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Issue Two: Gogo's Cheer Tryouts!

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Gogo's Tryout Playlist : "Gogo's Songs to Dance To"

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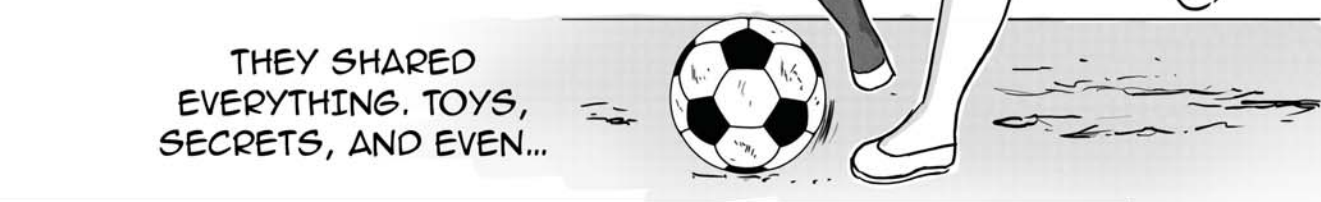
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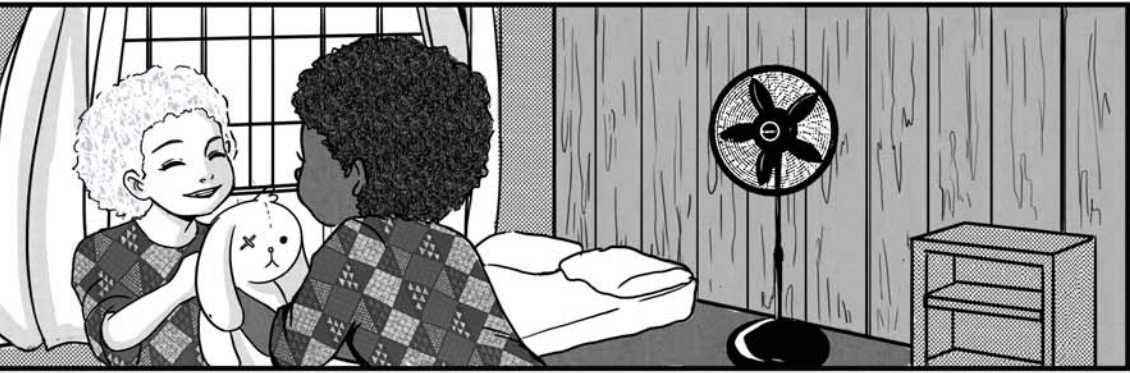
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GROWING UP
GOGO AND
KELECHI WERE
INSEPARABLE.



THEY SHARED
EVERYTHING. TOYS,
SECRETS, AND EVEN...



...
TRAGEDY.



YOU THINK
WE'LL
EVER GET
ADOPTED
'LECHI?.



NO. YOU
HEARD THEM.
NO ONE
WANTS A
WITCH-CHILD.



HEY 'LECHI,
DOES THIS
OUTFIT
GIVE OFF
FUTURE
CHEERLEADER
VIBES?

I DON'T
GET IT GOGO.
WHAT'S SO
GREAT ABOUT
BEING A
CHEERLEADER?
JOIN MY GOTH
CLUB AND I'LL
MAKE YOU
VP.



SO-
YOU
DON'T
THINK
I'LL MAKE
IT, DO YOU?

TURN



OF COURSE I
DO. YOU'VE
GOT MORE
SPIRIT IN YOUR
PINKY TOE THAN
THIS WHOLE
CAMPUS
COMBINED.



YOU
REALLY
THINK
SO?!



I
KNOW
SO.



smiles



THANKS FOR LETTING ME SLEEP HERE AGAIN, BY THE WAY. HOPEFULLY ADAEZE WAS OK ALONE LAST NIGHT. I WORRY FOR HER SOMETIMES, Y'KNOW?

I'M SURE SHE'S FINE. SHE SEEMED LIKE SHE JUST NEEDED SOME TIME TO HERSELF.



SO WHY DID WE SMEAR AVOCADO ON OUR FACES AGAIN?



IT'S CALLED SELF CARE ADAEZE.

AND THIS IS PART OF MY TRAINING?

THE MOST IMPORTANT PART!

BACK AT GOGO AND ADAEZE'S DORM..



NOT EVERYONE CAN BE LIKE YOU GOGO. JUST LOOK AT ME.

YOU'RE RIGHT. SHE DOES LIKE HER TIME ALONE. I JUST IMAGINED MY FIRST COLLEGE ROOMMATE WOULD BE A LITTLE MORE, YOU KNOW, FUN?



THE SAME 'YOU' WHO WAS DANCING ON THAT TABLE AT EMEKA'S PARTY?

I TOLD YOU WE WERE NEVER TO SPEAK OF THAT AGAIN!



PEACE
UNIVERSITY
CHEER
TRYOUTS.

#11
CHIGOZIE
OKAFOR.
LET'S
SEE WHAT
YOU'VE
GOT.





