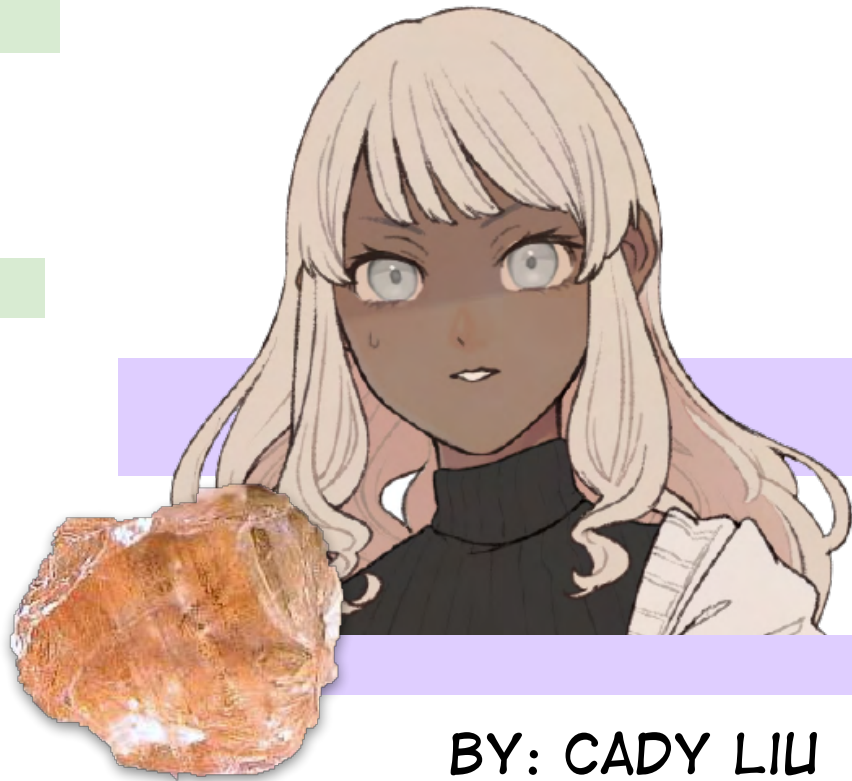


NEW MEDIA 10

COMIC PROJECT

CHILDREN OF BLOOD AND BONE
BY TOMI ADEYEMI

SAME STORY, RETOLD FROM
TZAIN ADEBOLA'S PERSPECTIVE!!



BY: CADY LIU

TRIGGER WARNING: TALK OF K*LLING, BLOOD SCENES.

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IN A FOREST NEAR
LAGO, THE CAPITAL
OF ORISHA.

WHAT'S TAKING ZÉL
SO LONG? I HOPE SHE
DIDN'T RUN INTO ANY TROUBLE
WHILE TRADING THE
SAILFISH FOR MONEY.



A CITY ERUPTS IN FLAMES.

! NAILAH, LET'S
GO! ZÉLIE'S IN
TROUBLE!



AT THE CITY GATES.



ZÉLIE AND A HOODED
FIGURE STAND IN FRONT OF
AN ARMY OF GUARDS.

ZÉL!
GET ON!

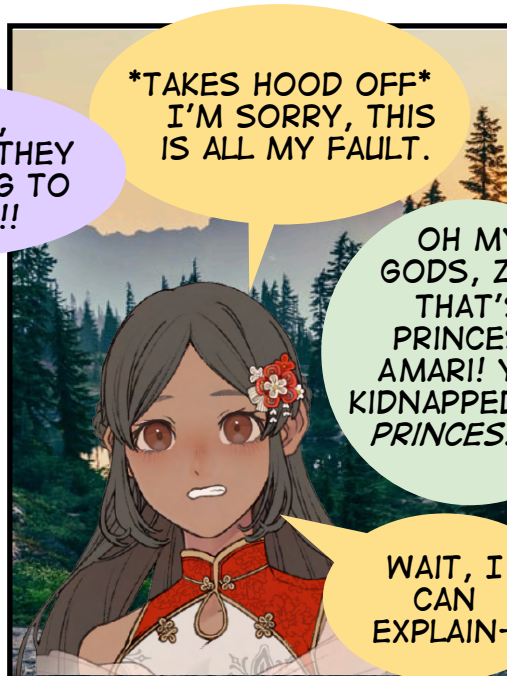


NAILAH LEAPS OVER THE GATE WITH TZAIN,
ZÉLIE, AND THE HOODED FIGURE.



WHAT THE H*LL! WHAT HAPPENED TO STAYING OUT OF TROUBLE??

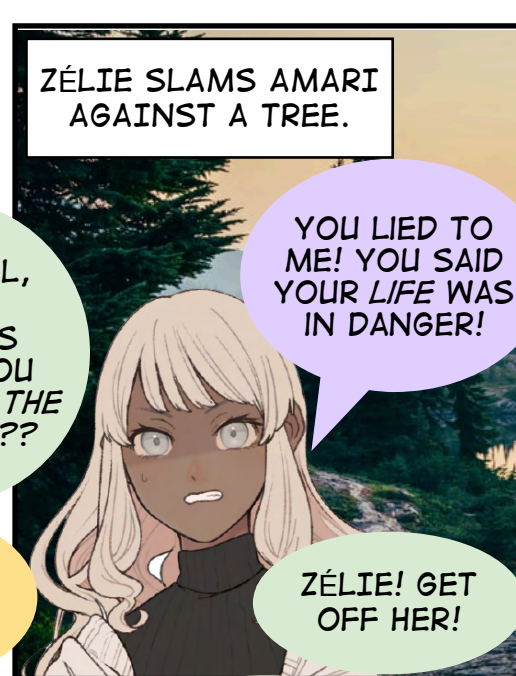
I TRIED, TZAIN! BUT THEY WERE GOING TO KILL HER!!



