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THE STAFF OF ODUMARE

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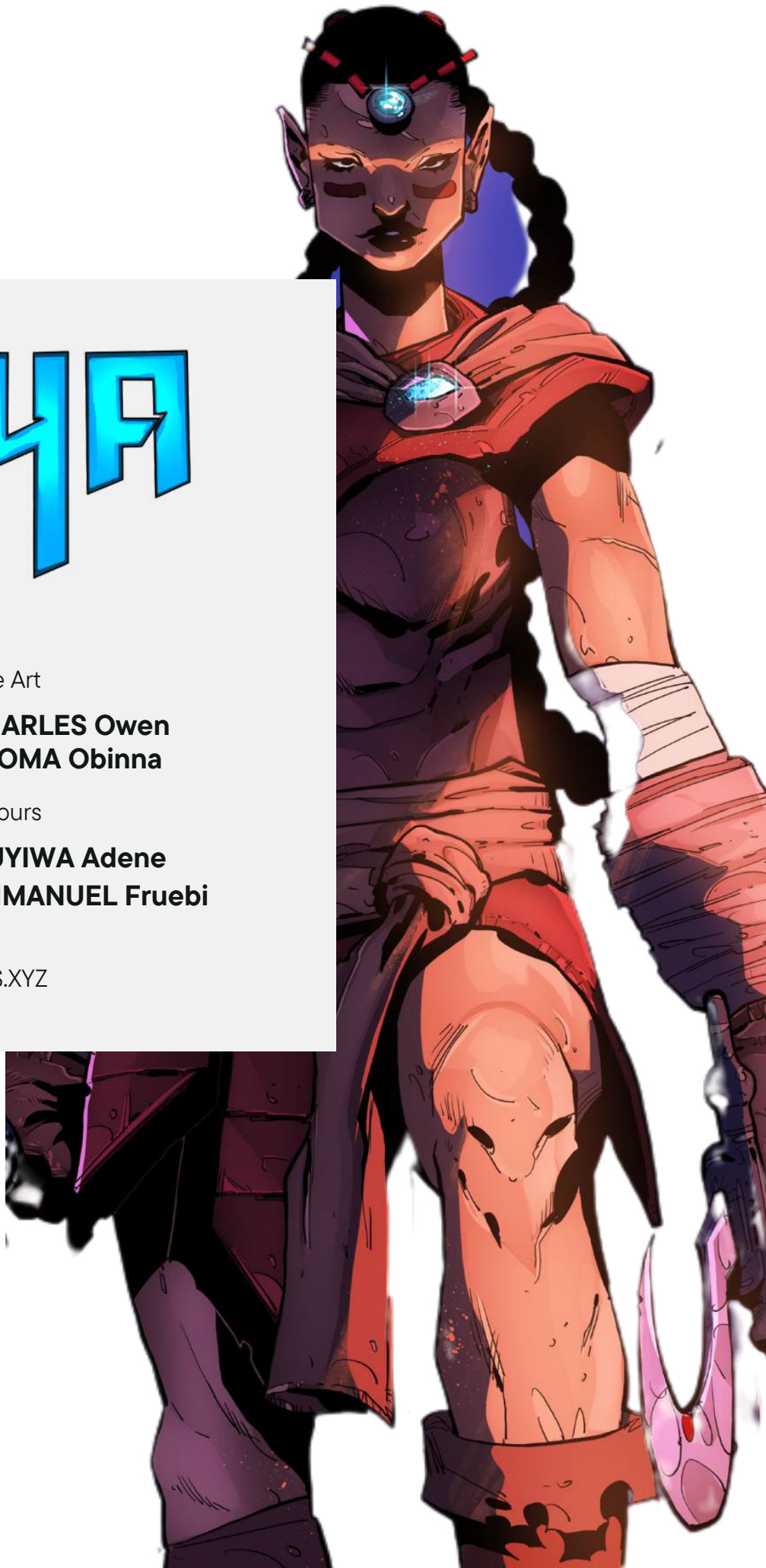
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