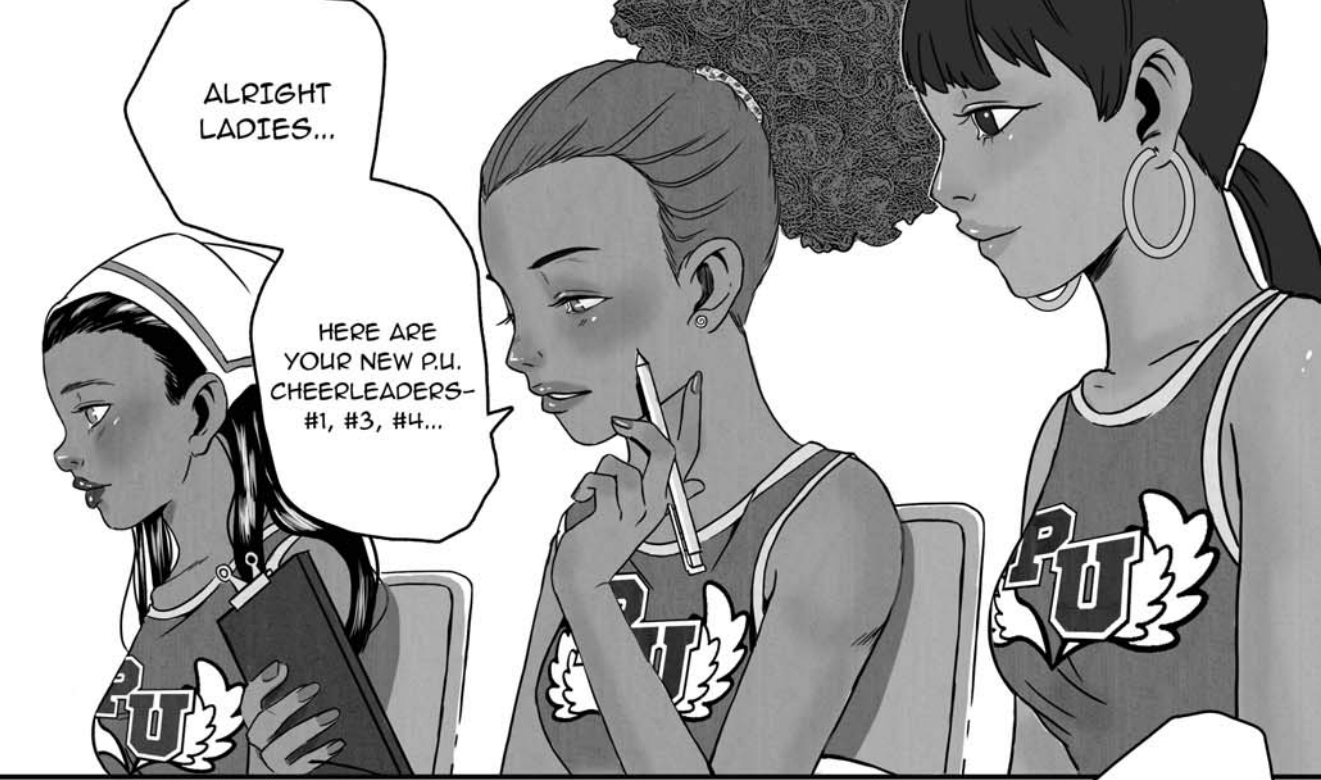
...INTERESTING
. THANK YOU,
PLEASE HAVE
A SEAT.



CHIGOZIE
THAT WAS...



worries



ALRIGHT LADIES...

HERE ARE YOUR NEW P.U. CHEERLEADERS- #1, #3, #4...



#8 AND #12.

EXCITED



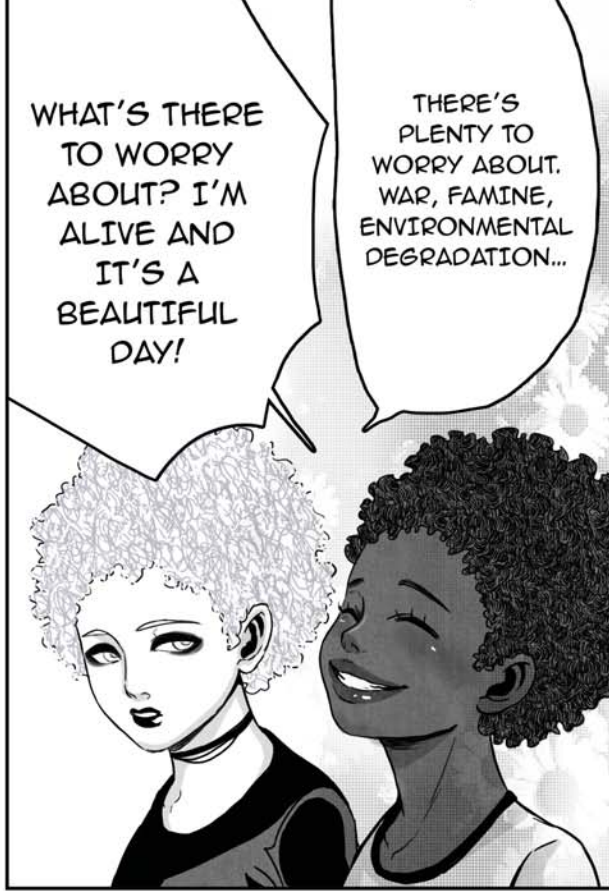
TO EVERYONE ELSE...MAYBE TRY AGAIN NEXT YEAR? BUT PERSONALLY I WOULDN'T BOTHER.

