

FORGOTTEN HERITAGE



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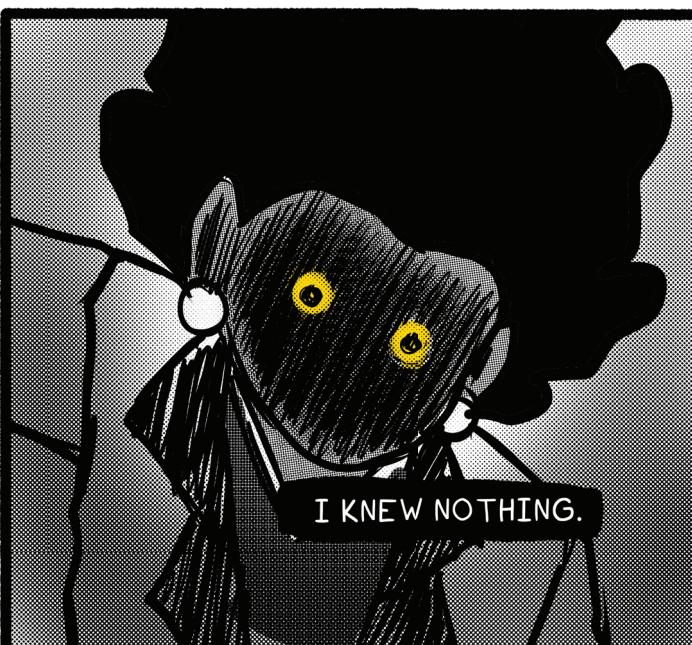
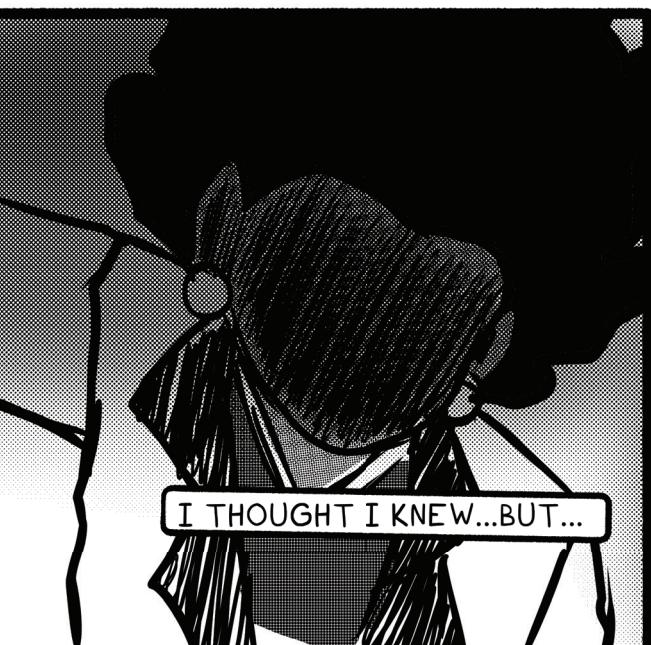
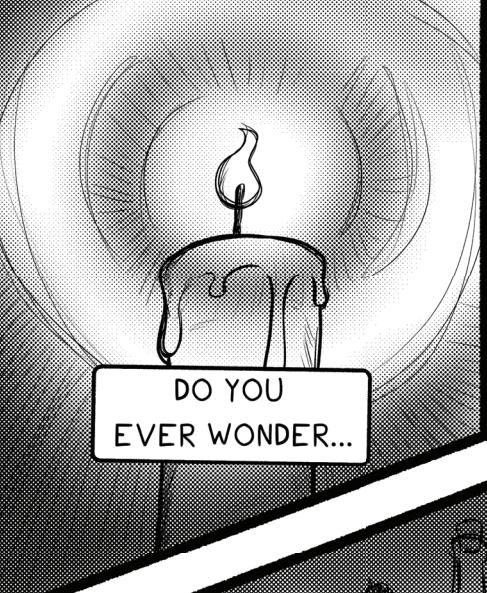
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This book is a reimagining of many ideas and concepts featured within Haitian Vodou. While the characters and concepts are based off of Vodou, they by no means are no means 100% accurate to the source. This disclaimer is written because Haitian Vodou is a historically misrepresented religion in media, which has led to it obtaining a negative connotation in pop culture. Please respect the religion and those who practice it, enjoy the book, and thank you for taking your time to read it!

(P.S. If you have any good resources for learning more about vodou email me at labbyart@gmail.com.) :D

DEDICATIONS – Thanks to all who made this book possible!

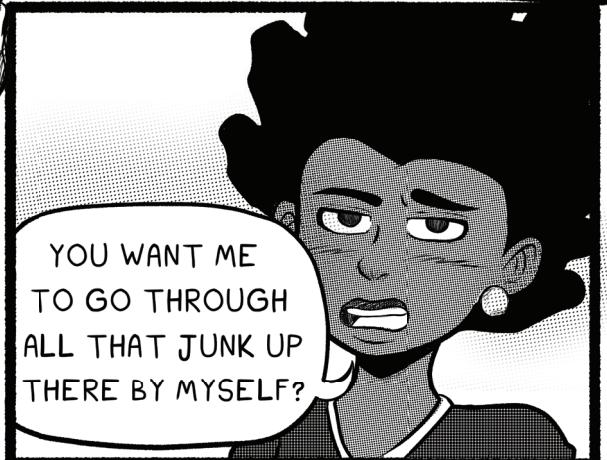
- Mom, Dad & Brenden
- The Flemings, Prowells, & Augustaves
- HAMOC
- The Dream Team: Gabby, Lenny, & Zita
- Kamille & Liu
- Jeremy Tinder & The Comics Capstone Class
- Dijana Granov
- Sam Sharpe
- Judith Brotman
- DogWater Inc.



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MONTHS
AGO



ADRIEN AUGUSTIN



OH RIGHT,
HOW COULD
I FORGET?

OH!
HOLD ON.

YOU KNOW
I LOVE YOU
RIGHT?

I KNOW,
AND I LOVE
YOU TOO

THANKS A TON SON!

GOOD, NOW BACK TO
THAT MANUAL LABOR
WITH YOU.

