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COLONIAL NIGERIA

THEY SAY IT IS
PASSED FROM MOTHER
TO DAUGHTER

THAT IT CAN BE HIDDEN,
SOMETIMES DISGUISED AS AN
ANIMAL. A BIRD, A CAT...



EVEN A TREE

THEY SAY IT IS POWER,
AND IT CAN BE USED FOR
GOOD OR FOR EVIL.



BUT I HAVE A WORD FOR
IT, AND I HAVE SEEN IT ALL
OVER THE WORLD.

RMY BROTHERS
AND I HAVE TRACED IT,
DISGUISED AS MISSIONARIES,
TO THE FURTHEST REACHES OF
THE BRITISH EMPIRE.



JCALL IT WITCHCRAFT,
AND THE WOMEN WHO
PRACTICE IT ARE VERMIN

HHAGGARD, REPULSIVE
OLD CRONES, DESERVING
OF NOTHING BUT...

A...MY BLADE

YOOHOO,
MR HUNTER-
KNIGHT!

WHAT?!
SUCH FLUENT
ENGLISH! HOW...?



YOU CAN LEAVE THEM ALONE.
THOSE OLD WOMEN
JUST *THINK* THEY HAVE POWER.
I USUALLY SPEAK THROUGH THEM BUT
YOU SEEM LIKE A REASONABLE
FELLOW.

MY NAME'S BUNMI
BY THE WAY. SHORT FOR
ORISHABUNMI.
AND YOU ARE...?

WHO ARE
YOU?!?

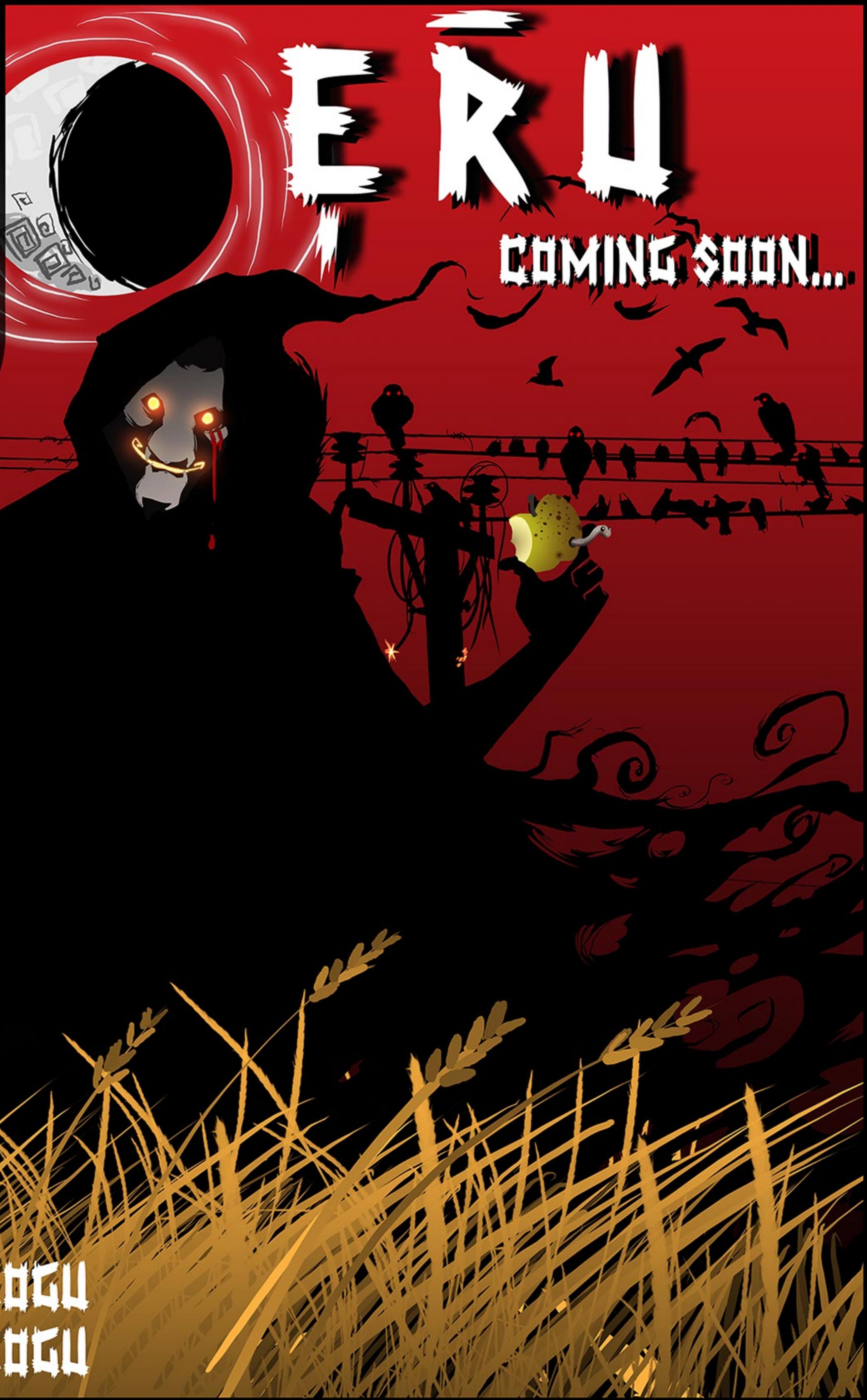
SILENCE, WITCH!
YOU SHALL
TASTE MY BLADE!

