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2A.M. SOMEWHERE ON THE HIGH SEAS.

THE CONTAINER SHIP WILL SOON ARRIVE AT ITS DESTINATION. THE OWNERS OF ITS GOODS WILL BE QUITE PLEASED IT IS WELL AHEAD OF SCHEDULE...



HOPEFULLY.

HELLO. THIS IS COASTGUARD MIKE. AM I SPEAKING WITH THE CAPTAIN?

YES. THIS IS CAPTAIN KOMOLAFE

HELLO, CAPTAIN. WE ARE APPROACHING YOUR VESSEL FOR A ROUTINE SEARCH. PLEASE DROP YOUR KNOTS TO ALLOW BOARDING.

I THOUGHT THE COASTGUARDS HAD ALL BEEN TAKEN CARE OF...

I THOUGHT SO TOO!

THEY ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES CAUGHT UNAWARES...

WHA...??!! FOCALOR!! I THOUGHT YOU HAD TAKEN CARE OF THE TERRITORIAL SERAPHS!!

I HAVE!... THESE ARE FRESH INVADERS!!!

ON BOARD...

IF YOU DON'T MIND, CAPTAIN, WE WOULD LIKE TO GO THROUGH YOUR CONTAINERS. ROUTINE CHECK, OF COURSE.

BUT... OF COURSE...

AS YOU CAN SEE, THESE ARE LAPTOPS FROM CHINA. WE ALSO HAVE ELECTRONICS, CARS...

FOCALORI! DZOAVITS! GUARD THE CONTAINER!

YES, AESHMAL!

IT WOULD TAKE QUITE A WHILE TO GO THROUGH THE CONTAINERS, SO I AND MY MATE WILL SPLIT THINGS UP. IS THAT OKAY?

IT IS A RHETORICAL QUESTION



ATTACK!!





OUT OF MY WAY, FIEND!!

THAT'S FINE, OFFICER. AHMED, YOU BOTH WORK HERE, WHILE I GO WITH OFFICER MIKE TO THE OTHER END.



YES, CAPTAIN.



OUT OF SIGHT OF THE OTHERS...

I MUST REALLY COMMENT YOU ON YOUR THOROUGHNESS. GOING THROUGH EACH CONTAINER IS NO MEAN FEAT.



IT'S MY JOB, CAPTAIN...AND THANK YOU TOO FOR MAKING IT EASY.



HAAAA... YOU ARE WELCOME, BUT I WISH I COULD SAY THE SAME ...HAAAA

?? I'M SORRY, I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU, CAPTAIN.

...AND THE UNSEEN BATTLE TAKES A NEW TURN.



SKRRREEEEEECH

HAAAA... WHAT I MEAN, OFFICER IS THIS: DUE TO THE VERY TERRIBLE WEATHER, WE ARE WAAAAAY BEHIND SCHEDULE! SO, WHILE WE ARE MAKING IT EASY FOR YOU TO DO YOUR JOB, THIS SEARCH IS ACTUALLY MAKING US LOSE MORE TIME!

WHAT'S HAPPENING ???!

WE ARE OUTNUMBERED !!!

I'M SURE THERE IS A WAY WE CAN MAKE THIS FASTER FOR EVERYONE, OFFICER.

SONARRRRRRLLLL



AND HOW DO YOU PROPOSE WE DO THAT, CAPTAIN?

WILL 500 DOLLARS HURRY UP THE SEARCH, OFFICER?



ARE YOU TRYING TO BRIBE ME, CAPTAIN KOMOLAFEE?



BE GONE,
DEMON!! YOU CAN'T
HAVE THEM!!

AARRGHHH



BRIBE???!!
DEFINITELY NOT!! IT'S
JUST TO APPRECIATE
YOU FOR BEING SO.
..UNDERSTANDING.



BOTH MEN STARE AT EACH
OTHER. BOTH KNOW THE
TRUTH.



AMID THE BATTLE RAGES, AN
IMPASSE IS REACHED. BOTH SIDES
ARE DEADLOCKED...

TOO
LATE, ANGEL
...UURRCK!!!