MY GRANDPERE PASSED AWAY RECENTLY,
SO MY MOM AND I ARE PACKING UP ALL OF
HIS OLD STUFF AT HIS HOUSE.

AND DON'T GET TOO
DISTRACTED UP THERE!
I'LL BE UP TO HELP IN
JUST A SEC.

I WON'T!

I DON'T REMEBER
HIM TOO WELL,
I WAS MOSTLY AROUND HIM
WHEN I WAS A LOT YOUNGER.

Tmp
|| Tmp



BUT IF I COULD INFER
ANYTHING BOUT HIM...

PEEK

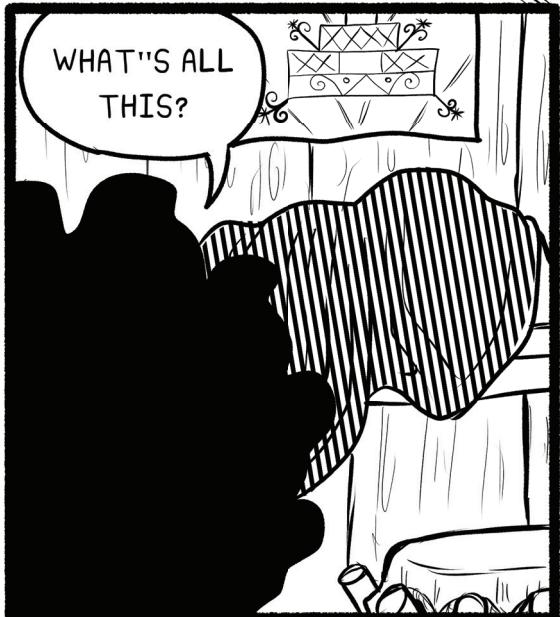
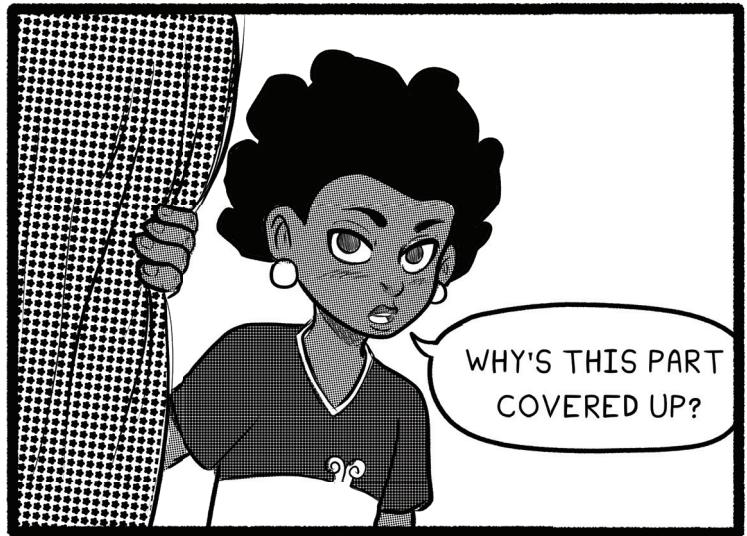
BRO WAS PROBABLY
A HOARDER

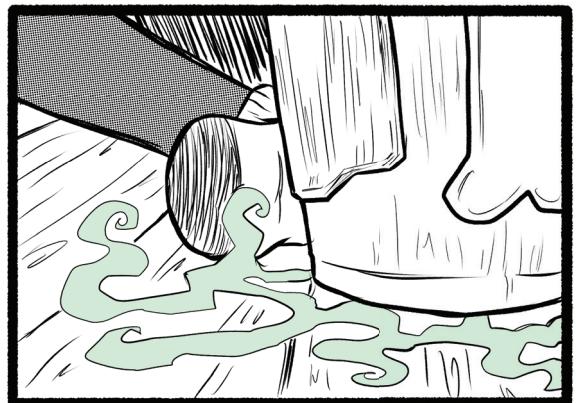
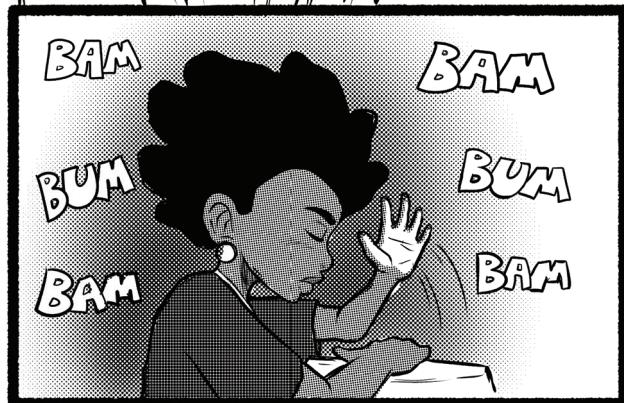
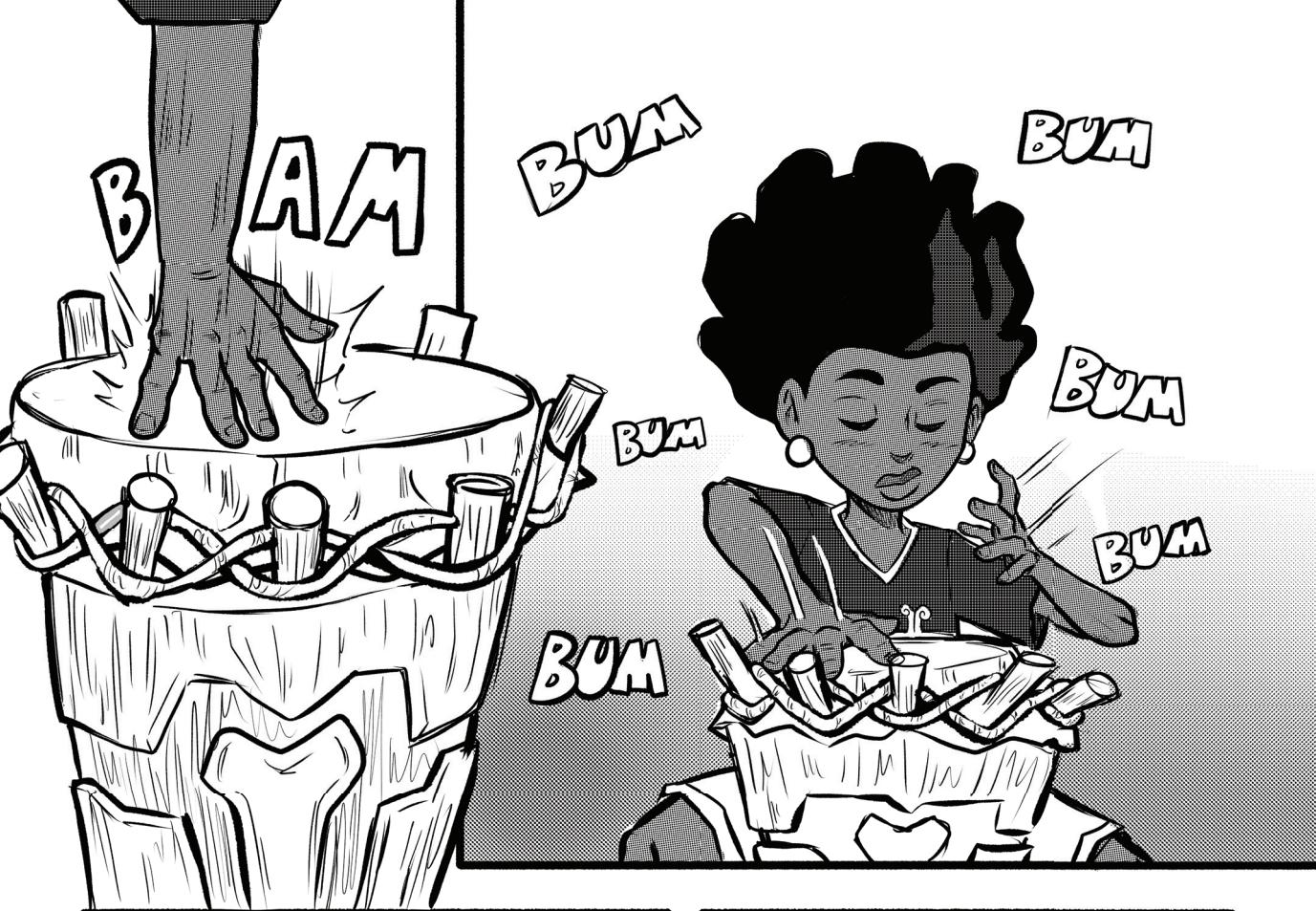
CREEAAK