I SEE
YOU DO NOT
UNDERSTAND
WHO I AM...

I AM THE
QUEEN OF
WITCHES,
I AM
SOVEREIGN
TO THE GIFTED
WHO ARE...

I AM THE
ESSENCE OF
MAGIC
NEVER A
WITCH, EVER
A QUEEN."

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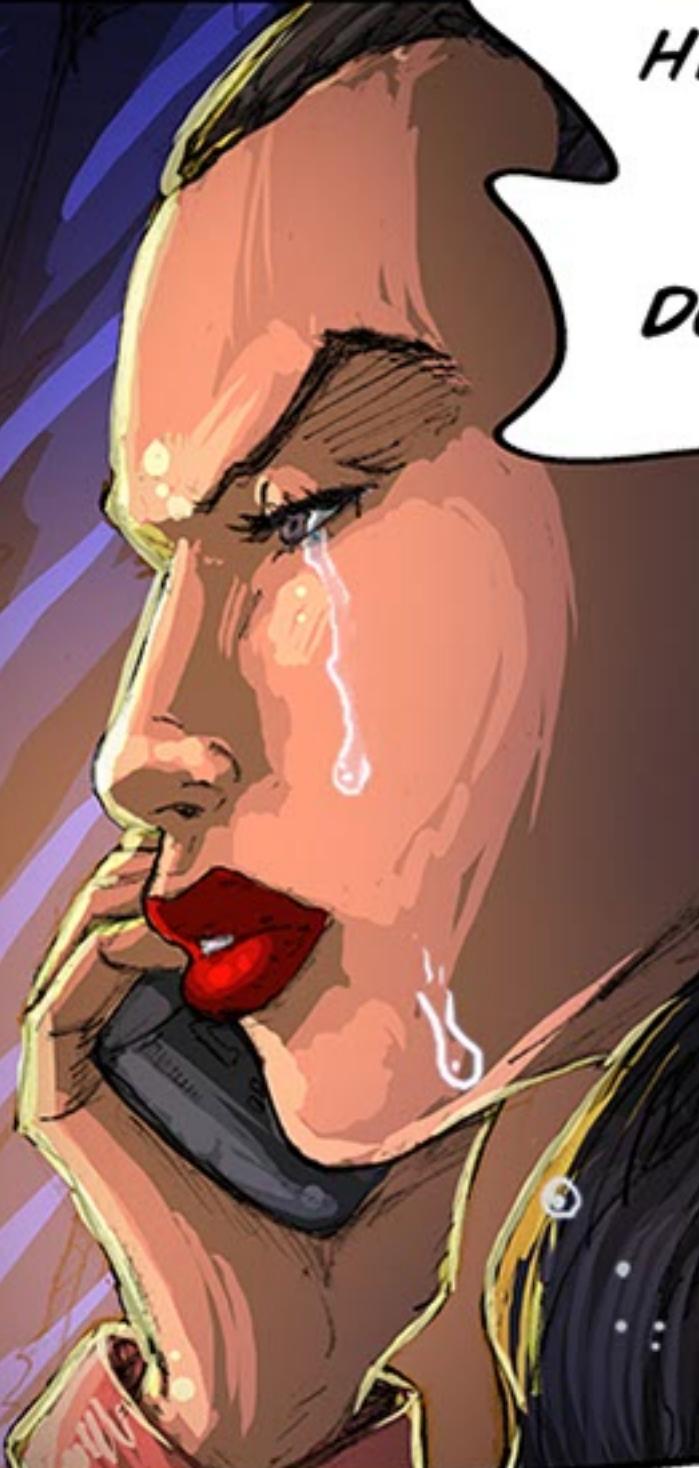
MODERN NIGERIA-
VICTORIA GARDEN CITY

HER NAME'S TENI FALONI.
SHE'S A STUDENT AT UNILAG,
BUT STAYS WITH HER PARENTS
FOR THE WEEKENDS.

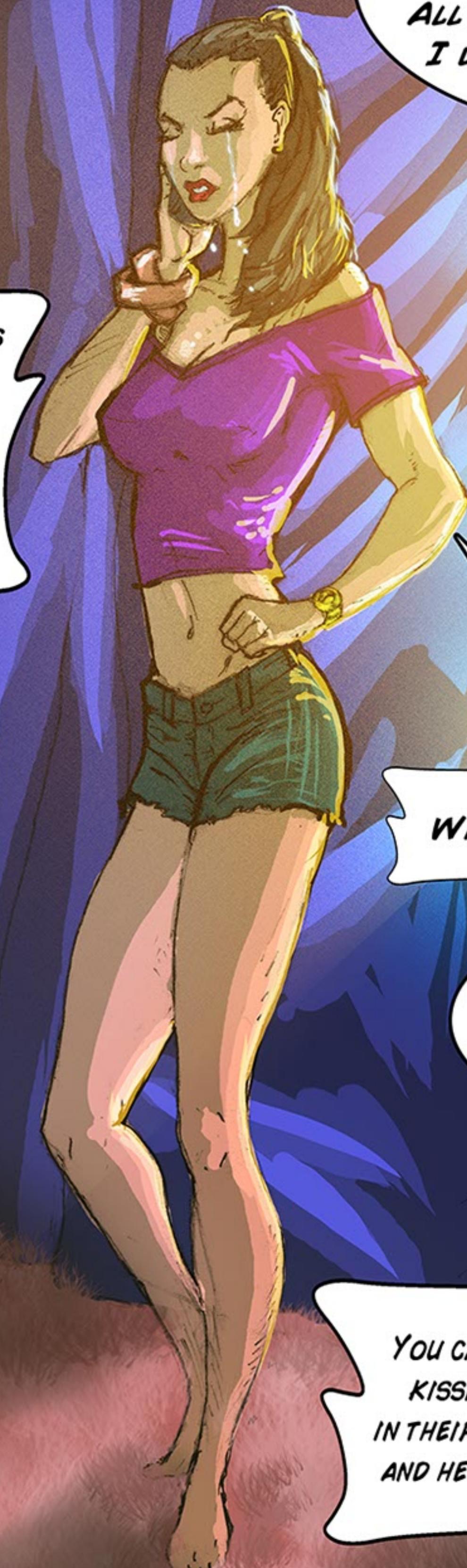
TENI, ARE YOU
SERIOUS!
YOU CAUGHT HIM
WITH WHO?
LARA? ISN'T SHE
YOUR FRIEND?!

