**  
**BLAM**  
**BLAM**

NOT HAPPENING!! YOU WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH ME TO GET HER!!



GLADLY!!



MEANTWHILE...

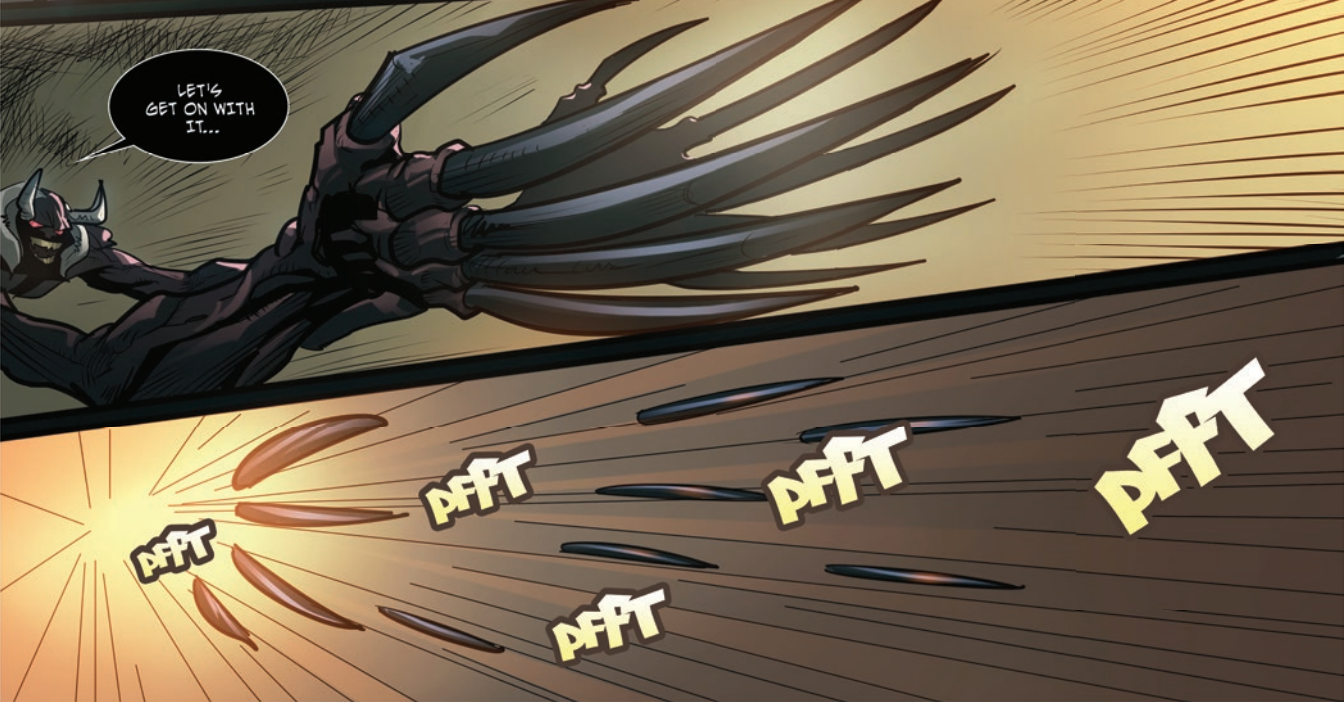
BEN ISN'T PICKING UP, AND I'VE NOT HEARD FROM HIM...SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT!!

**RRRIINGG**  
**RRRIINGG**



SECOND THING, TUMAL, IS ....OVERCOME YOU!

**SMAACKK**



LET'S GET ON WITH IT...

**PFPT**  
**PFPT**  
**PFPT**  
**PFPT**



**KTANG**

**CHKK**

**CHKK**

MMPH!!

**GRRROOARRR!**

THE THING WITH DISPENSING YOUR WEAPONS IN SUCH MANNER, DEMON...

...IS THAT THEY CAN BE USED AGAINST YOU!!

BEGONE FROM ME, EX-COMMANDER!!

OW!



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OR BETTER  
YET, COME  
CLOSER, SO I  
CAN....!!



SAVE THE  
SPEECH,  
DEMON, AND  
FIGHT!!

SKASH!



AARRGGH!!!!  
YOU.....!!!!



AARRGGH!!!

YES,  
ME!!!!





NNNNUUUU  
AAAARRRRGGG  
GHHHHH!!!!

WHAMSH

DEMON...TELL  
KIMRAZ  
TO SEND HIS MIGHTY  
WARRIORS NEXT  
TIME ...OR COME  
HIMSELF!!!!



BLAM!  
BLAM!

WHERE IS  
BANKOLE  
WHEN I NEED  
HIM??!!

...AND ON THE  
OTHER SIDE OF  
THE ROOM...



BLAM!

BLAM!  
BLAM!