MMPFFHH!!!

BARIKISU

YAKI ZEALOTS



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AND FINALLY,
THE LONG SILENCE IS
BROKEN BELOW...

2000 DOLLARS,
A THOUSAND EACH
FOR MY MATE
AND I.

HAHAHA!
YOU DRIVE A HARD
BARGAIN, OFFICER,
BUT....DEAL!

WE
ALREADY OWN
THEM!

THWACK

OOOMPPFFHH!!

IMMEDIATELY, THE BATTLE ABOVE
TURKIS, THE PITIFULLY FEW ANGELS
ARE NO MATCH FOR THE
DEMONIC LEGION!..!

THERE IS
ONLY ONE COURSE
OF ACTION LEFT...

RETREAT!
RETREAT!!
RETREAT!!!

AND THE
BATTLE IS OVER.

WE DEFINITELY
UNDERESTIMATED
RIMRAZ.

HE AND THE
EVIL ONE ARE
CERTAINLY PULLING
NO PUNCHES WITH
THIS ONE.

WE NEED TO
RECOUP AND REGROUP
IMMEDIATELY. THE STAKES
ARE TOO HIGH TO
IGNORE!



THAT WAS A VERY CLOSE ONE! WHAT IF HE HAD REFUSED?

WE HAVE OTHER MEANS OF... PERSUASION. HE WOULD HAVE PLAYED BALL, ONE WAY OR THE OTHER...



...THE STAKES ARE TOO HIGH!!!

SAME NIGHT, NEW YORK.

NEWS



IT'S BEEN A TERRIFYING MONTH FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ALL OVER THE WORLD, AS A HORRIFYING AVERAGE OF 100,000 YOUTH AND CHILDREN HAVE BEEN ABDUCTED FROM EVERY UN COUNTRY IN THE PAST ONE MONTH

DESPITE HIGH INCREASE IN SECURITY AND SURVEILLANCE, NO ONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO FIND OUT WHO THESE PERPETRATORS ARE, AND HOW - OR WHY - THEY ABDUCT. THIS HIGHLY SENSITIVE ISSUE IS THE REASON FOR THE ALL-DAY MEETING CURRENTLY GOING ON AT THE UN HEADQUARTERS.

BREAKING NEWS

100,000 YOUTH AND CHILDREN MISSING



SAME NIGHT,
OSUN STATE.

OSOGBO TOWN SLEEPS, BUT THE
SERAPH TAKES A WALK. HE CRAVES
SOLITUDE...AND QUIET.

BUT HE PUSHES THEM
AWAY BY FIXING HIS
MIND ON THE MIGHTY
ONE...

AHHH...
PERFECT PEACE!

BUT NOT FOR
LONG...!

BUT IT IS A STRANGE PLACE. THIS
EARTH, EVEN IN THE STILLNESS OF
THE NIGHT, HE SENSES WHIRLING
UNDERCURRENTS OF BUSTLING
AND UNREST THAT THREATEN TO
SEEP INTO HIS SOUL.

GOING
SOMEWHERE,
SERAPH?

WHA...?

I SAID,
WOULD YOU WANT
A RIDE, SIR?

HE MUST HAVE
MISHEARD...

UH...NO,
THANK YOU, I
AM GOOD.

THE GRIP IS SURPRISINGLY
STRONG...AND THE VOICE
IS LOW, MOCKING,
FAMILIAR.

ARE YOU
SURE? IT'S
RATHER LATE,
YOU KNOW!

HEY,
GET YOUR
HANDS OFF
ME, OLD
MAN!



I DON'T THINK SO...SERAPH!



THE PAIN IS FIERCE, UNEXPECTED AND RUIIS THROUGH HIS SHOULDER TO HIS WHOLE BEING.

AAARRGGHH!!!



HIS REFLEX IS FURIOUS AND SWIFT

I SAID, TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF!

THWACK



BUT THE REBUTTAL IS INSTANT...

WITH PLEASURE!

WHACK



...AND SIMILAR

TOO SIMILAR!