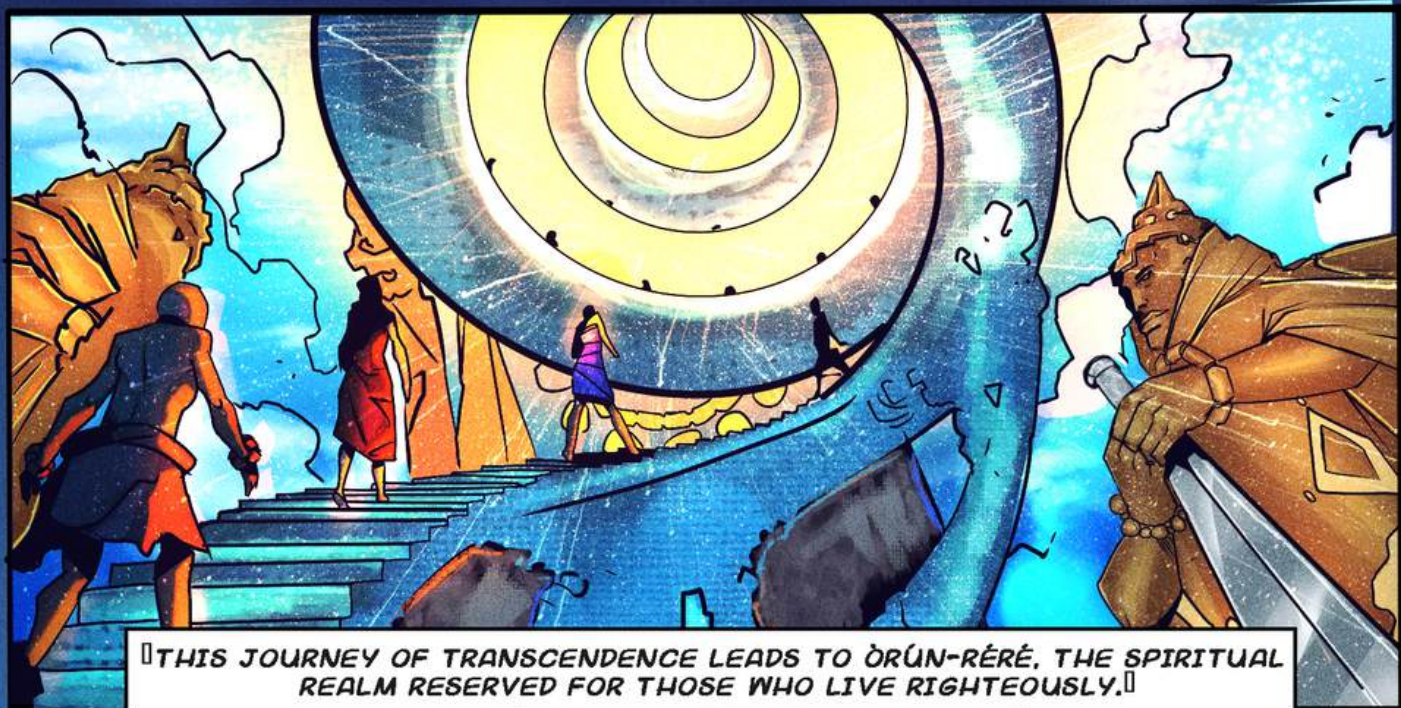
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¶IN THE YORUBA BELIEF SYSTEM, DESTINY,
KNOWN AS ÀYÀNMÓ, BINDS EVERY HUMAN BEING.¶