I ASSUMED IT WAS STUFF
HE COLLECTED WHILE
LIVING IN BOTH
THE U.S. AND HAITI.

I SPENT A GOOD HALF AN HOUR OR SO
GOING THROUGH STUFF UP THERE...

THAT WAS UNTIL...







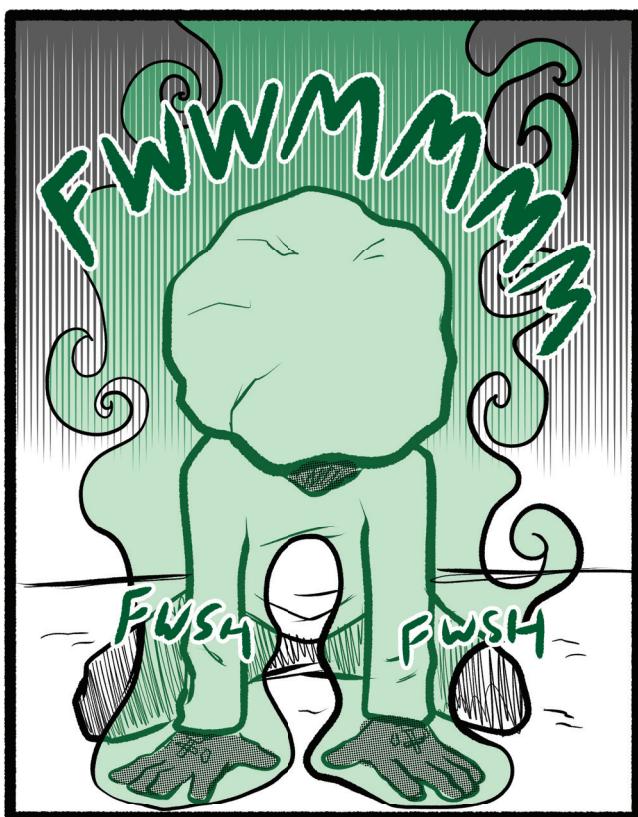
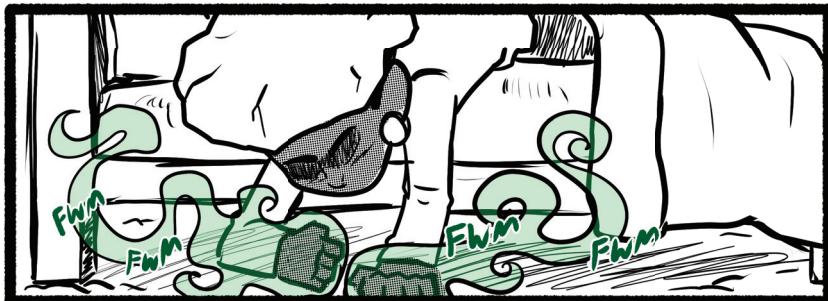


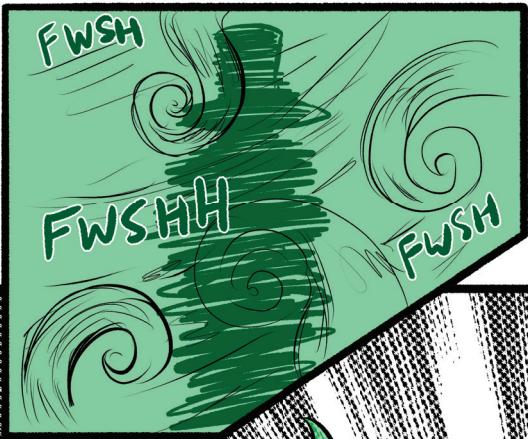


I-CAN'T SLEEP.