TAKES HOOD OFF
I'M SORRY, THIS IS ALL MY FAULT.

OH MY GODS, ZÉL, THAT'S PRINCESS AMARI! YOU KIDNAPPED THE PRINCESS??

WAIT, I CAN EXPLAIN-



ZÉLIE SLAMS AMARI AGAINST A TREE.

YOU LIED TO ME! YOU SAID YOUR *LIFE* WAS IN DANGER!

ZÉLIE! GET OFF HER!

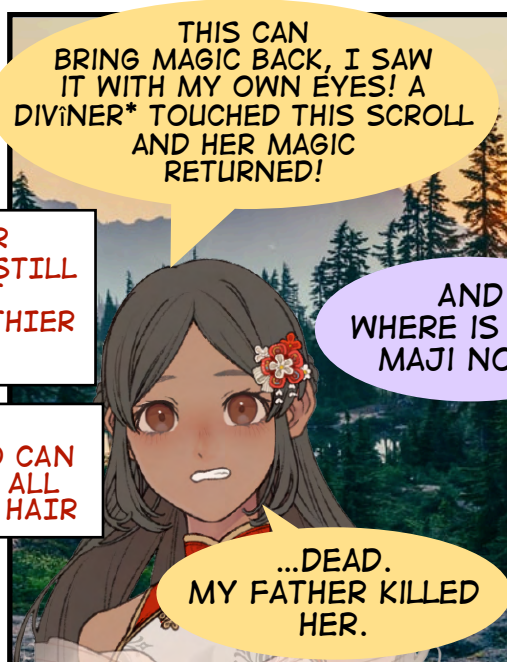


WAIT! STOP! LOOK AT THIS!

DIVÏNER MAJI WHO STILL HAVEN'T DEVELOPED THIER MAGIC.

*MAJI PEOPLE WHO CAN DO MAGIC; ALL HAVE WHITE HAIR

AMARI GRABS A SCROLL FROM WITHIN HER CLOAK.



THIS CAN BRING MAGIC BACK, I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES! A DIVÏNER* TOUCHED THIS SCROLL AND HER MAGIC RETURNED!

AND WHERE IS THAT MAJI NOW?

...DEAD. MY FATHER KILLED HER.



I DON'T WANT ZÉL TO GET HER HOPES UP ABOUT MAGIC AGAIN. IT TOOK SO LONG FOR HER TO RECOVER FROM MAMA'S DEATH, AND I KNOW HOW OFTEN ZÉLIE THINKS ABOUT HER OWN LOST MAGIC.



WE HAVE TO GET BACK HOME. MAMA AGBA WILL KNOW WHAT TO DO.

MAGIC... I CAN FEEL MY MAGIC AGAIN!



IN MAMA AGBA'S* HUT. MAMA AGBA TOUCHES THE SCROLL.

THEY ARRIVE BACK IN ILORIN.

MY VISION SHOWS YOU THREE CLIMBING A MOUNTAIN. I THINK YOU'RE ON A QUEST TO BRING MAGIC BACK!

*MAMA AGBA:
- THE LAST REMAINING MAJI
- SURVIVED THE RAID* BY CHANGING HER HAIR COLOUR FROM WHITE TO BROWN

*THE RAID:
AN EVENT IN WHICH KING SARAN MURDERED EVERY DIVÏNER AND MAJI OVER THE AGE OF THIRTEEN, INCLUDING ZÉLIE AND TZAIN'S MOTHER

MAMA
AGBA, YOU CAN'T
BE SERIOUS! I CAN'T
EVEN READ THE
SCROLL!

BOOM

YOU
NEED TO LEAVE.
NOW. THE GUARD'S
ARE HERE.

AFTER CLIMBING TO
CHÂNDOMLE, LOCATED ON
TOP OF A MOUNTAIN.

HEAD TO
CHÂNDOMLE
FIRST. THAT'S
WHERE THE LAST
KNOWN SÊNTARO*
TEMPLE IS.
BRING MAGIC
BACK!

LEKAN:
THE LAST
REMAINING
SÊNTARO

*SÊNTAROS:
- HIGH PRIESTS OF MAGIC
- HELP PERSERVE THE BOND BETWEEN SKY
MOTHER* AND MAJI BY PERFORMING A
RITUAL EVERY HUNDRED YEARS
- ALL, EXCEPT FOR LEKAN, WERE
MASSACRED DURING THE RAID

I NEED TO AWAKEN
YOUR DORMANT MAGIC. ONLY
THEN CAN YOU COMPLETE THE
RITUAL, DURING THE SOLSTICE, TO
RE-TETHER THE BOND TO SKY
MOTHER AND BRING MAGIC
BACK.

LEKAN LEADS
THE TRIO UP TO
THE PEAK OF THE
MOUNTAIN.