HOWEVER AFTER WHAT SHE DISCOVERED
THIS FRIDAY, SHE WOULD PROBABLY
PREFER TO GET A ROOM ON
THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS INSTEAD.....

NOT ANY MORE.
CAN YOU IMAGINE THE IDIOT?
AND SHE HAD THE
NERVE TO LAUGH
IN MY FACE!



HEYYY CALM DOWN GIRL. YOU DON'T
NEED TO TAKE IT SO HARD.
EDEM IS A DOG, LIKE ALL MEN.
DON'T GET TOO EMOTIONAL ABOUT IT



DON'T GET EMOTIONAL?
WHAT AM I, A WITCH?
HE WAS MY BOYFRIEND!
ALL THIS TIME- JUST BECAUSE
I DON'T STAY ON CAMPUS....

LOOK, CAMPUS OR NO CAMPUS
THE TWO OF THEM DID WHAT
THEY DID BEHIND YOUR
BACK ANYWAY.
YOU SHOULD BE GLAD
TO BE RID OF THEM!

ME, RID OF THEM?
EDEM HAD THE
NERVE TO
DUMP ME!

WHAT?!

YES, HE DUMPED ME
WITH A TEXT MESSAGE!
CAN YOU BELIEVE IT!



YOU CAUGHT YOUR BOYFRIEND
KISSING YOUR BEST FRIEND
IN THEIR UNDERWEAR IN HIS B.Q.,
AND HE DECIDED TO DUMP YOU?!

BUMP!



WHAT'S THAT
SOUND?

LOOK, FORGET WHAT I SAID
ABOUT NOT BEING EMOTIONAL.
IF YOU WERE ABLE TO KEEP CALM
I WOULD REALLY CALL YOU...

WHERE DID
THAT SOUND
COME FROM?

"... A WITCH"

THE
CUPBOARD!

YOU! !!

WHAT ARE YOU
LISTENING TO
IN THERE!

WHUUUHOOO
-OOOO !!!!!!!

HELLO? TENI?

Ada Horgechi
Call ended

COME
HERE!

HA HAAAAA!
HE DUMPED YOU!
WHOOHOO!

MRS FIONA FALONI.
TENI'S MOTHER

JIMMY! WILL
YOU BEHAVE
YOURSELF?