Gloom



HEY, GOGO, IT'S OK.

YOU DID GREAT, DON'T WORRY YOURSELF.



WHAT'S THERE TO WORRY ABOUT? I'M ALIVE AND IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY!

THERE'S PLENTY TO WORRY ABOUT. WAR, FAMINE, ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION...



...BUT I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU SMILING.

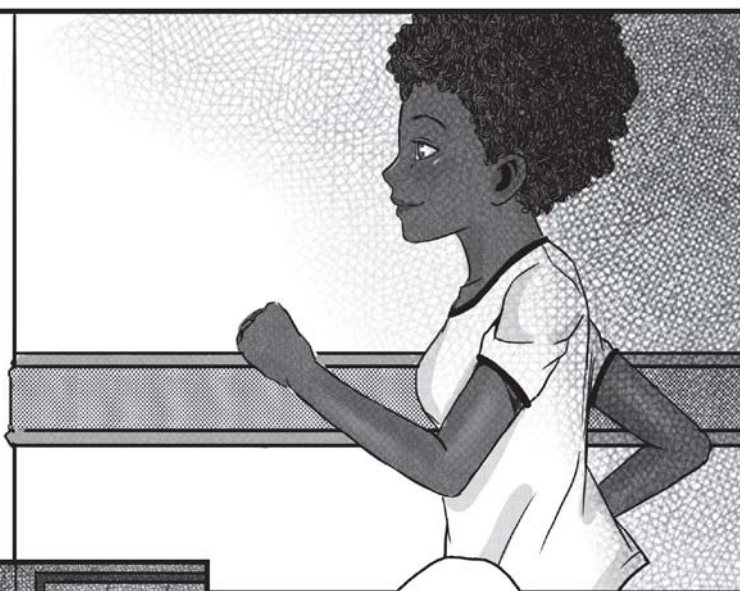
SMILES

AH, I LEFT MY BAG!

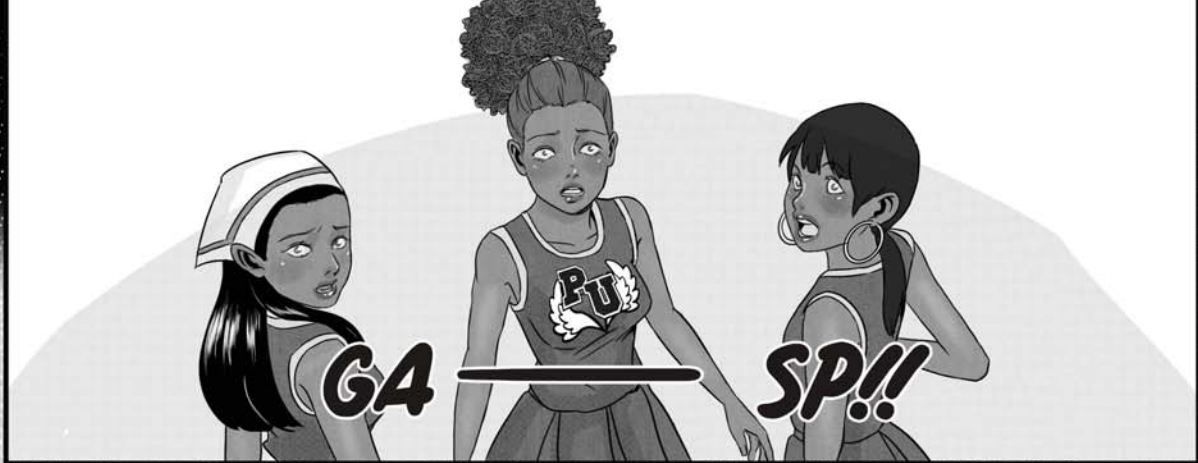


AH!









CHINEKE MEH. WE'RE GOING TO DIE!

WHAT IS THAT THING?

IT LOOKED LIKE A MMANWU, BUT DID YOU SEE IT'S MOUTH?!