*SKY MOTHER:
THE SUPREME DEITY
WORSHIPPED BY THE MAJI

LEKAN INSTUCTS
ZÉLIE TO SIT IN A
STONE TUB, THEN
CUTS HER ARM WITH
THE BONE DAGGER.

IN ORDER
TO PERFORM THE
RITUAL, YOU'LL NEED THREE
MAGICAL ARTIFACTS. YOU
ALREADY HAVE THE SACRED
SCROLL, AND I'LL GIVE YOU THE
BONE DAGGER, BUT YOU WILL
NEED TO FIND THE LAST
ARTIFACT, THE
SUNSTONE.

I'M WORRIED
ABOUT
ZÉL....WITHOUT
MAMA HERE TO
GUIDE HER, HOW
WILL SHE BE ABLE
TO ADJUST TO
BEING A MAJI?

THE MAGIC-AWAKENING RITUAL HAS BEEN
COMPLETED.

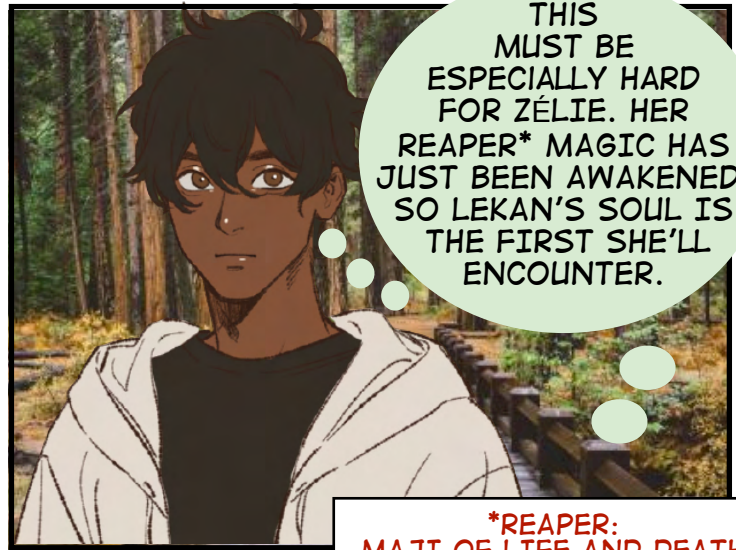
I CAN
SENSE THE
ROYAL GUARDS
COMING! WE
MUST GO!

THEY RUN DOWN THE MOUNTAIN PEAK
TO GET NAILAH, BUT ARE SPOTTED BY
THE GUARDS.

LEKAN USES HIS MAGIC TO STOP THE
GUARDS FROM ADVANCING, BUT HE
GETS KILLED BY ONE OF THEM.

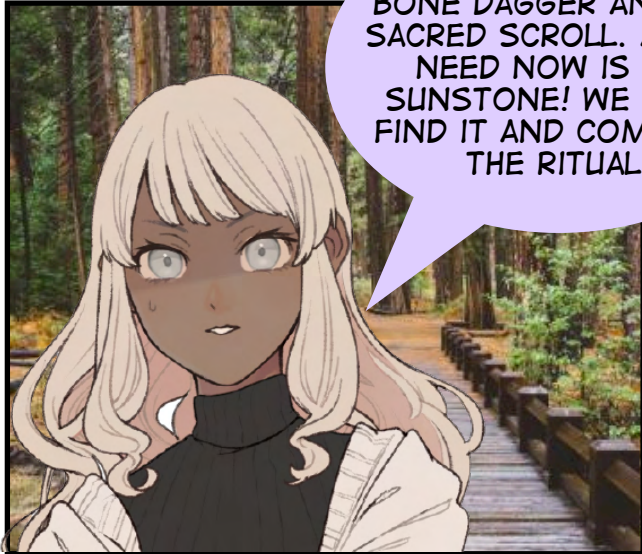


NO!
LEKAN!!



THIS
MUST BE
ESPECIALLY HARD
FOR ZÉLIE. HER
REAPER* MAGIC HAS
JUST BEEN AWAKENED,
SO LEKAN'S SOUL IS
THE FIRST SHE'LL
ENCOUNTER.

*REAPER:
MAJI OF LIFE AND DEATH



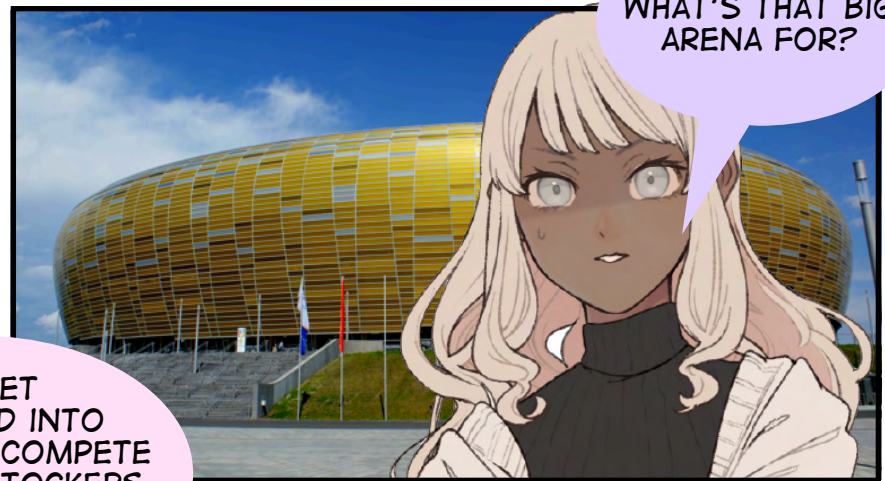
WE HAVE THE
BONE DAGGER AND THE
SACRED SCROLL. ALL WE
NEED NOW IS THE
SUNSTONE! WE MUST
FIND IT AND COMPLETE
THE RITUAL.