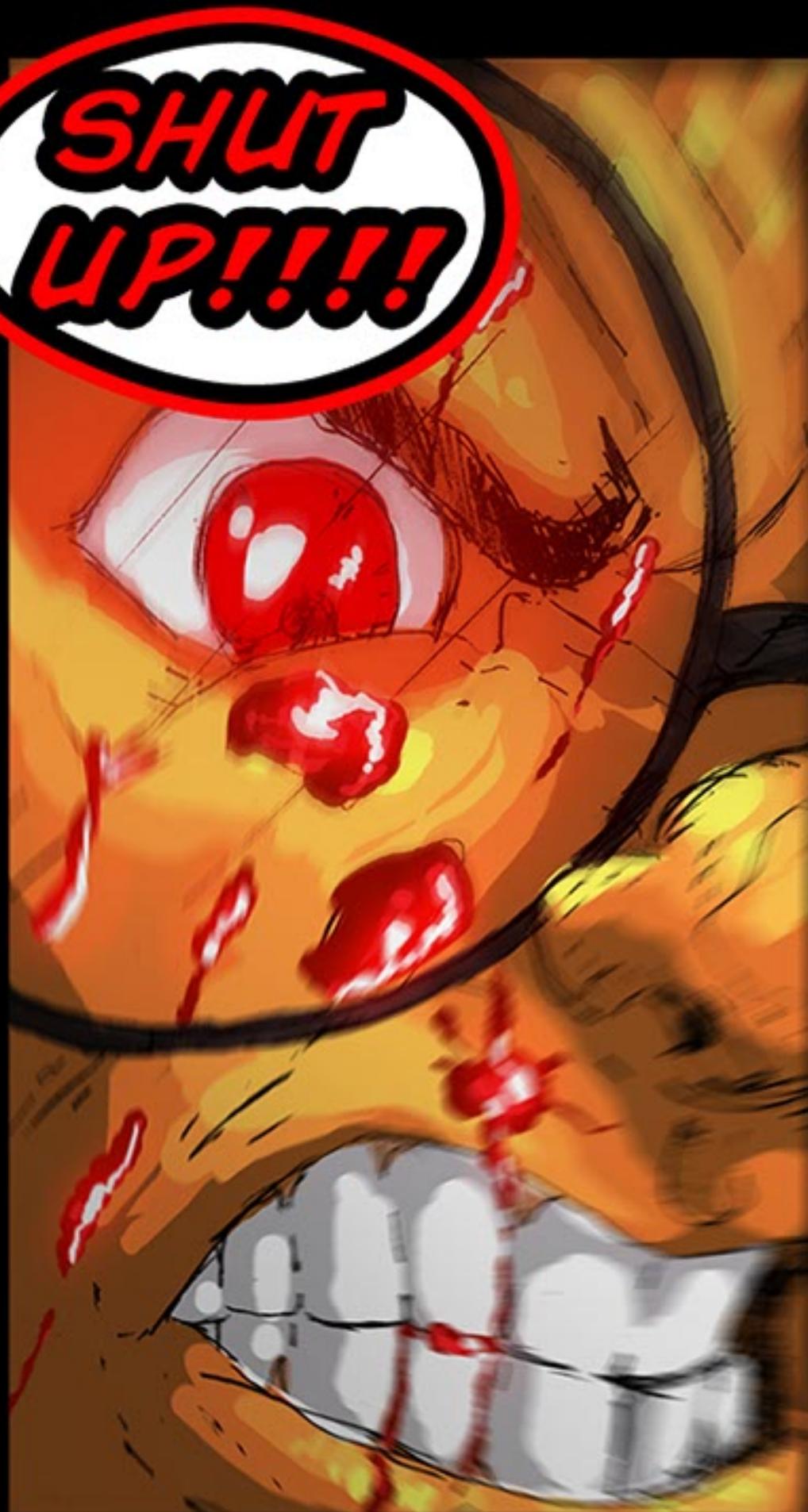
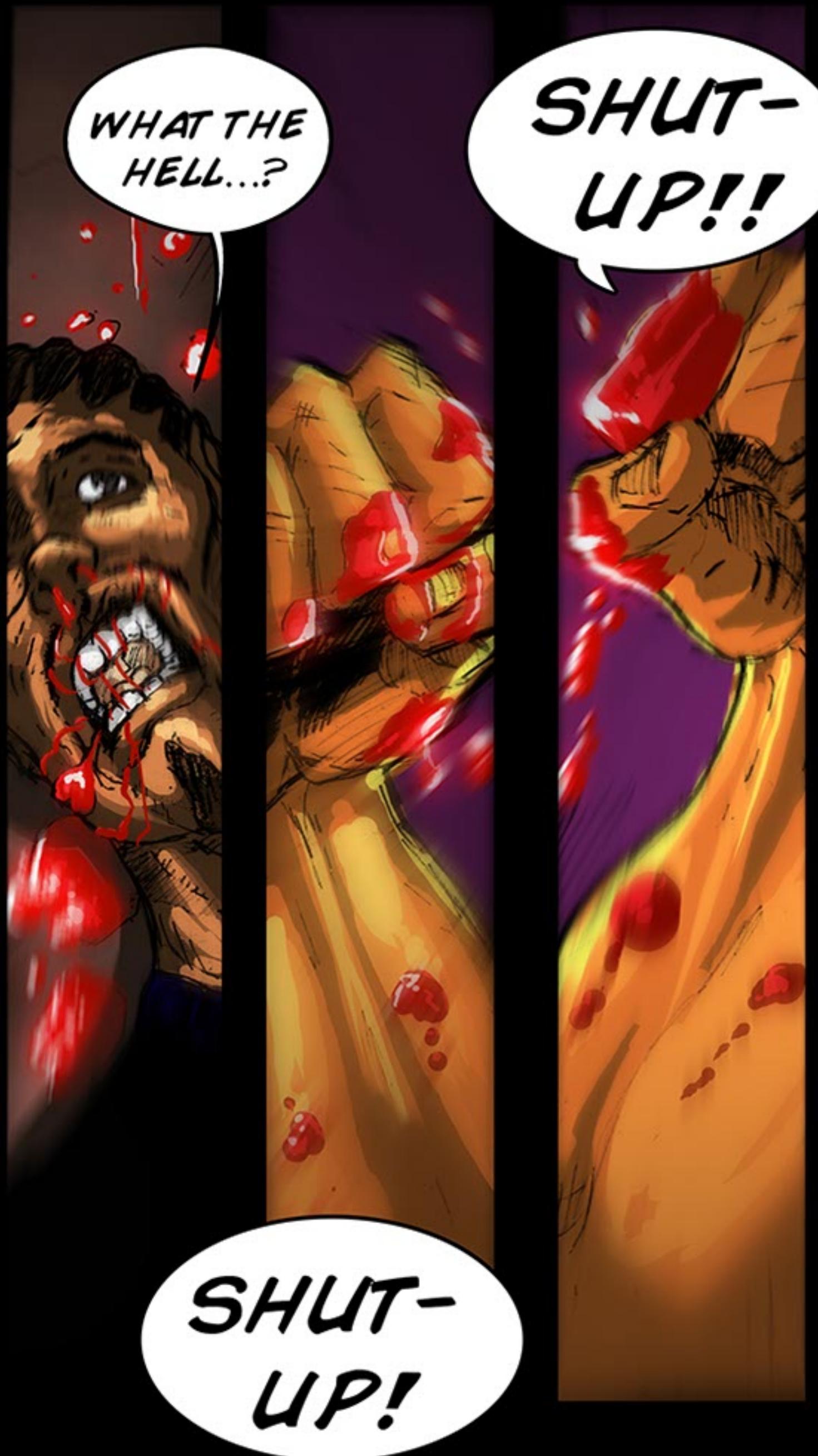
DING
DONG!