WHO ARE YOU? DID KIMRAZ SEND YOU?!

QUESTIONS! QUESTIONS! YOU ASK TOO MANY QUESTIONS, TUMAL!

QUESTIONS I WILL ONLY BE TOO WILLING TO ANSWER!

WHIPPPRRR!

HELLO, COMMANDER! WE MEET AGAIN

AARRRGHHHH!!!

WHIP!

WHIP!

WHIP!

IT'S BEEN FOUR DAYS. SEEMS LIKE A LIFETIME, EHP!

SCOURGE!

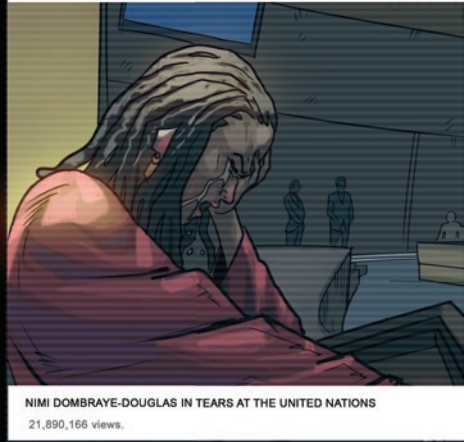
THE UNEXPECTED, BUT HEARTWRENCHING, LACK OF RESTRAINT IS VIEWED ALL OVER THE WORLD.



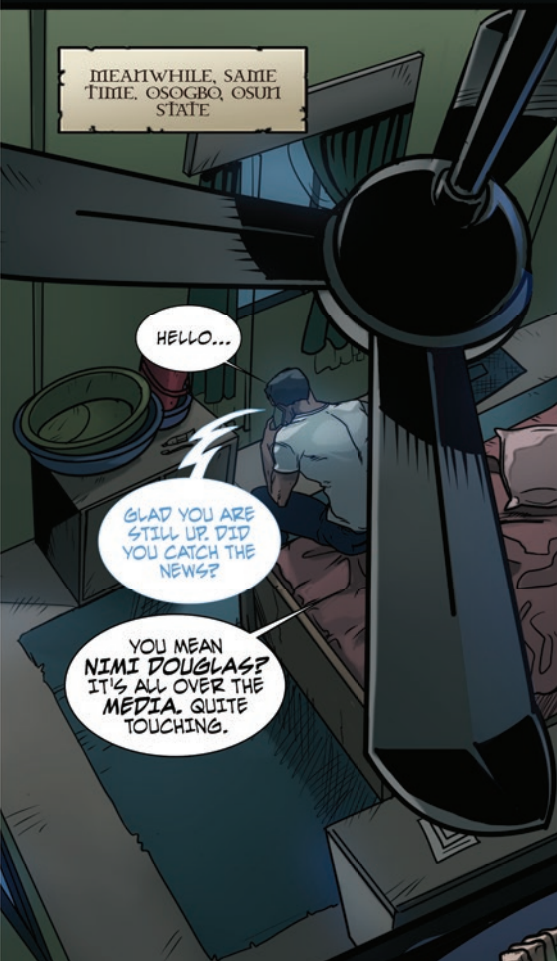
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MEANTWHILE, SAME TIME, OSOGBO, OSUNI STATE



HELLO...

GLAD YOU ARE STILL UP. DID YOU CATCH THE NEWS?

YOU MEAN NIMI DOUGLASS? IT'S ALL OVER THE MEDIA. QUITE TOUCHING.



NO, NOT HER, BEN. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE MISSING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN GHANA.

GHANA? NO, I DIDN'T! WHEN DID THIS HAPPEN?

YESTERDAY.



BEN, PRINCETON COLLEGE, IKEJA, WAS INVITED TO ASANTE HIGH FOR A MATH COMPETITION. YESTERDAY.

(SIGH) THAT'S SO SAD, BANKS... BUT WHAT HAS THAT GOT TO DO WITH US? GHANA ISN'T OUR JURISDICTION.

WAIT. NO.
YOU MEAN...