WE
NEED TO LEAVE
BEFORE THOSE
GUARDS BREAK
THROUGH LEKAN'S
DEFENSE.



THE TRIO TRAVELS THROUGH A
DESERT AND ARRIVES IN IBEJI.

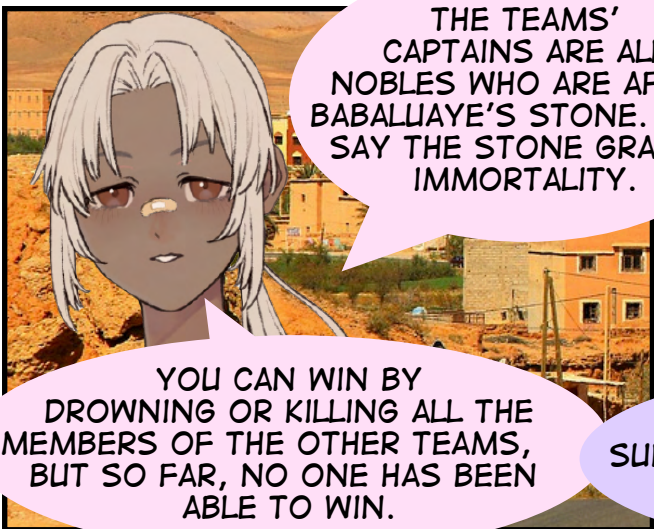


WHAT'S THAT BIG
ARENA FOR?

WE GET
ARRANGED INTO
TEAMS AND COMPETE
IN IT. THE STOCKERS
WILL PAY OFF OUR
DEBTS IF WE
WIN.



THAT
DIVINER MUST
BE WORKING IN
THE STOCKS. SHE'S
AS GOOD AS
DEAD, THEN.




THE TEAMS' CAPTAINS ARE ALL NOBLES WHO ARE AFTER BABALLUAYE'S STONE. THEY SAY THE STONE GRANTS IMMORTALITY.


YOU CAN WIN BY DROWNING OR KILLING ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE OTHER TEAMS, BUT SO FAR, NO ONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO WIN.



THAT STONE MUST BE THE SUNSTONE! WE HAVE TO COMPETE IN THE COMPETITION AND WIN THAT STONE.

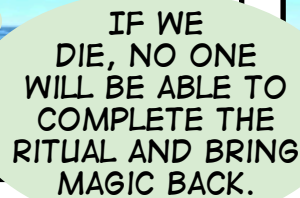


I SHOULD TELL AMARI TO STAY BEHIND WHILE WE COMPETE. SHE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE SHE CAN HANDLE THE BLOODBATH.

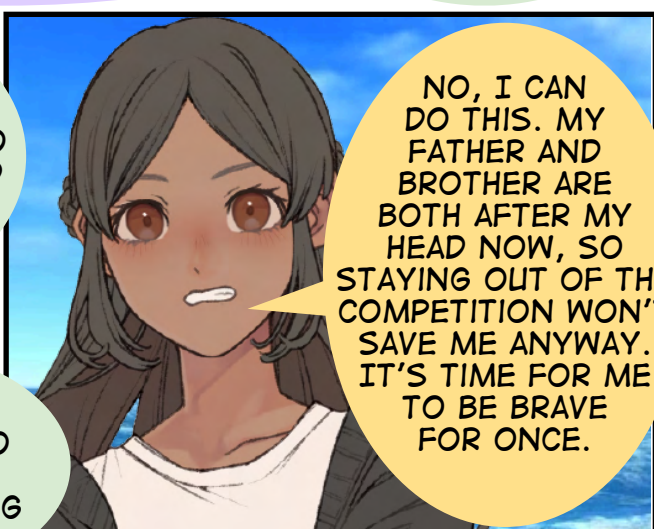


AMARI, YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME. THERE ARE ONLY THREE PEOPLE WHO KNOW HOW TO COMPLETE THE RITUAL, AND IF WE'RE ALL COMPETING IN THE COMPETITION, WELL....


THE NEXT DAY: A FEW MINUTES BEFORE THE COMPETITION STARTS.



IF WE DIE, NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THE RITUAL AND BRING MAGIC BACK.



NO, I CAN DO THIS. MY FATHER AND BROTHER ARE BOTH AFTER MY HEAD NOW, SO STAYING OUT OF THE COMPETITION WON'T SAVE ME ANYWAY. IT'S TIME FOR ME TO BE BRAVE FOR ONCE.



INSIDE THE ARENA, ON THEIR SHIP.

GATHER AROUND, EVERYONE! HERE IS THE BATTLE PLAN: WE WILL FORM AN ALLIANCE WITH THE BOATS CLOSEST TO US AND TARGET THE BOATS FURTHEST AWAY. HALF OF YOU CAN HANDLE PADDLING, AND THE REST OF YOU CAN MAN THE CANNONS AND AIM FOR THE BOATS IN THE FRONT.