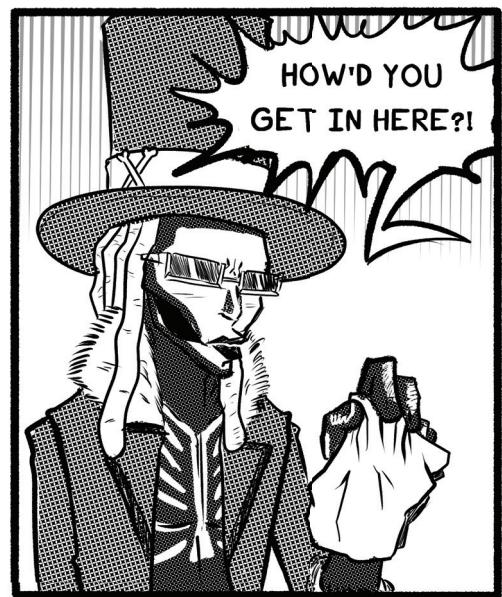
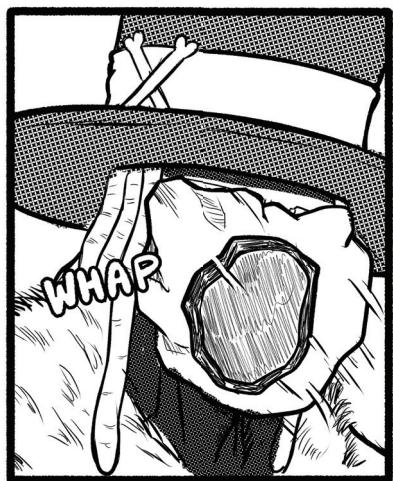












ADRIEN?

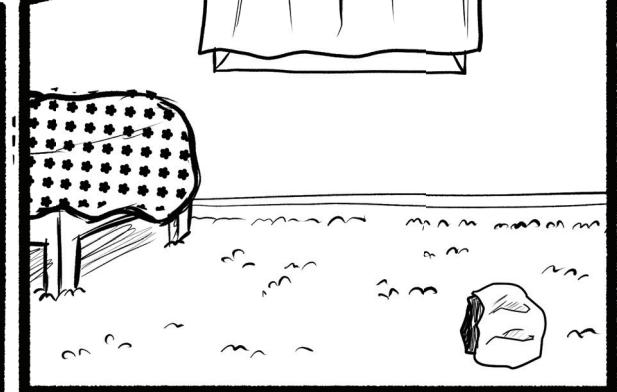
ARE YOU OKAY?

BAM!!

WHAT'S
WRONG!?!?

THIS GUY JUST SHOWED UP
OUT OF SOME SMOKE
THAT CAME OUT
OF THESE WEIRD SYMBOLS ON
MY HAND AND STARTED
ASKING ME ABOUT BEER!





BUT SERIOUSLY,
THAT WAS A
PRETTY
***** RITUAL.

WH..
WHA...

AND YOU
DON'T EVEN
KNOW WHO I AM.
I SHOULDN'T'
HAVE EVEN
BOTHERED
ANSWERING.

RITUAL?
WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?

FIGURES. I MEAN THERE WAS
NO FOOD, NO RUM,
NO KIND OF OFFERIN
WHATSOEVER.

WOW. COMPLETELY
CLUELESS HUH?

SIGH
AT LEAST
THE MUSIC WAS
HALFWAY
DECENT.



ALRIGHT BRAT,
LISTEN UP!



THAT LITTLE
BEAT YOU
PLAYED ON
MY DRUM?
I HEARD IT.



AND NOW, YOU'VE
BEEN GRACED, NO,
BLESSED BY THE
PRESENCE OF
THE ONE AND ONLY
**BARON
SAMDI!!**





I'M THE LWA THAT
PRESIDES OVER THE
CROSSROADS
OF LIFE AND DEATH.

MEANING I'M THE
MAN THAT CAN
BRING LIFE TO ANYTHING!
EVERYTHING FROM
SICK CHILDREN,
TO OLD RELATIVES,
AND PARTIES.
(ESPECIALLY PARTIES).

AND OF COURSE,
I BRING DEATH

I GET IT!
THIS IS A DREAM!
IT'S JUST
LIKE MOM SAID.

I'M PROBABLY DREAMING UP A
SLEEP PARALYSIS DEMON BASED
OFF OF WHAT I SAW IN THE ATTIC EARLIER.

SO UH...
GN'IGHT!