SHAKE

SHAKE

SHAKE

SHAKE

PANT WHERE

PANT

PANT

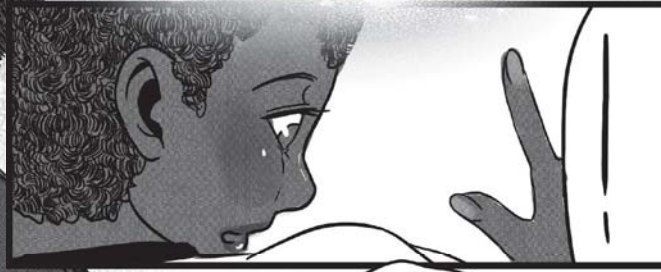
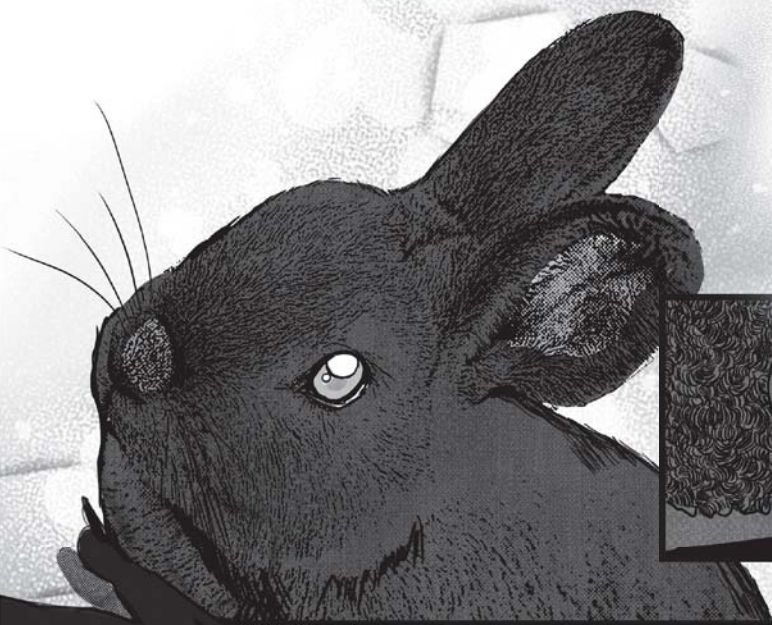


ABEG,
STOP
CRYING
AND
HELP ME
PUSH!

eh?

THEY WON'T
BE OF MUCH
USE TO YOU
CHIGOZIE

I AM ANYANWU- GODDESS
OF THE SUN, ADORNED
BY CHI HERSELF. IF YOU'D
LIKE TO SAVE YOUR FRIENDS,
YOU MUST FIND
YOUR MAGIC- QUICKLY!



MY "MAGIC"? YOU
MUST BE LOOKING
FOR MY SISTER.
SHE'S INTO ALL
THAT STUFF-



I'M SEEKING
THE ONE WHO
RADIATES LIGHT
AND WARMTH.
WHOSE HEART IS
SET ABLAZE WITH
LOVE AND PASSION.

TURN





STAND UP CHIGOZIE. HOLD YOUR HAND UP TO THE HEAVENS, AND RECITE THIS: "CHI, ADORN ME WITH YOUR RADIANT LIGHT!"

OW!

GROWL!!

NO PLEASE!!!

AHH!!

CHI, ADORN ME WITH YOUR RADIANT LIGHT!

SHINES!

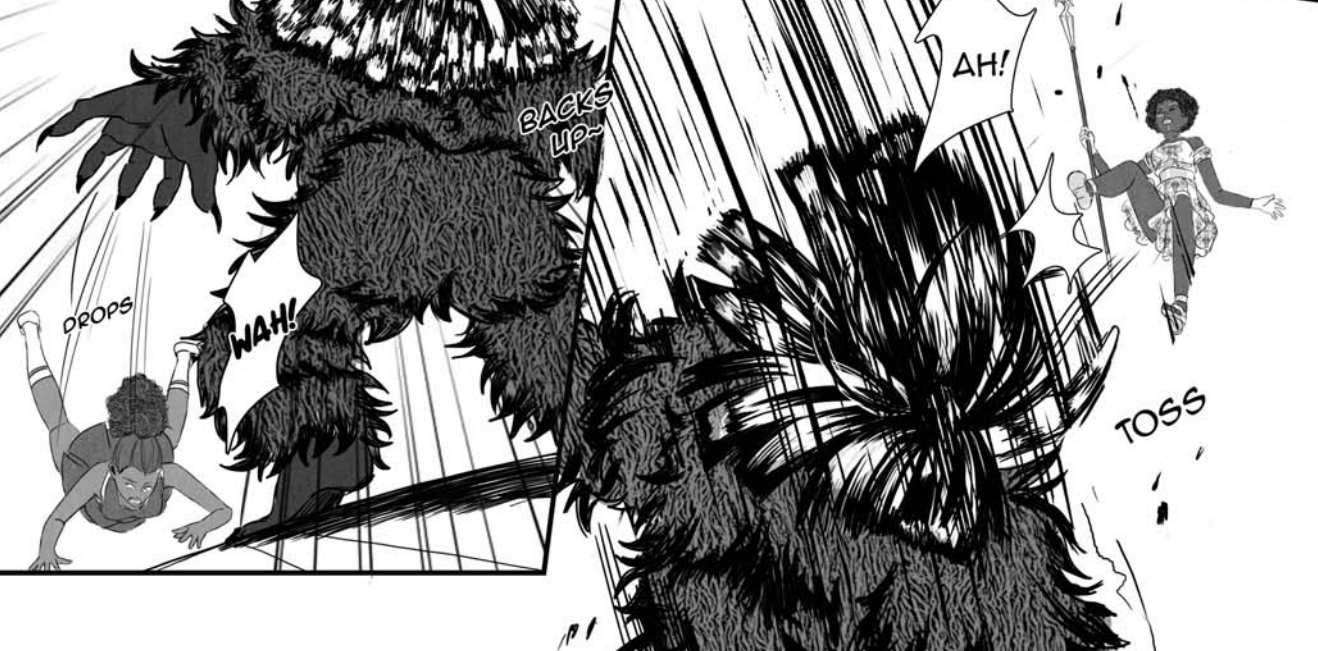
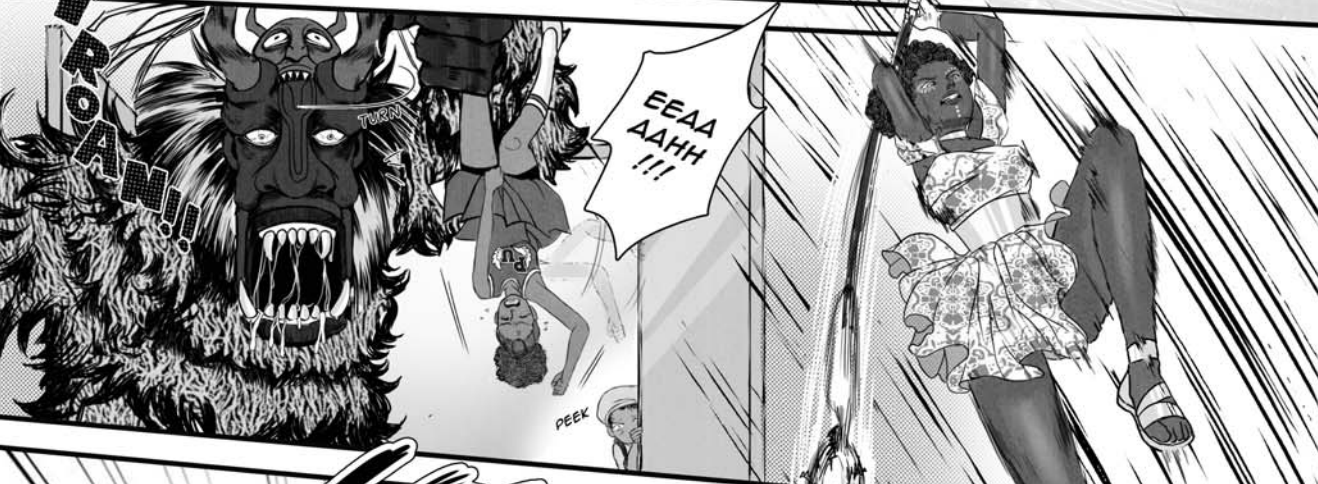