ZÉLIE NODS AND DIVES UNDERWATER.

I REALLY, REALLY HOPE ZÉL WILL BE ABLE TO COMMAND AN ARMY OF THE DEAD LIKE MAMA WAS ONCE ABLE TO.

ZÉL, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO.



THE COMPETITION STARTS.

AMARI, **WATCH OUT!!**

TZAIN ATTEMPTS TO
BLOCK THE SWORD, BUT
HE GETS CUT BY IT.

TZAIN! I AM
SO SORRY!

DON'T
JUST STAND
THERE! GET
TO SAFETY!

THE SHIP STOPS
SINKING.

OH NO, OUR
SHIP IS SINKING!
COME ONE, ZÉL, HELP
US! THERE IS ONLY ONE
SHIP LEFT. IF WE CAN
OUTLAST THAT SHIP,
WE'LL WN!

YES! ZÉL
DID IT!!

SHE SHOULD BE
SURFACING ANY TIME
NOW. IS SOMETHING
WRONG? WHY ISN'T SHE
COMING UP FOR AIR?

AMARI! I'M
DIVING IN, I
THINK ZÉL IS
IN TROUBLE!

TZAIN DIVES IN THE
WATER.

TZAIN COMES UP
FROM THE WATER
WITH AN
UNCONSCIOUS
ZÉLIE IN HIS
ARMS

SOMEONE CHARGES AT TZAIN
AND ZÉLIE WITH A SWORD.

THE CAPTAIN OF THE OTHER
REMAINING SHIP

AMARI PLUNGES HER SWORD
INTO THE CAPTAIN.

AMARI! DID
WE JUST...
WIN?

AT THE WINNER'S CEREMONY.

THE CROWD IS CHANTING "THE IMMORTAL! THE COMMANDER! THE LIONAIRE!"

ZÉL MUST'VE BEEN IN SO MUCH PAIN. THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE WHO'D DIED IN THAT ARENA, THE AMOUNT OF SOULS SHE'D ENCOUNTERED, MUST'VE TAKEN A TOLL ON HER BODY.

ZÉLIE,
HOW ARE YOU
FEELING?

BETTER
THAN EVER! WE
HAVE THE SACRED
SCROLL, THE BONE
DAGGER, AND THE
SUNSTONE. ALL WE
NEED TO DO NOW IS
TO GET TO THE HOLY
TEMPLE* WITHIN
THE NEXT FEW
DAYS.

THE TRIO SETTLES IN A CLAY
HUT FOR THE NIGHT.

ZÉLIE FALLS ALSEEP
IMMEDIATELY.

HEY,
I NEVER
GOT TO SAY
THANKS. FOR,
YOU KNOW,
HELPING US
WIN.

***HOLY TEMPLE**
-A SACRED ISLAND NORTH OF JIMETA;
ONLY APPEARS EVERY HUNDRED YEARS

DON'T
THANK ME.
IF I'D STAYED
BEHIND LIKE YOU
SAID, YOU
WOULDN'T HAVE
GOTTEN
HURT.

ZÉL AND I ALSO
WOULDN'T BE ALIVE, SO THANK
YOU. FOR SAVING US AND KILLING
THE CAPTAIN.

WHERE IS
THIS
COMING
FROM? DID I
DO
SOMETHING
WRONG?

WHEN WE PASS
THROUGH GOMBE, YOU SHOULD
GO TO THE GUARD POST. YOU CAN
TELL THE GUARDS THAT WE KIDNAPPED
YOU. THAT WAY, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO
GO BACK TO THE PALACE AND
STAY SAFE.

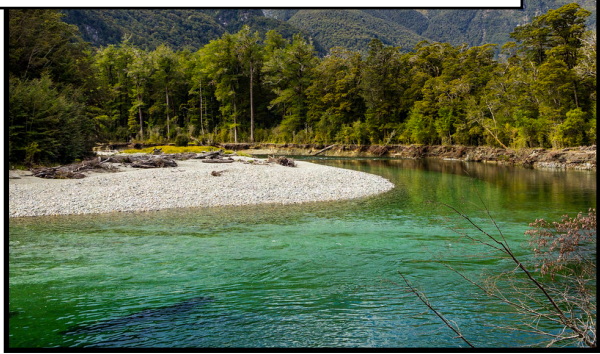
WELL, I'M
STAYING. I'VE BEEN
RUNNING FROM MY
FATHER AND BROTHER
FOR TOO LONG. NOW,
IT'S TIME FOR ME
TO FIGHT BACK.

NO, NOT AT ALL!
I JUST... DON'T
WANT TO
INCRIMINATE YOU

ALRIGHT,
ALRIGHT. I WANT YOU TO
STAY, AMARI. I JUST NEEDED
TO KNOW THAT YOU DO
TOO.

OH...
WELL, I DO
WANT TO
STAY.

SIX DAYS LATER, THE TRIO TAKES A REST AT THE GOMBE RIVER VALLEY.