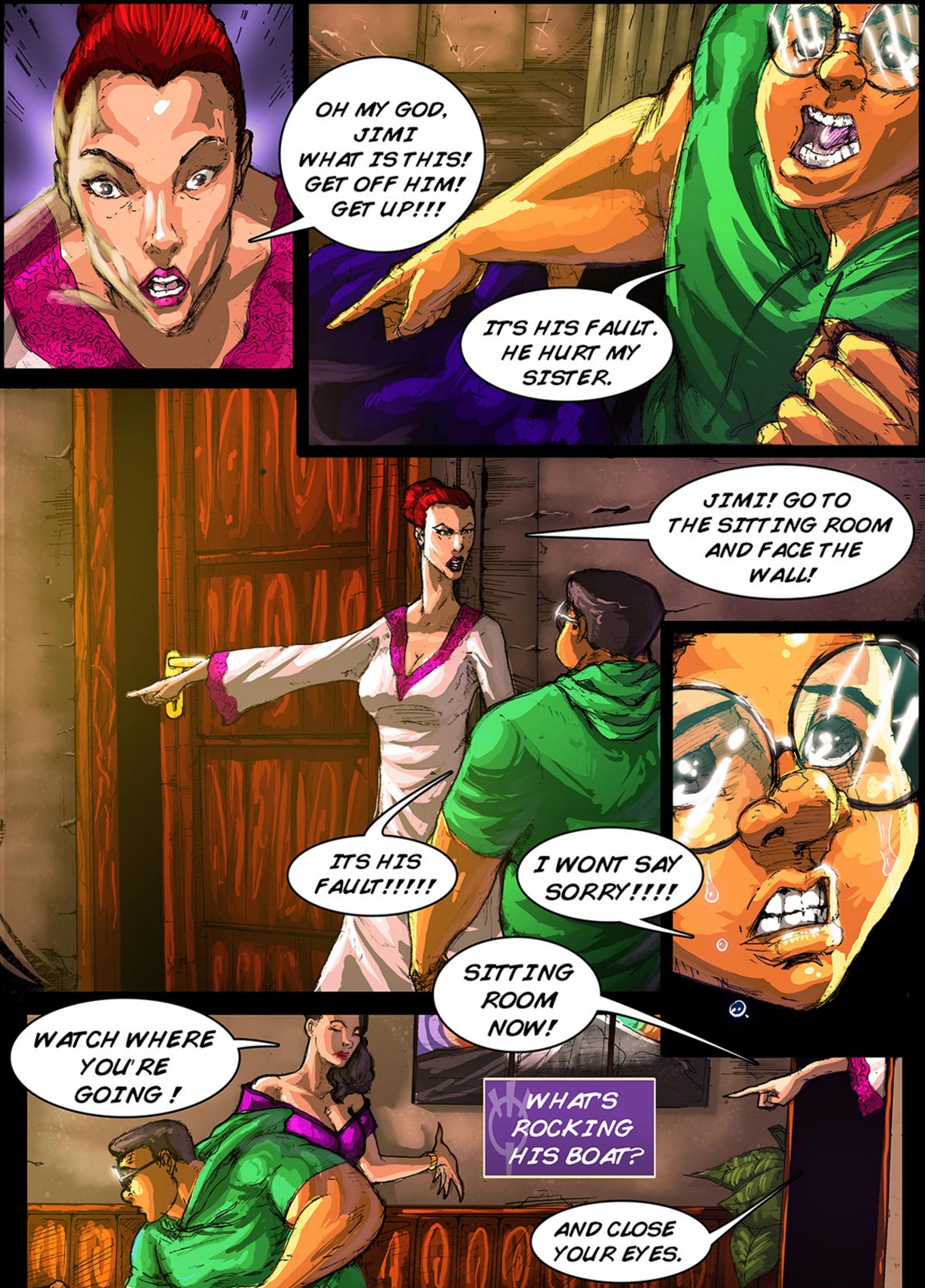












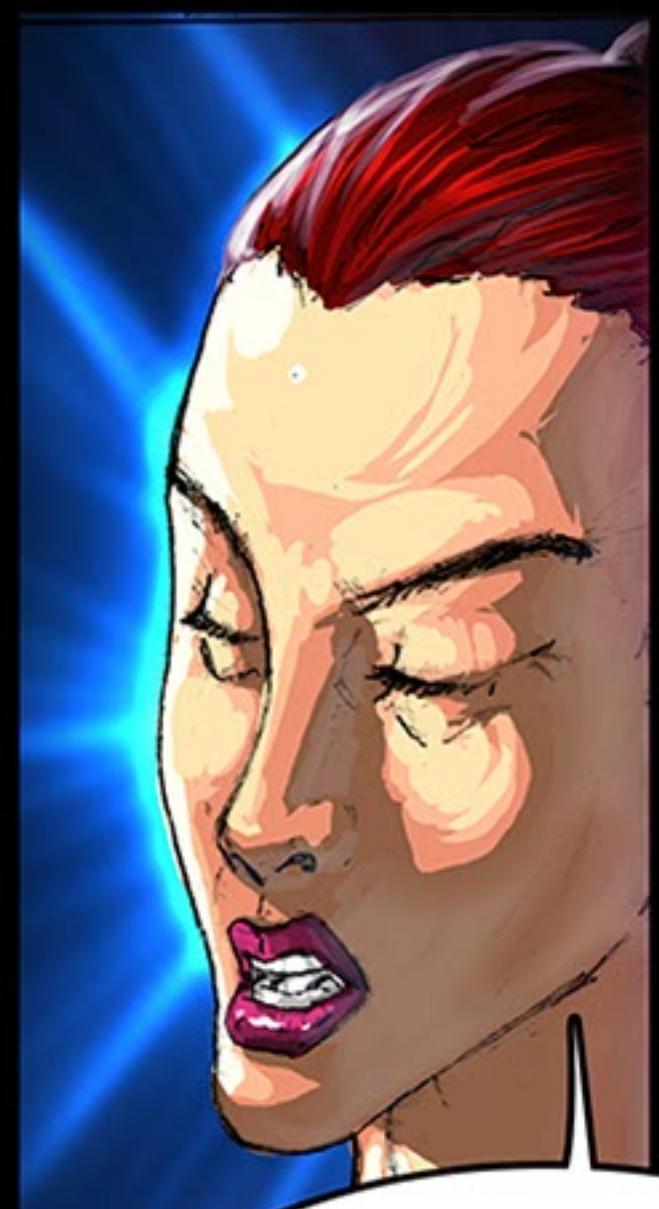