SHIMMER

APPEARS

TRANSFORMED
FULLY



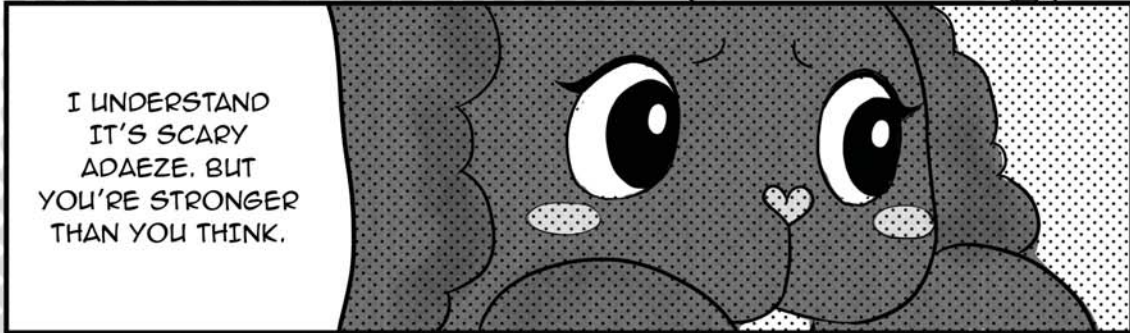
ADAEZE DID YOU SEE THAT? THAT GIRL HAS POWER- LIKE YOU! I KNEW IT WAS A GOOD IDEA TO COME HERE.

LOOK AT HER STAFF. AH! SHE MUST HAVE ANYANWU WITH HER!

FWIP

"THAT GIRL" IS MY ROOMMATE AND SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S IN REAL TROUBLE. WE- WE SHOULD CALL THE POLICE.

FWWIP!!





JUST RAISE YOUR HAND TO THE HEAVENS AND REPEAT AFTER ME. *CHI, ADORN ME WITH-



I WAS LONELY AND RIDICULED BY MY PEERS. I JUST WANTED SOMEWHERE TO BELONG.



HM?



GASP!

HORRIFIED



DOWN



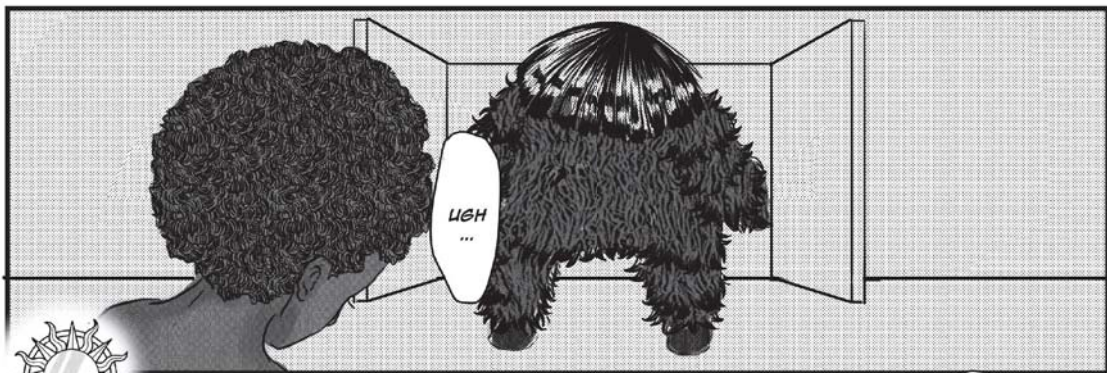
THEY PROMISED ME ACCEPTANCE. THEY UNDERSTOOD ME. THEY SAID ONE DAY I'D GET REVENGE ON THE PEOPLE WHO LAUGHED AT ME.