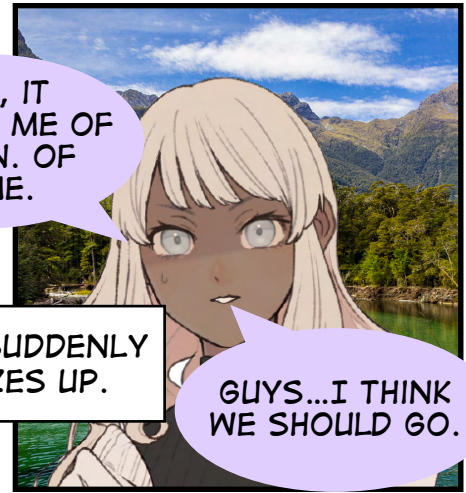


SIGH THE SOUND OF RIVER FLOWING IS SO SOOTHING....



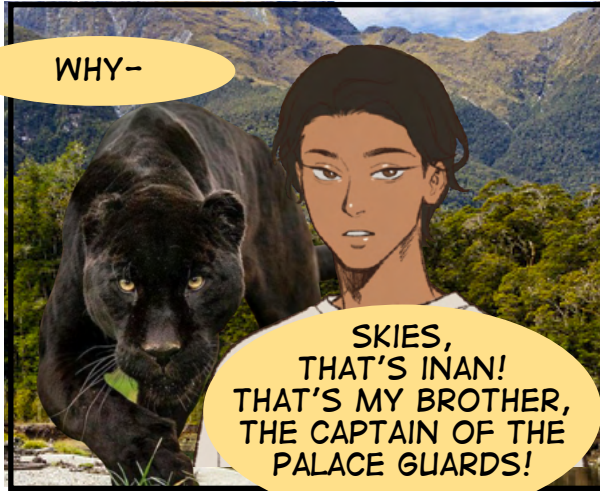
YEAH, IT REMINDS ME OF ILLORIN. OF HOME.

ZÉLIE SUDDENLY FREEZES UP.



GUYS...I THINK WE SHOULD GO.

WHY-



SKIES, THAT'S INAN! THAT'S MY BROTHER, THE CAPTAIN OF THE PALACE GUARDS!



THAT GIRL IN THE RIVER IS ZÉLIE! GET HER!!



...THEY TOOK ZÉL. THEY TOOK MY LITTLE SISTER!

OH MY GODS, HOW HAS HE CAUGHT UP WITH US SO QUICKLY?



WHISTLES NAILAH! GET OVER HERE!

ZÉL! GET OUT OF THE RIVER!

WHY ISN'T ZÉL MOVING? SHE CAN'T SERIOUSLY BE THINKING OF FIGHTING INAN AND HIS GUARDS, RIGHT?



ZÉLIE! HURRY UP!

TZAIN TURNS TO SEE NAILAH CAUGHT IN A TRAP, DANGLING FROM A TREE BRANCH.

TZAIN WATCHES HELPLESSLY AS GUARDS RUSH TO THE RIVER AND KNOCK ZÉLIE OUT, THROWING HER LIMP FORM OVER A PANTHER.

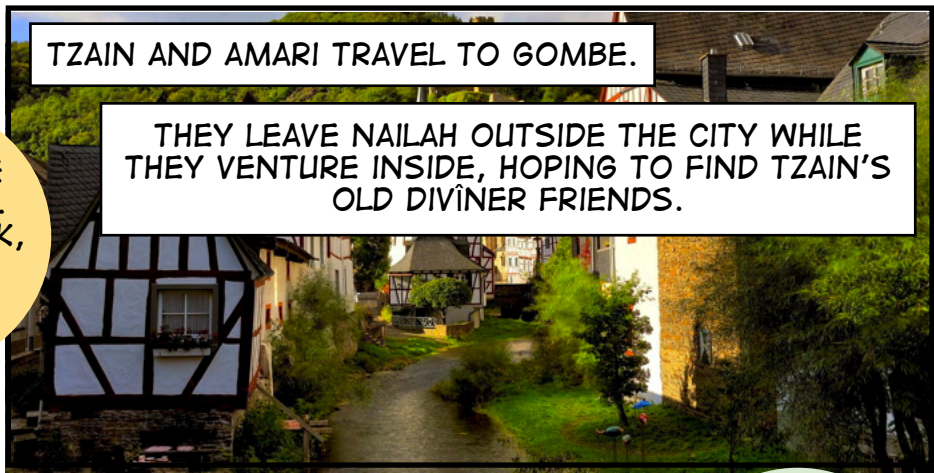


VOICE CRACKS WHEN MAMA DIED, I PROMISED HER I'D ALWAYS TAKE CARE OF ZÉL.... AND BABA...I PROMISED BABA WE'D STICK TOGETHER.



LET'S HEAD TO GOMBE. THAT'S WHERE THE CLOSEST GUARD FORTRESS IS, SO THAT MUST BE WHERE THEY TOOK HER.

TZAIN, DON'T GIVE UP! WE WILL GET HER BACK, NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES.



TZAIN AND AMARI TRAVEL TO GOMBE.

THEY LEAVE NAILAH OUTSIDE THE CITY WHILE THEY VENTURE INSIDE, HOPING TO FIND TZAIN'S OLD DIVINER FRIENDS.



I SEE THEM!

**KENYON!
IMANI! KHANI!**

THEY ENTER A SECRET DIVINER TAVERN.



TZAIN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?