¶EACH SOUL SEEKS TO BECOME ONE WITH ODÙMARÈ,
THE DIVINE CREATOR AND SOURCE OF ALL ENERGY.¶



¶THIS JOURNEY OF TRANSCENDENCE LEADS TO ÒRÚN-RÈRÈ, THE SPIRITUAL
REALM RESERVED FOR THOSE WHO LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY.¶



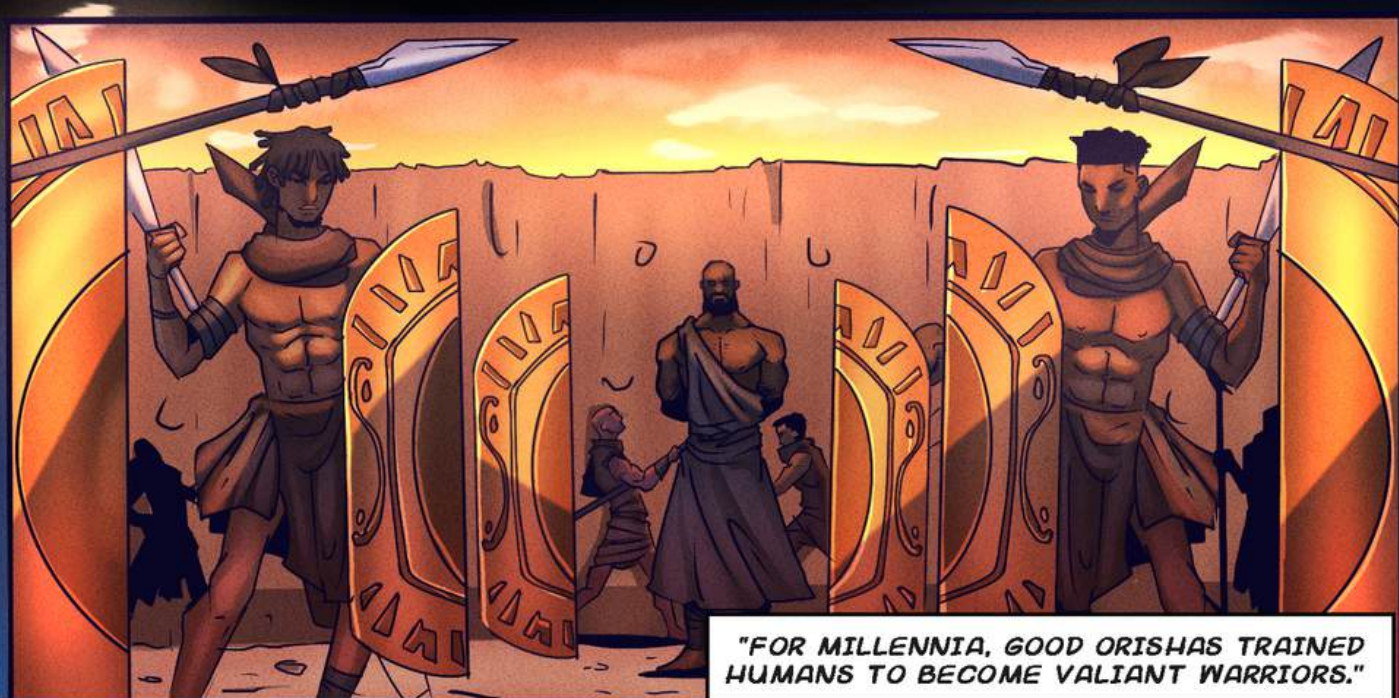
¶WITHIN EACH PERSON RESIDES ORÍ-INU,
THE SPIRITUAL CONSCIOUSNESS THAT STRIVES
TO UNITE WITH ITS COUNTERPART, IPÒNRI.¶

"IN ÒRÚN-RÉRÉ, ÈXÙ SERVED AS THE
CHIEF MESSENGER FOR ODÙMARÈ."

BALANCE
REQUIRES
JUSTICE...
AND MISCHIEF

"ÈXÙ YEARNED FOR ULTIMATE POWER,
MIMICKING ODÙMARÈ'S DOMINION OVER
THE SPIRITUAL REALMS."