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ALRIGHT?

UGH!!

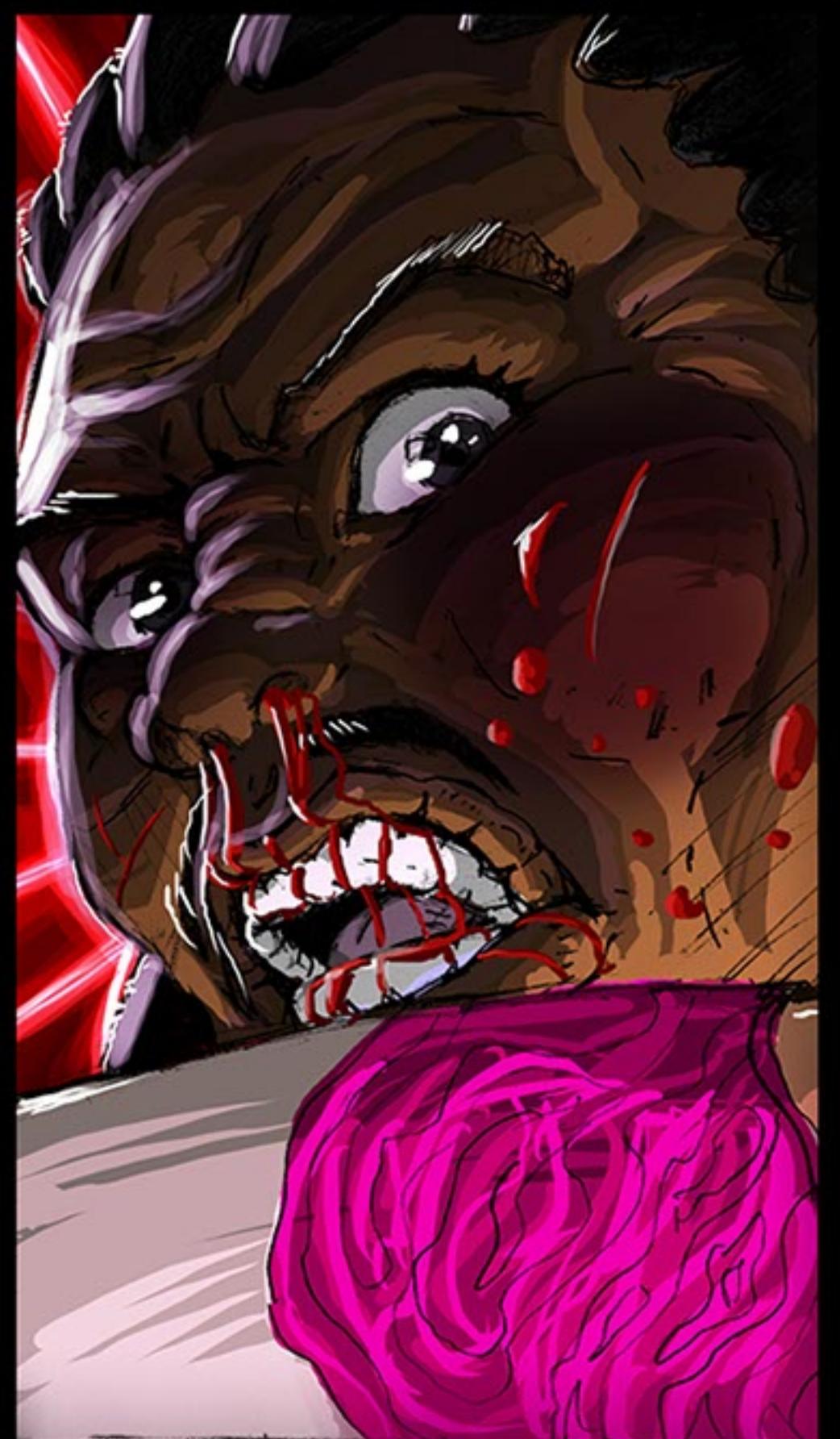
YOU WILL
BE ALRIGHT.
RELAX.