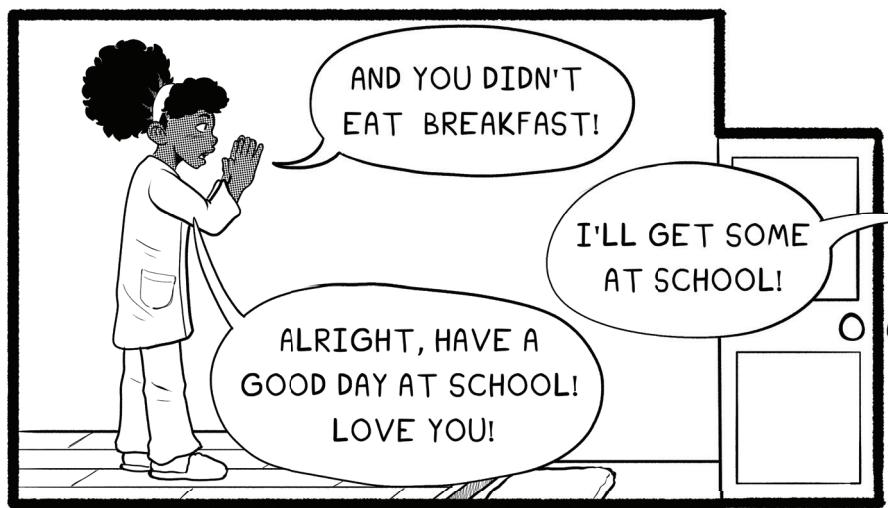


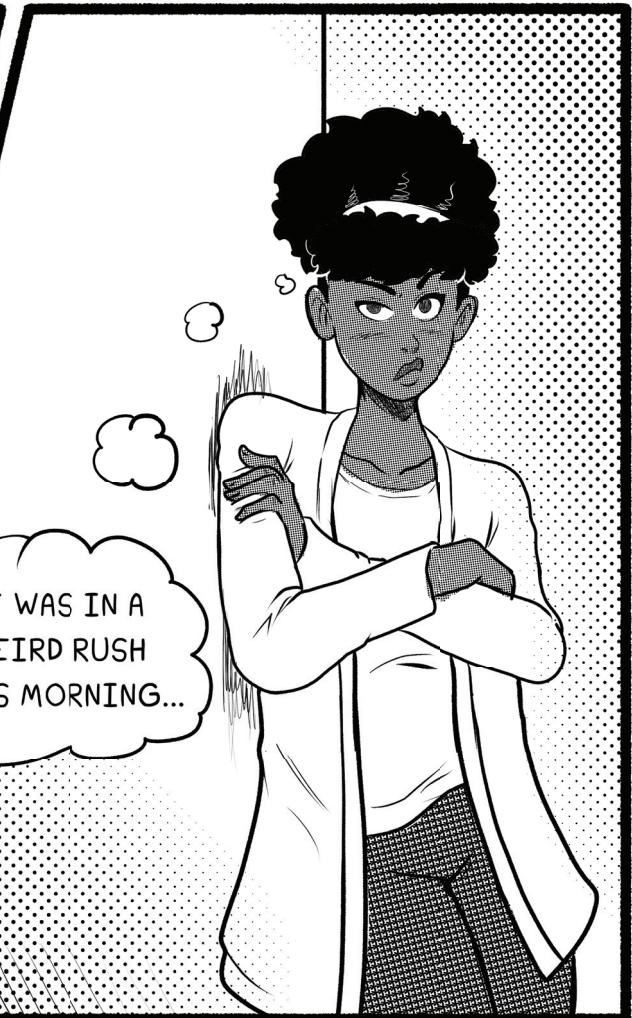


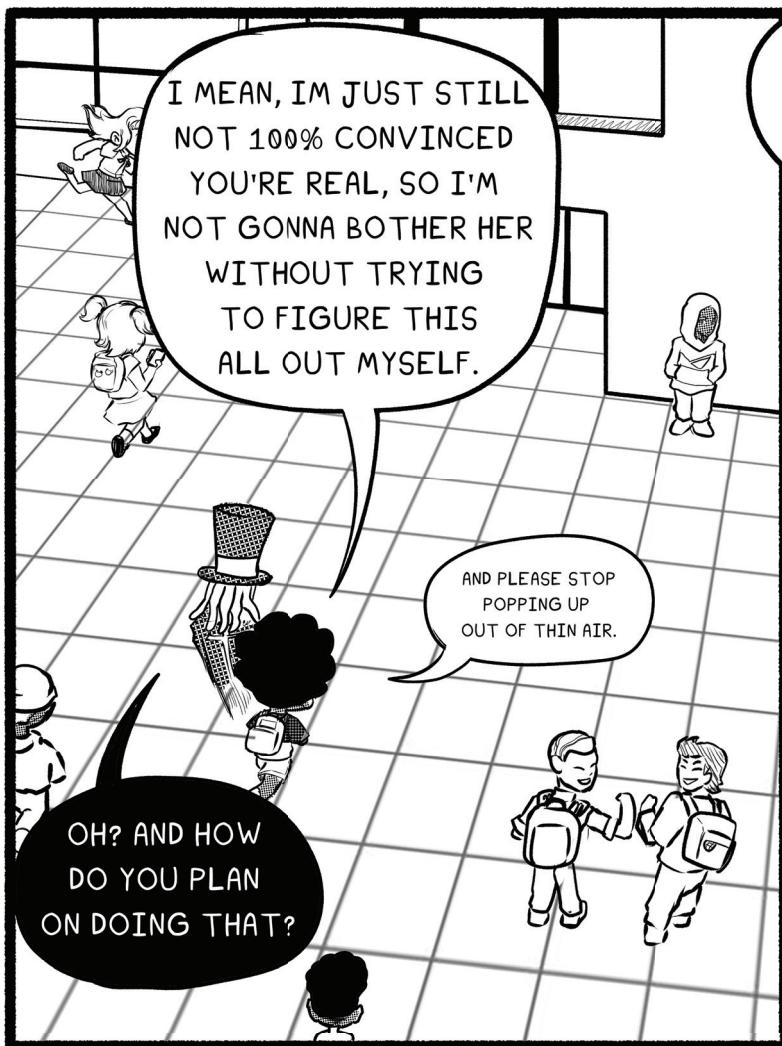
SWEET DREAMS.