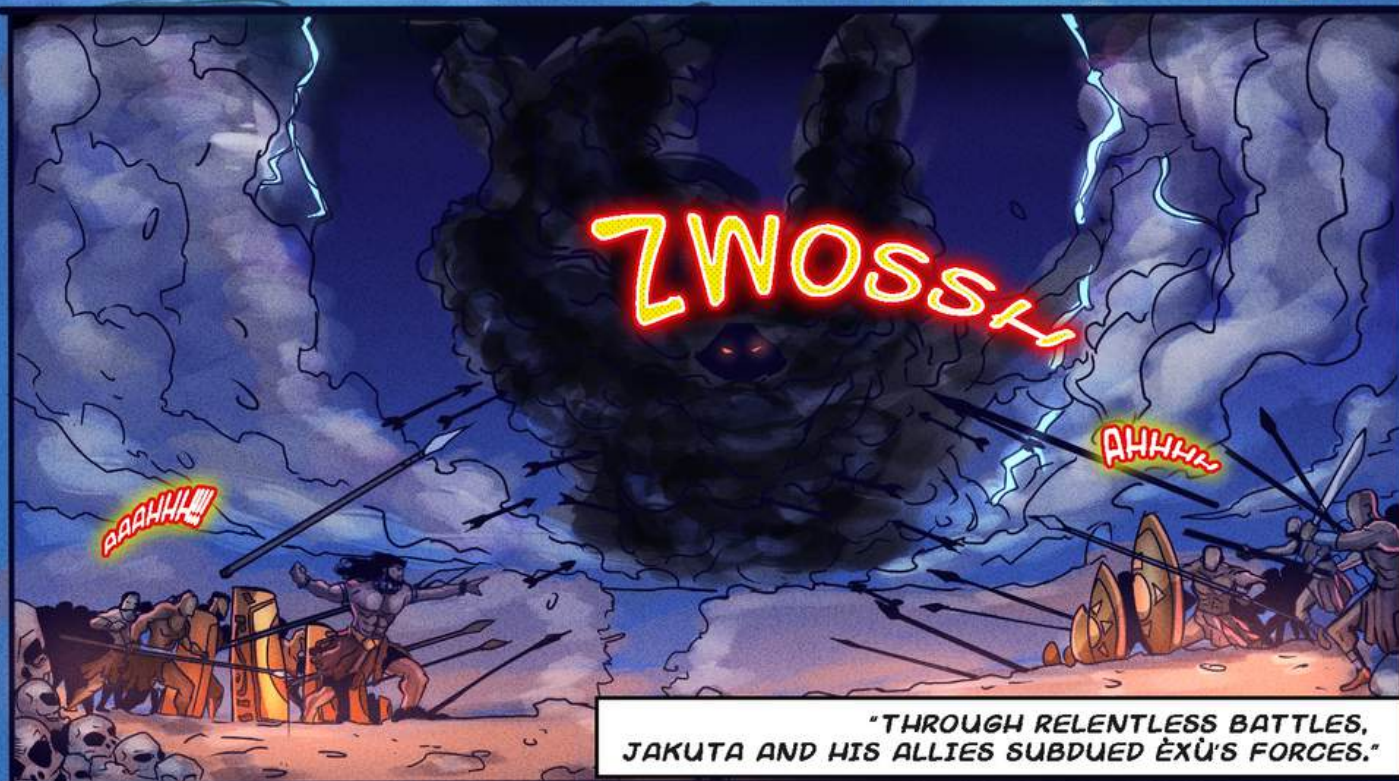
"ODÙMARÈ'S DIVINE COUNCIL DISPATCHED ELITE ORISHAS
TO RETRIEVE THE STOLEN SCEPTER."



"FOR MILLENNIA, GOOD ORISHAS TRAINED HUMANS TO BECOME VALIANT WARRIORS."



"DRIVEN BY A THIRST FOR VENGEANCE, JAKUTA ASCENDED TO THE THRONE, LEADING THE CHARGE FOR GOOD."



"THROUGH RELENTLESS BATTLES, JAKUTA AND HIS ALLIES SUBDUED ÈXÙ'S FORCES."



"CAPTURED AND DEFEATED, ÈXÙ
WAS BANISHED TO APADI,
THE UNDERWORLD."



"FOR MANY YEARS,
PEACE REIGNED IN AYE."



"BUT BENEATH THE SURFACE,
A FLICKER OF DARKNESS REMAINED..."