NO, HE
WON'T.

*KONI DARA
FUN ONI
YI AYE



TENI!!! YOU'VE
NEVER SPOKEN
YORUBA BEFORE!



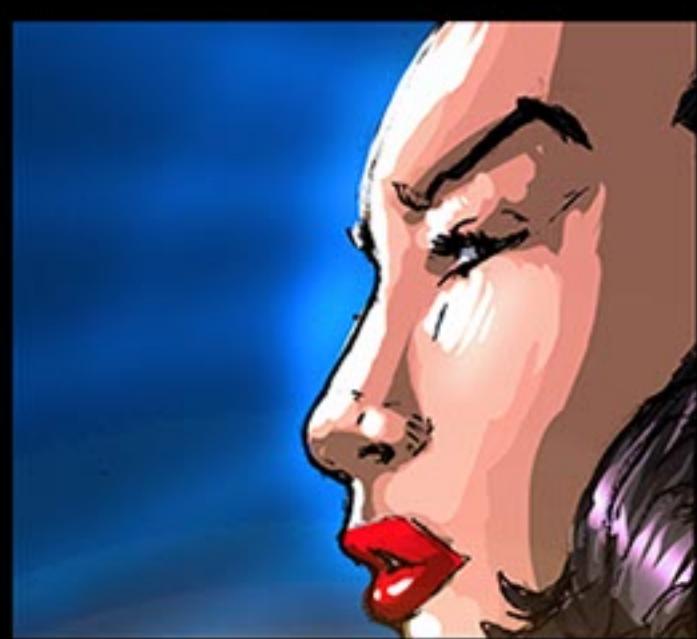


STOP BEING CHILDISH!
CAN YOU GO TO THE SITTING
ROOM AND PLEASE ASK YOUR
FATHER TO PUNISH JIMI?
LOOK WHAT HE DID
TO THE POOR BOY.





TENI. DON'T BE TOO
ANGRY WITH YOUR
BOYFRIEND, OK?



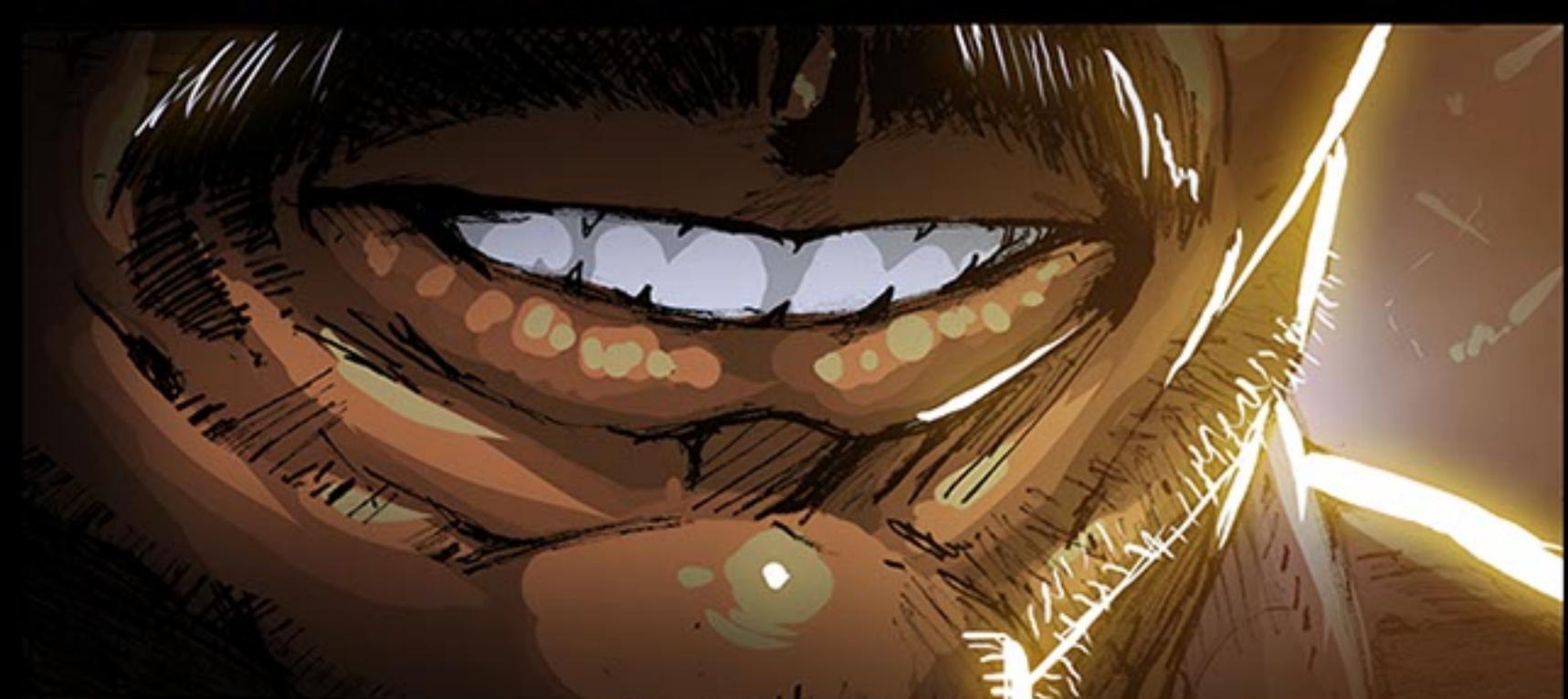
EX-BOYFRIEND



OK. RUN ALONG NOW.