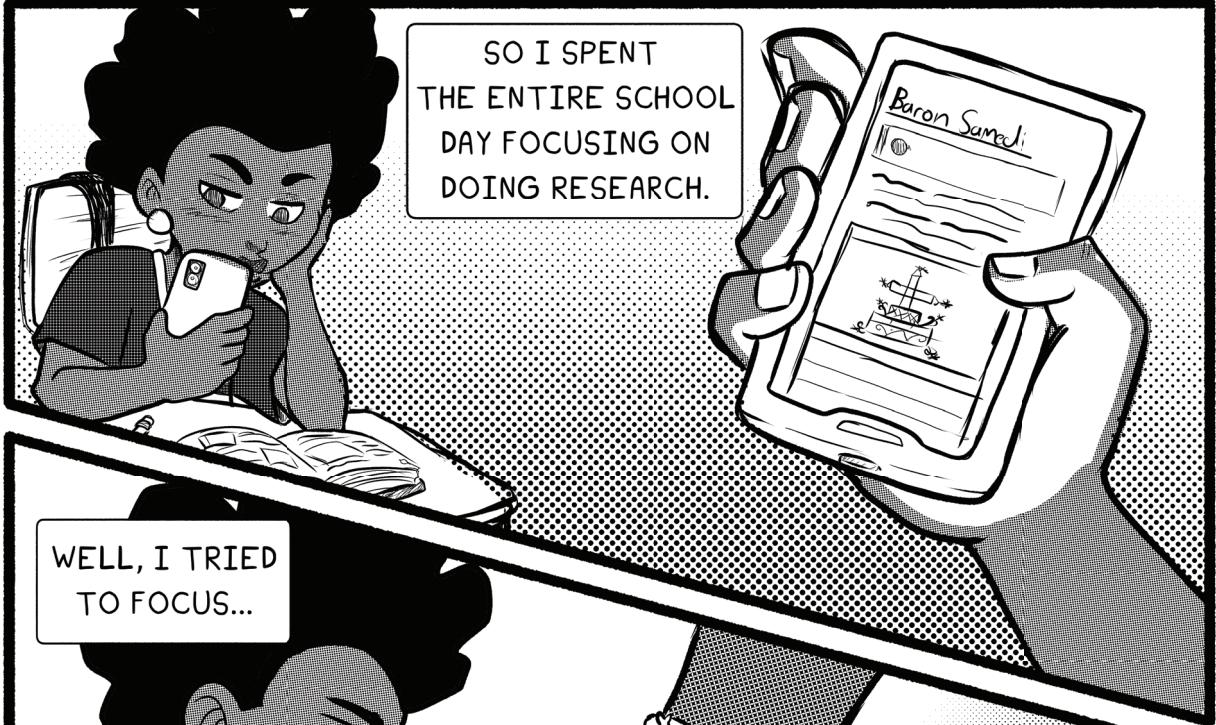












SO I SPENT
THE ENTIRE SCHOOL
DAY FOCUSING ON
DOING RESEARCH.

WELL, I TRIED
TO FOCUS...



SOOO LIKE...
DO YOU HAVE
ANY FRIENDS?



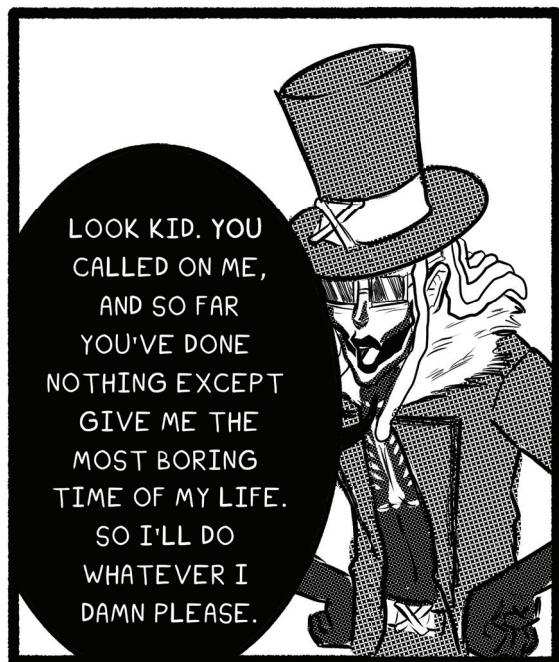
WELL
I MEAN...

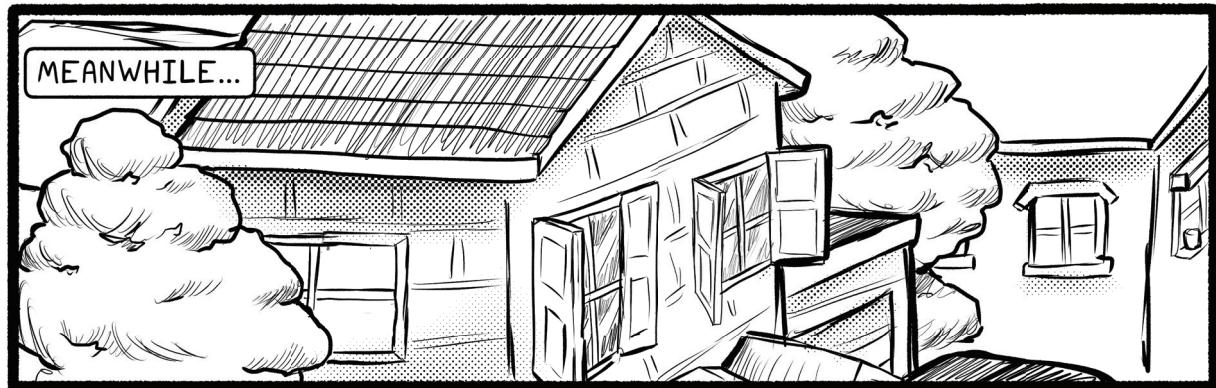
WH...WHAT'S
IT TO YOU?



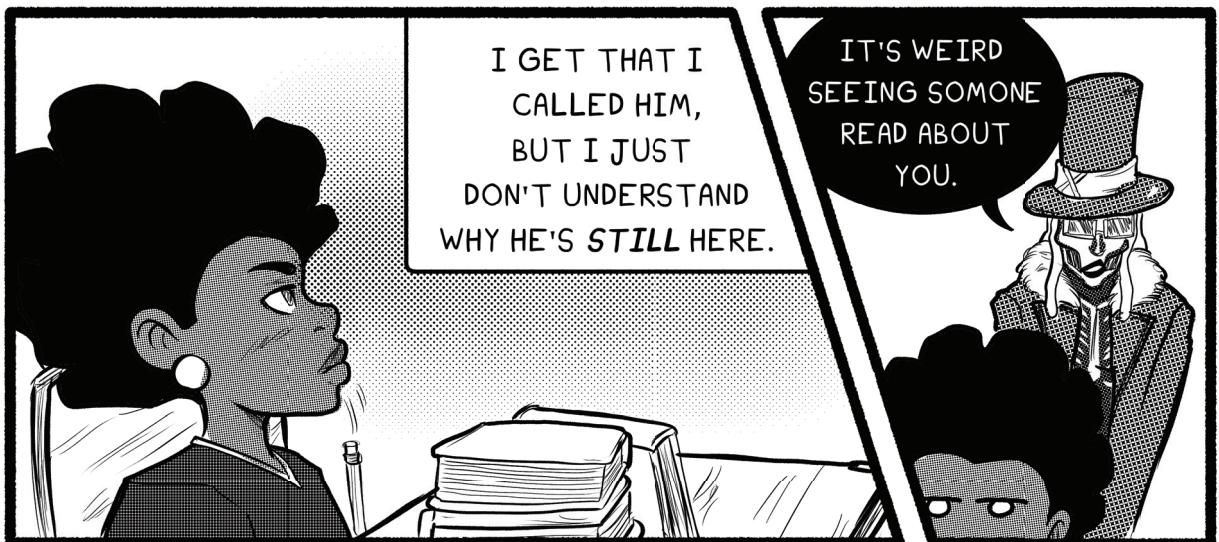
YOU'VE BEEN DOING
NOTHING BUT SIT
THROUG YOUR
CLASSES AND READ.