I HOPE  
I'M NOT TOO  
LATE.

JUST  
ABOUT TIME,  
MAN!!

SKREEEK



WE NEED  
TO GET OUT  
OF HERE,  
NOW!!

HEY,  
TUMAL!!  
LET'S GO!!



ALLOW ME!  
SHE WILL  
SLOW YOU  
DOWN!



SO, WHAT  
NOW?

TRUST ME,  
BEN, I WILL  
TOTALLY BELIEVE  
IT!...JUST CALL ME  
WHENEVER YOU  
GET TO.  
...WHEREVER!

MAN,  
I THINK WE  
NEED TO LEAVE  
LAGOS FOR A  
WHILE!...

YOU WILL  
NOT BELIEVE  
WHAT HAPPENED  
TONIGHT!



THE CAPTAIN AND  
MESSENGER WATCH  
THE UNFOLDING  
EVENTS BELOW...

SHE IS  
BATTERED AND  
WEARY. LET HER  
REST...FOR A  
SEASON.

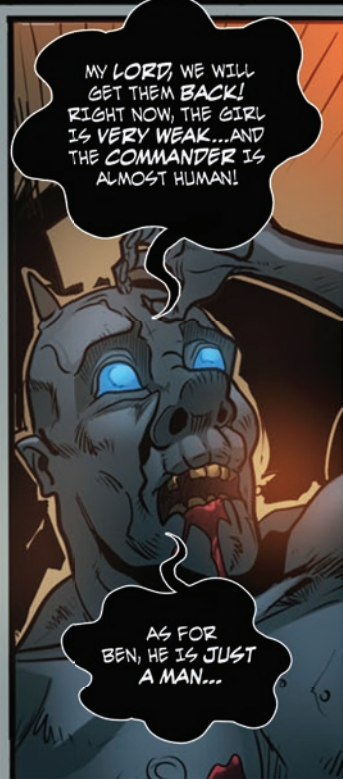
YES,  
MY LORD.



...AND ELSEWHERE,  
HELL IS LITERALLY  
BREAKING LOOSE!

...ALAL IS  
DESPERATE TO  
MAKE AMENDS...

SO, IN ONE  
DAY, JUST ONE DAY,  
YOU LOST BOTH OF  
THEM??!! YOU FOOLISH,  
INCOMPETENT  
IDIOTS!!!!



MY LORD, WE WILL  
GET THEM BACK!  
RIGHT NOW, THE GIRL  
IS VERY WEAK...AND  
THE COMMANDER IS  
ALMOST HUMAN!

AS FOR  
BEN, HE IS JUST  
A MAN...

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JUST...  
A...MAN???!!!  
YOU BUNGLING,  
BLUBBERING FOOL,  
BEN AJUFO IS  
NOT JUST A  
MAN!!

HE IS A  
BELIEVERRR...  
AND HE IS WITH  
TUMAL!!!!

**SLASSHH**



**GET!!!!!!  
OUT!!!!!!!!!!**



AH, TUMAL,  
TUMAL, TUMAL.  
YOU CAN RUN, BUT  
YOU CAN'T  
HIDE.

THIS IS  
MY TURF I.  
WILL FIND  
YOU!!!



...OSOGBO,  
OSUN STATE,  
NIGERIA

OOHH...  
BODY...  
MMM...  
PAIN...

UH, OH. THE  
DRUGS ARE  
WEARING OFF  
SHE WILL BE IN  
INTENSE PAIN.

I NEED  
TO FIND A  
HOSPITAL  
QUICKLY!



MMMY...  
BODY...HURTS...  
WHERE...AM  
...I?

SOMEWHERE  
IN OSOGBO. HEY,  
JUST STAY CALM.  
I WILL SOON GET  
YOU TO A  
HOSPITAL, OK?



\*OWO MI - MY CHILD, \*BABA, ESE O - THANK YOU, FATHER, \*EVAN - BOILED AND SMOOTHLY POUNDED YAM USUALLY BATEN WITH NIGERIAN GOUPS, \*EGUSI - A RICH AND DELICIOUS NIGERIAN SOUP MADE FROM GROUND MELON SEEDS.

# SOCIAL SPEAK



Hi guys,

It feels good to know that the team has pulled this one off just at the nick of time. Thanks to the Epoch team for unflinching commitment. To Debby Nova, for always being ahead with the scripting and turning in good work in good time. Then Kimson Osaghae for amazing line art, his style is just perfect for this storyline and really compliments the colours. Tarella, without doubt brought his A-game to this one. The general tone and mood is just refreshing. Thanks to everyone who made this work possible especially you, our fans because you're the reason we keep doing what we're doing. Let's see where this beautiful journey takes us as our ultimate goal is not just to entertain, but to inspire and add value to lives.

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MARK CELIS: GREAT MOOD. GREAT LIGHTING.



PRAISEGEEK: Looks Cool



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