IT WAS A LIE. NOW LOOK WHAT I'VE BECOME.

ARE YOU- IS YOUR NAME ARTHUR?

HEY MMANWU !!!



UGH ...



YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY THAT EASILY

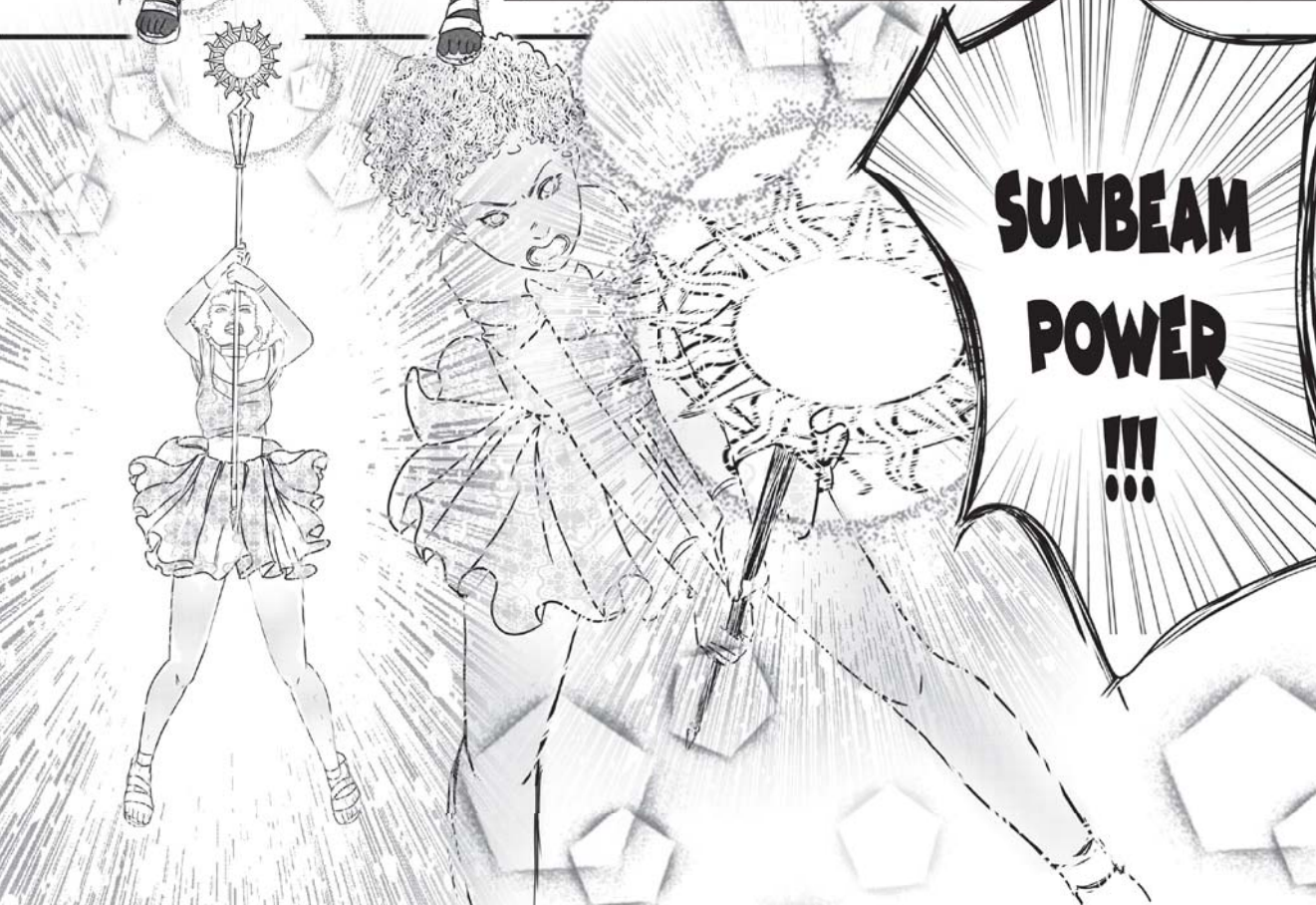
YES, YES! THAT WAS MY NAME. I'M ARTHUR. BROTHER ARTHUR IS WHAT THEY CALLED ME.



ARTHUR, YOU DON'T NEED TO BE CRUEL TO FIT IN.

LONELINESS HURTS, I KNOW. BUT DOESN'T THIS HURT MORE?

ALRIGHT MMANWU, THIS ENDS NOW!!



**SUNBEAM
POWER**

!!!



LATER...