BEN,
EVERY FINAL
YEAR STUDENT
OF PRINCETON
COLLEGE IS GONE.
DISAPPEARED INTO
THIN AIR

ANYWAY,
WHAT ABOUT
YOUR ANGEL?

OH.
MY. GOD

BOTH MEN FALL
SILENT

AID
MEANWHILE...

(SIGH)
HE'S THE REASON
I'M STILL UP.
HE WENT FOR A
MIDNIGHT
STROLL.

??!!
THAT CAN BE
DANGEROUS...
ESPECIALLY FOR
HIM!

OF COURSE,
I KNOW THAT. BUT HE
IS A **GROWN**...ANGEL,
BANKS. I CAN'T TIE
HIM DOWN.

AZAZEL. THE NAME
DIMLY REGISTERS

OUCH!!
THAT MUST HAVE
REALLY HURT, EH,
TUMAL?!

MERELY
LIVING UP TO MY
NAME, AZAZEL!

AARRGHHH

BUT THE PAIN DEEPLY
REGISTERS.

LIKE THE SOUND OF
THE APPROACHING
WHIP!

BUT THIS TIME,
HE IS READY!

WHACK

OOOMPPH!!!

KLONK

OUCH!!
THAT MUST
REALLY HURT,
OLD MAN,
EHE!

HE TURNS JUST
IN TIME...

HOW DARE
YOU, TUMAL??!!
I WILL DESTROY
YOU!!

THE MEDIATION IS
UNEXPECTED...

YOU WILL
DO NO SUCH THING,
SCOURGE!

PUT AWAY YOUR
CONFOUNDED
PRIDE - FOR NOW!
REMEMBER THE
MISSION!

...SO IS THE
METAMORPHOSIS!

YOU...!!!
YOU...!!!

NEXT TIME,
YOU WON'T BE
SO LUCKY,
COMMANDER
!



HELLO, TUMAL...

...IT'S BEEN QUITE A WHILE!

AZAZEL!!

AZAZEL, ONCE CAPTAIN OF THE SEVENTH LEVEL...

...AND BANNISHED MILLENNIUMS AGO!

HELLO, MA'AM. THE LATEST CONTAINER JUST CAME IN.

WELL, THAT WAS QUICK. WELL DONE. YOU GET YOUR BANK ALERT IN TEN MINUTES.



AND MEANTWHILE, THE OBFUSCATION GOES ON ELSEWHERE...



THANK YOU, MA'AM.



THE CALL EXCITES THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, BUT SHE MAINTAINS THE SOMBER FACADE.

PATIENCE, NIMI. JUST A LITTLE MORE TIME... AND WE RULE THE WORLD!

NEXT: A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE!

OUR COMICS

MORE WITHIN YOUR REACH



TERRA
kultura



DATABAH

GLENDORA



THESE ARE THE STORES THAT STOCK OUR COMICS IN LAGOS

IKOYI:

THE JAZZ HOLE
168 AWOLOWO RD, IKOYI, LAGOS

VICTORIA ISLAND:

TERRA KULTURE
1376 TIAMIYU SAVAGE ST, VICTORIA
ISLAND, LAGOS

ONIRU:

PRINCE EBEANO SUPERMARKET
T. F. KUBOYE ROAD, ALTERNATIVE
ROUTE, ONIRU, LAGOS

AJAH:

EBEANO SUPERMARKET
H199, IKOTA SHOPPING PLAZA,
VGC, AJAH, LEKKI, LAGOS, LAGOS

IPFY MUSIC AND BOOKS

ROAD 5, SUITE K89-93, IKOTA
SHOPPING COMPLEX

MALL MART SUPERMARKET,

BLACK GATE BUS STOP BADOBE

IKEJA:

GLENDORA BOOK STORE
IKEJA CITY MALL, ALAUSA
(SHOPRITE)

SURULERE:

PATABAH BOOK STORE
B18, ADENIRAN OGUNSANYA
SHOPPING MALL, ADENIRAN
OGUNSANYA ST, SURULERE,
LAGOS

MORE LOCATIONS WITHIN LAGOS AND AROUND
NIGERIA WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON!



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