GOOD BOY.



FIN!
SEE YOU IN
A BIT!

WITCH ~ HUNT



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AJE. PRONOUNCED "AH" "JEH".
A WORD WITH ORIGINS SHROUDED IN THE
DEPTHES THAT ARE "WHAT WAS,
IN AFRICA, BEFORE THE SHIPS ARRIVED"
BUNMI WASN'T JOKING WHEN SHE SAID
"NEVER A WITCH"
SO IF NOT WITCHCRAFT, WHAT THEN IS "AJE?"
WELL ONE THING IT IS- IS A GRAND JOURNEY
THAT BEGAN NOT WITH THE SINGLE ISSUE
YOU SEE BEFORE YOU, BUT YEARS BEFORE-
ONE THAT HAS QUITE
AWAY TO GO BEFORE IT CONCLUDES,
AND HAS MUCH TO SHOW US ALL ON THE WAY THERE.
I HOPE WE CAN TAKE THIS TRIP TOGETHER.
COME WITH ME, INTO TENI'S WORLD-
WHERE A YOUNG HEROINE
WILL HUNT FOR THE STRENGTH TO
SAVE THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

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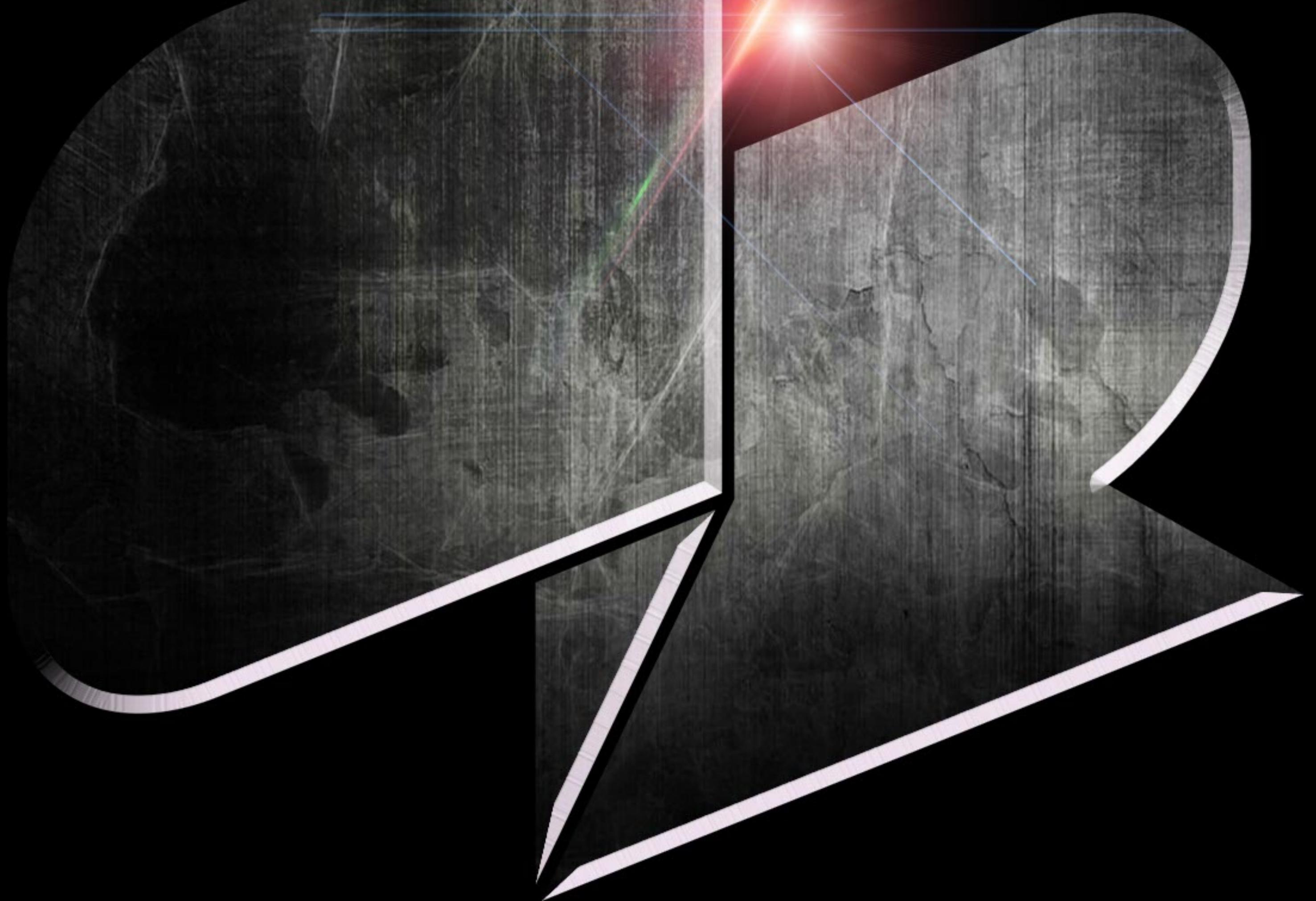
AFTERWORD BY 'WALE AWELENJE,
SOMETIME IN MAY.'



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BURSTING OUT SOON!!

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