SHE
KILLED
HIM.
RIGHT IN
FRONT
OF ME.

TRUST ME
ADAEZE,
HE WAS
ALREADY
FAR GONE-

YOU EXPECT
ME TO
KILL PEOPLE?
THIS IS WHAT
"SELF CARE" IS
ABOUT? TO-TO
PREPARE ME
FOR THIS?

THAT WASN'T A
PERSON ADAEZE,
NOT ANYMORE. THAT
WAS A MONSTER,
CREATED BY HIM.

BUT
DIDN'T
YOU HEAR
HIM? HE
HAD A
NAME.

LOOKS UP

IT GETS
EASIER
WITH
TIME..



I DON'T WANT HURTING PEOPLE TO EVER GET "EASIER" CHI CHI.

AND POOR GOGO. SHE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT SHE'S DONE! THERE *MUST* BE ANOTHER WAY...



YOU MAY BE RIGHT. BUT I- I JUST DON'T KNOW. I'M SORRY ADAEZE.

WE NEED TO SPEAK WITH ANYANWU. SHE MAY REMEMBER MORE THAN ME.



OK, I SUPPOSE I'LL JUST HAVE TO DO SOMETHING I'VE NEVER DONE BEFORE...



HAVE A REAL CONVERSATION WITH MY ROOMMATE.



HAPPY AURA

SKIP

SKIP

SKIP



YOU LOOK
HAPPIER THAN
USUAL. WHICH
I DIDN'T EVEN
KNOW WAS
POSSIBLE...



GRIN'


HEHE...



T
A
D
A
!

CHECK IT
OUT! I MADE
THE TEAM
AFTER ALL.

SURPRISED



CONGRATS
GOGO, BUT,
HOW DID THAT
HAPPEN?



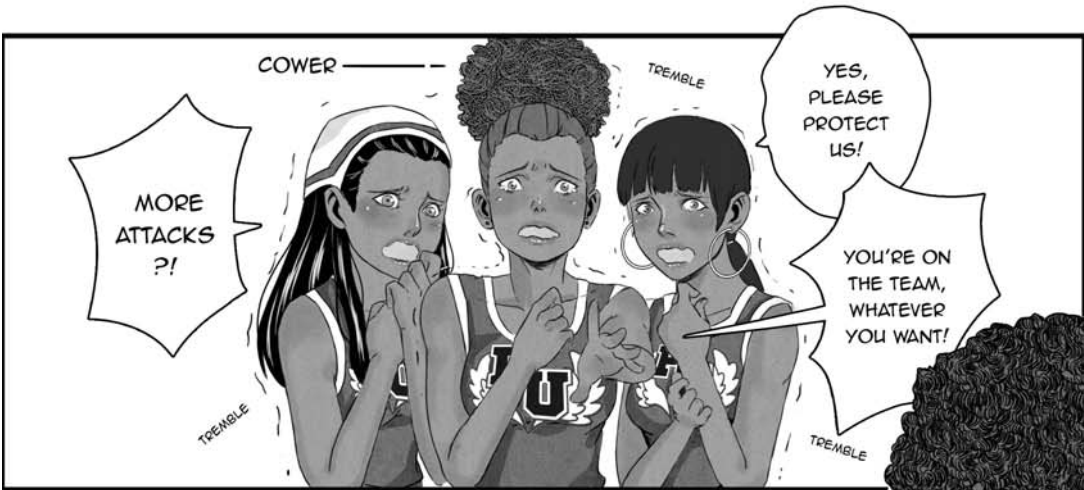
OH I JUST
CHATTED WITH
THEM AND THEY
REALIZED THEIR
MISTAKE!



ACCORDING TO MY FRIEND HERE THESE ATTACKS WILL KEEP HAPPENING.

PROUD

AND SHE THINKS YOU'LL NEED MY PROTECTION...



COWER

TREMBLE

MORE ATTACKS ?!

YES, PLEASE PROTECT US!

YOU'RE ON THE TEAM, WHATEVER YOU WANT!

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

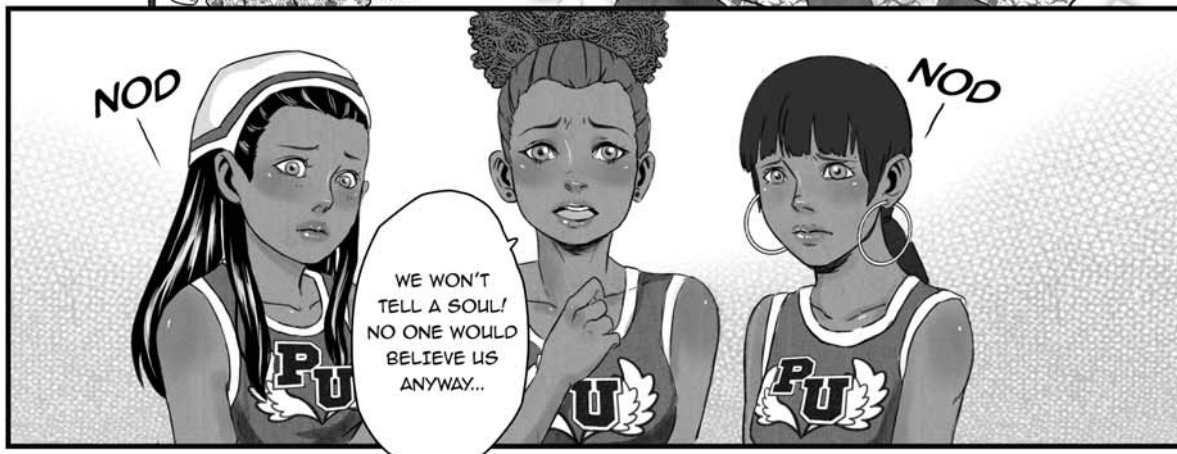


GREAT! I'LL TAKE MY UNIFORM NOW.