I NEED TO EASE THEM INTO OUR SITUATION. THEY'RE LOYAL FRIENDS, BUT THEY'RE GUARDED. THEY WON'T HELP US EASILY-

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

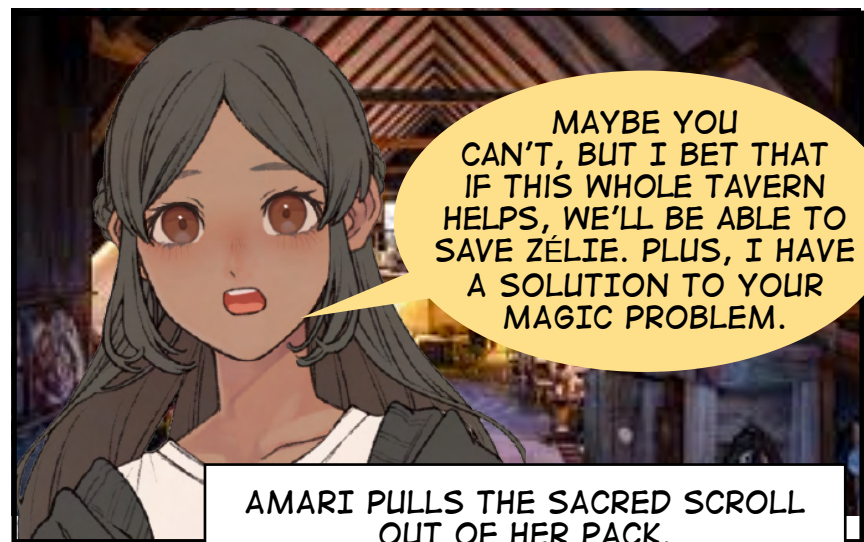
AMARI EXPLAINS THEIR SITUATION TO KENYON AND HIS GROUP.



AND THE SOLSTICE IS IN TWO DAYS, SO WE NEED TO RESCUE HER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SHE'S THE ONLY MAJI WHO HAS BEEN TETHERED TO SKY MOTHER BY A SÊNTARO, SO SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN PERFORM THE RITUAL.



TWO DAYS?! THAT IS WAY TOO SOON. THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN SAVE HER THAT QUICKLY. WE'RE JUST USELESS DIVINERS WHO DON'T HAVE MAGIC!



MAYBE YOU CAN'T, BUT I BET THAT IF THIS WHOLE TAVERN HELPS, WE'LL BE ABLE TO SAVE ZÉLIE. PLUS, I HAVE A SOLUTION TO YOUR MAGIC PROBLEM.

AMARI PULLS THE SACRED SCROLL OUT OF HER PACK.

TZAIN STARES AT AMARI AS SHE ADDRESSES THE WHOLE TAVERN.

WOW, SHE'S SO BRAVE.
AND SHE REALLY DOES CARE
ABOUT ZÉLIE.

THE NEXT DAY: EXECUTING AMARI'S PLAN.



HIDDEN BEHIND SOME BUSHES OUTSIDE
THE GUARD FORTRESS.

IS EVERYONE READY? I'LL
LET ALL THE DIVINER TOUCH THE
SCROLL TO AWAKEN THEIR
POWERS ONCE WE'RE INSIDE
THE FORTRESS.

EVERYONE: YES!

INSIDE THE TOWER.

ZÉL
WILL BE DOWN IN
THE DUNGEON, SO THAT'S
WHERE WE NEED TO GO.
KENYON AND THE OTHERS
WILL DISTRACT THE
GUARDS TO GIVE US
COVER.

I SEE ZÉL!
GASPS SKIES, SHE'S
SO...BLOODY!

THEY
TORTURED
HER!? HOW
DARE THEY! I
WILL MAKE
THEM PAY!

LATER THAT DAY, BACK
IN A ROOM IN THE
TAVERN.

GROGGILY
WHERE AM I...?

WE DON'T HAVE
TIME, TZAIN. WE MUST
GET OUT BEFORE MY FATHER
BRINGS
REINFORCEMENTS!

ZÉLIE!
YOU'RE AWAKE!



WINCING HOW...
HOW BAD ARE THE
WOUNDS?



THEY'RE...NOT
THAT BAD. KHANI SAID
THEY SHOULD HEAL WITH TIME,
BUT... THEY MIGHT LEAVE
A SCAR.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE THEY
CUT MAGGOT
ONTO HER BACK. I
AM GOING TO **KILL**
THOSE
BAST**DS.



KENYON WALKS IN THE ROOM.

WE HAVE NO TIME. THE
SOLSTICE IS JUST ONE DAY AWAY,
AND WE STILL NEED TO GET TO JIMETA.
I KNOW A MERCHANT CLAN THERE WHO
HAS A SHIP WE CAN USE TO GET TO
THE HOLY TEMPLE.



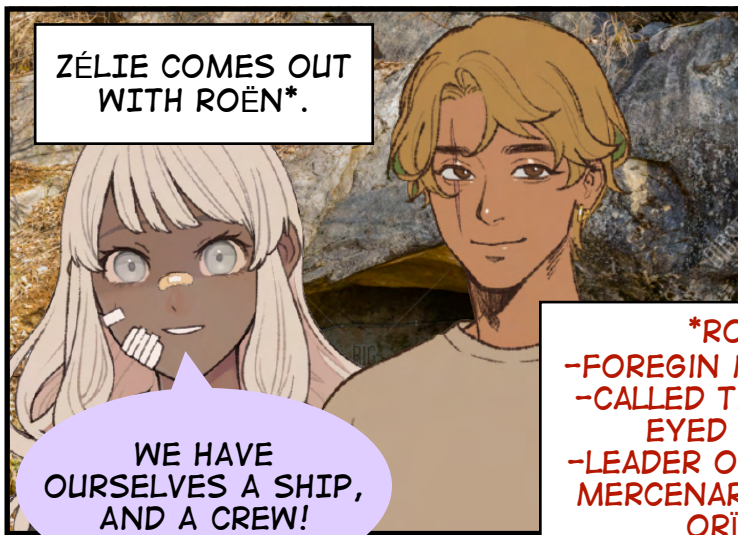
LET'S GO,
THEN.