I'D BE SURPRISED IF
ANYBODY REMEMBERED
YOU WERE EVEN HERE TODAY.
IT'S HONESTLY A
LITTLE PATHETIC.





AFTER SCHOOL, I SPENT MOST OF MY TIME IN THE LIBRARY. OUTSIDE OF SOME TERMS I'D NEVER HEARD BEFORE LIKE "GEDE", "HOUNGAN" AND A WHOLE HOST OF OTHER NAMES I ASSUME WERE OTHER LWA, I DIDN'T LEARN ANYTHING THAT THE BARON DIDN'T ALREADY TELL ME HIMSELF.



THAT'S IT! ALL THAT STUFF AROUND THE DRUM IN GRANDPERE'S ATTIC HAD TO BE A SHRINE!



THERE'S GOT TO BE SOMETHING THERE THAT EXPLAINS WHY BARON SAMDI IS STILL HERE!



AND YOU DIDN'T THINK TO CHECK THAT FIRST?

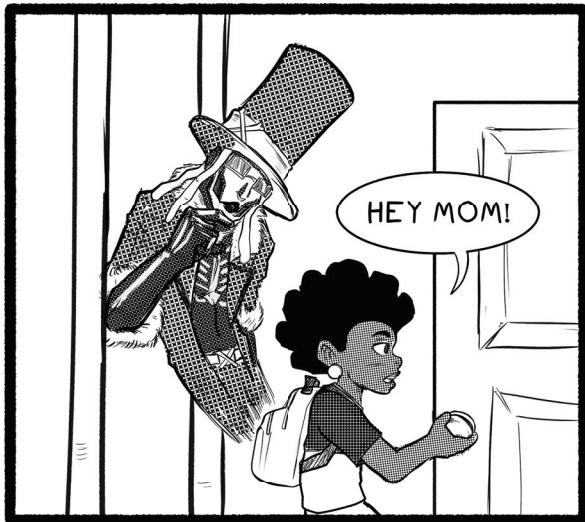


OH SHOOT, I WAS SUPPOSED TO HELP MOM FINISH CLEANING TOO!



HOPE SHE'S NOT TOO MAD AT ME







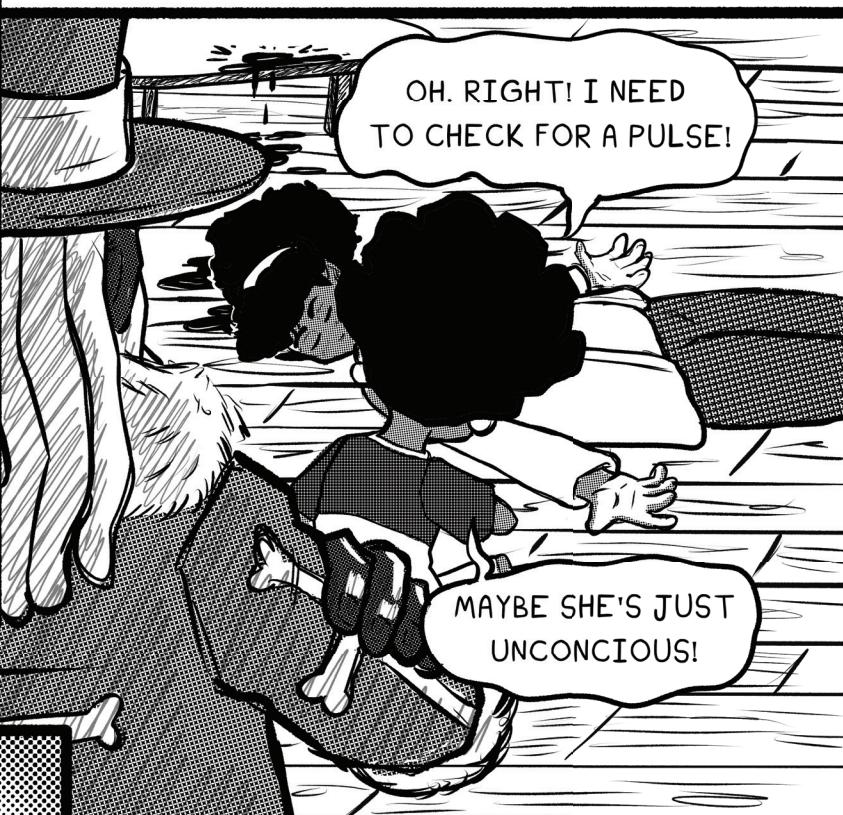
....MOM?
WH- WHAT
HAPPENED?

HAHA...ALRIGHT
MOM, YOU GOT
ME. YOU CAN
GET UP NOW...

DID YOU
HEAR ME?
... MOM?

I SAID YOU CAN
GET UP...
THIS ISN'T A VERY
FUNNY JOKE
YOU KNOW.

THIS ISN'T
FUNNY!!



ALWAYS A SHAME WHEN
BEAUTIFUL WOMEN DIE.

WELL, NOT FOR ME
HEHEHE...

YOU...

THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT.

I WOULDN'T HAVE
BEEN LATE IF IT WEREN'T FOR
YOU! I COULD HAVE SAVED HER!

SHUT UP!