AND THIS WILL BE OUR LITTLE SECRET, MMKAY?



WINK



NOD

NOD

WE WON'T TELL A SOUL! NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE US ANYWAY...

WELL THAT'S
WONDERFUL,
I'M SO PROUD OF
YOU GOGO. IT'S
WHAT YOU'VE
WANTED FOR SO
LONG.

RIGHT?
I'M SO
HAPPY!



THIS WILL
BE A GREAT
SEMESTER.
I FEEL IT!

PET

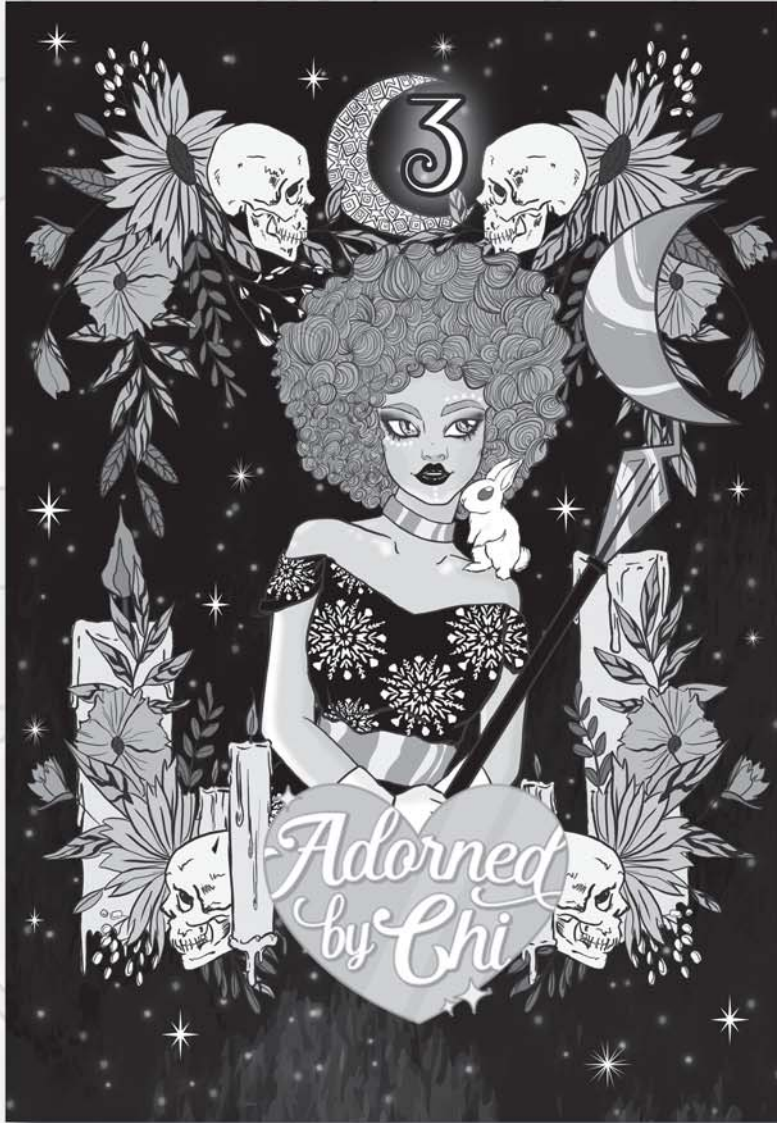
BUZZ

VERA
RATES

MESSAGE FROM: ADAEZE
"HEY GOGO, WE
NEED TO TALK..."

END OF CHAPTER TWO

A LOOK INTO ISSUE 3!



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Kelechi becomes suspicious when a new club has students acting a bit....strange and Adaeze struggles to tell Gogo the truth.

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LET'S LEARN!

Igbo Culture & Terms



Mmanwu:

Mmanwu are colorful Igbo Masquerades that represent spirits, dieties and sometimes even deceased relatives. In the past Mmanwu were used as a means to maintain peace and order by loudly exposing and shaming those who engaged in bad behavior. Kind of like Twitter now- ha! Post-colonization they have become more of a means to entertain during special events and are often accompanied by music and traditional dancers.

“Chineke Meh!”:

Chi in Igbo represents the creator as well as your personal spirit. The word *Chineke* means “high God”. *Chineke Meh* means... “Oh my God!”



Juju:

Juju is essentially “magic” based around rituals. Juju has a more negative connotation in modern day Nigeria.

Source: Igbo Guide (& the author’s mother)

BEHIND THE SCENES



Original Gogo
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FAN ART SHOWCASE



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