IN JIMETA*.

***JIMETA:**
A SEASIDE CITY FILLED WITH MERCENARIES
AND CRIMINALS

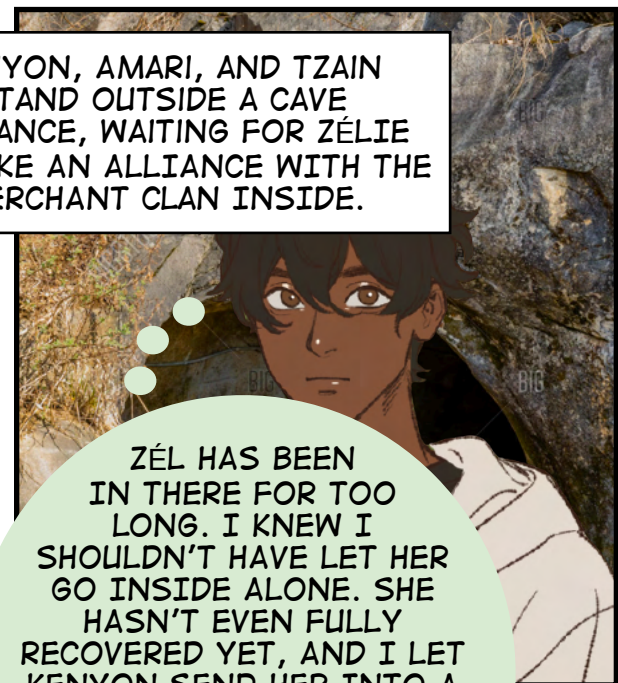
KENYON, AMARI, AND TZAIN
STAND OUTSIDE A CAVE
ENTRANCE, WAITING FOR ZÉLIE
TO MAKE AN ALLIANCE WITH THE
MERCHANT CLAN INSIDE.



ZÉLIE COMES OUT
WITH ROËN*.

WE HAVE
OURSELVES A SHIP,
AND A CREW!

***ROËN:**
-FOREIGN MERCENARY
-CALLED THE SILVER-
EYED FOXER
-LEADER OF THE BEST
MERCENARY CREW IN
ORİSHA



ZÉL HAS BEEN
IN THERE FOR TOO
LONG. I KNEW I
SHOULDN'T HAVE LET HER
GO INSIDE ALONE. SHE
HASN'T EVEN FULLY
RECOVERED YET, AND I LET
KENYON SEND HER INTO A
CAVE FULL OF CRIMINALS?
WHAT WAS I THINKING? ZÉL
COULD BE GETTING
TORTURED RIGHT NOW!
OR SHE COULD
ALREADY BE
DEAD!

THE NEXT DAY, THEY ARRIVE AT THE HOLY TEMPLE, ONLY TO BE AMBUSHED BY THE KING SARAN* AND HIS MEN.

AH, ZÉLIE.
NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

*KING SARAN
-KING OF ORISHA
-INCITED THE RAID
-FATHER OF AMARI
OLÚBORI AND INAN
OLÚBORI

HE MUST BE
THE ONE WHO
TORTURED ZÉLIE
AND CUT MAGGOT
ONTO HER BACK.
HE'S DEAD.

BABA* WALKS FORWARD, CHAINED.

*BABA
FATHER OF ZÉLIE
ADEBOLA AND
TZAIN ADEBOLA

WHAT
IS BABA DOING HERE?!
WHERE IS MAMA AGBA? SHE
SAID SHE'D TAKE CARE
OF HIM!

I WILL LET
HIM GO IF YOU DROP
ALL YOUR SACRED
ARTIFACTS, MAGGOT
GIRL.

ZÉLIE IGNORES
KENYON AND DROPS
THE SACRED SCROLL,
THE BONE DAGGER,
AND THE SUNSTONE
ON THE GROUND.

ZÉLIE, NO! WE
HAVE SACRIFICED TOO
MUCH TO JUST THROW IT
ALL AWAY NOW!

KING SARAN
KILLS BABA.

**NO!!
BABA!!!**

BABA!!!

AMARI
STABS KING
SARAN.

ZÉLIE IS ABLE TO
COMPLETE THE
RITUAL USING
BABA'S BLOOD. SHE
CALLS FORTH HER
MAJI ANCESTORS,
AND TOGETHER, THEY
RE-TETHER THE BOND
BETWEEN SKY
MOTHER AND MAJI.

ZÉLIE FAINTS FROM
EXHAUSTION AFTER.

BACK ON THE BOAT, WAITING FOR ZÉLIE TO RECOVER.

...AMARI?
YOUR HAIR!
IT'S...IT'S
WHITE!

I...I THINK I
HAVE MAGIC...?