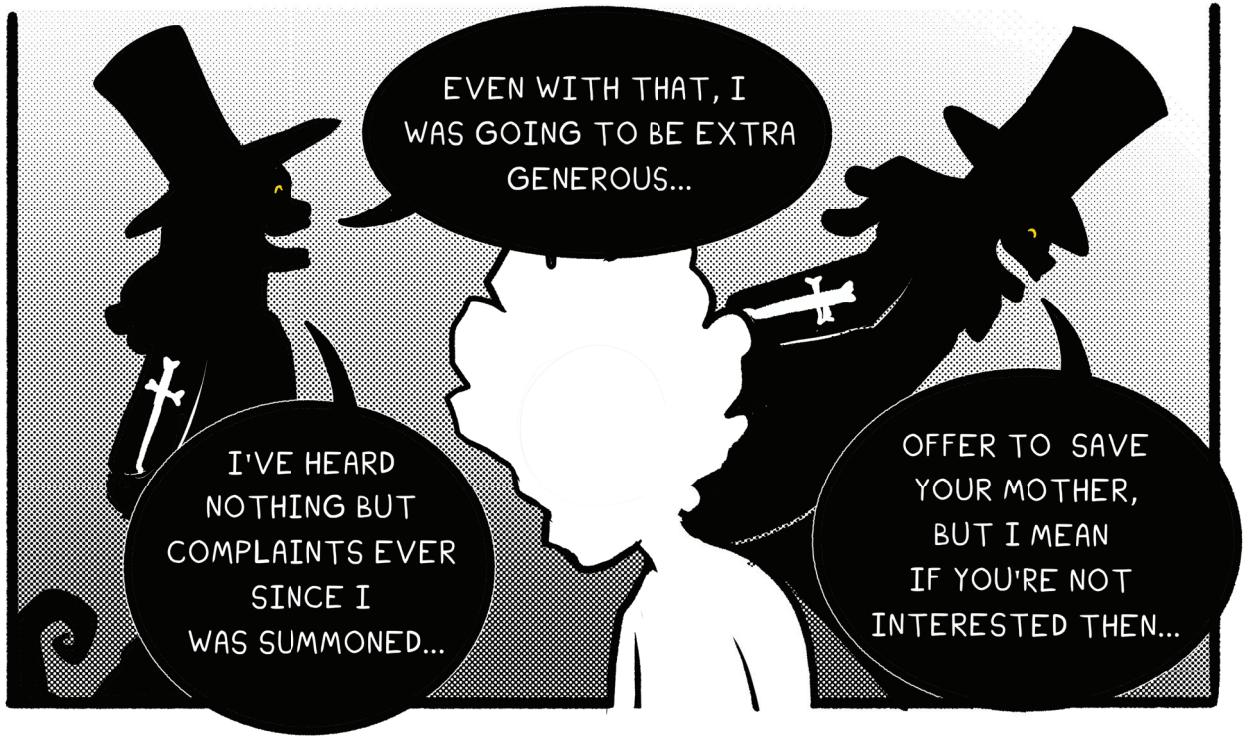
I DON'T KNOW,
COULD'VE FIGURED
SOMETHING OUT!
BUT INSTEAD
I WAS CAUGHT UP
LOOKING INTO
YOU AND ALL OF
THIS VODOU
MUMBO JUMBO-

OH? AND HOW DID YOU
PLAN ON DOING THA-

SILENCE.

I'VE HAD
ENOUGH OF
YOUR LIP BOY.





BARON SAMDI

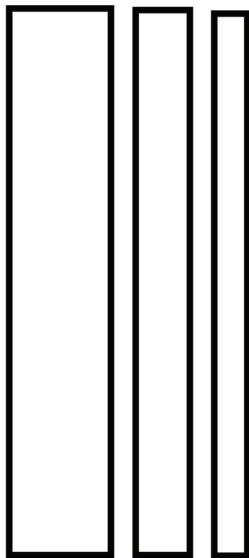
HE WHO STANDS AT THE CROSSROADS OF LIFE AND DEATH.



BUT...I WON'T DO IT FOR FREE.
I HELP YOU, YOU HELP ME.
HOW DOES THAT SOUND?

THAT'S FINE. I DON'T
CARE WHAT THE PRICE IS.
PLEASE SAVE MY MOTHER.







BUM

BLAM
BUM

BUM
BAM
BUM

BUM

FWSSH

BUM

BAM

BUM

FWMM

FWWW

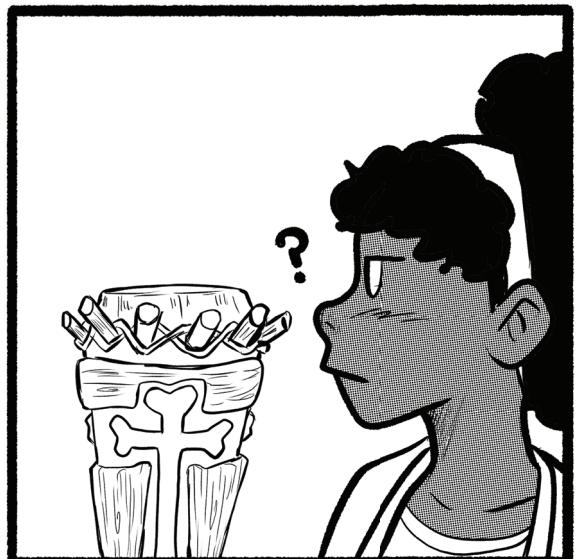
FWWW

FWWW











OH. HUH.

ALSO...I WANTED
TO SAY THANKS,
AND THAT I'M SORRY
FOR LASHING
OUT EARLIER.. I
DON'T KNOW WHAT
I WOULD'VE DONE
IF I LOST MY
MOTHER. SO
THANK YOU.



I'M STILL SURPRISED
THAT WE JUST FOUND
HER DEAD LIKE THAT.
TO DIE IN AN ACCIDENT
LIKE THAT...



OH THAT
WAS NO
ACCIDENT.

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?

OH SHE
WAS MURDERED.



MURDERED?!?!?!?

AS LWA OF
THE DEAD
I CAN TELL HOW
PEOPLE
MET THEIR
END.

I ALSO SAW THE PRESENCE
OF ANOTHER LWA AROUND
HER CORPSE.

ANOTHER
LWA? BUT
WHO AND
WHY WOULD
SOME ONE
TARGET
MY MOTHER?

THAT'S WHAT YOU'LL
HELP ME WITH.



ME?

YES YOU. DON'T FORGET YOU STILL HAVE TO KEEP UP YOUR END OF THE DEAL. AND I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I NEED FROM YOU.

I NEED TO LOOK INTO... A PROBLEM REGARDING THE OTHER LWA AROUND HERE. BUT I CAN'T DIRECTLY INTERACT WITH THE PHYSICAL WORLD ON MY OWN.

THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN BOY. YOU'LL HELP ME INVESTIGATE WHAT'S GOING ON.

CHANCES ARE, THIS ISSUE AND YOUR MOTHER'S ATTEMPTED MURDER ARE RELATED.

ESSENTIALLY, YOU WILL NEED TO GET IN CONTACT WITH...



HOUNGAN,

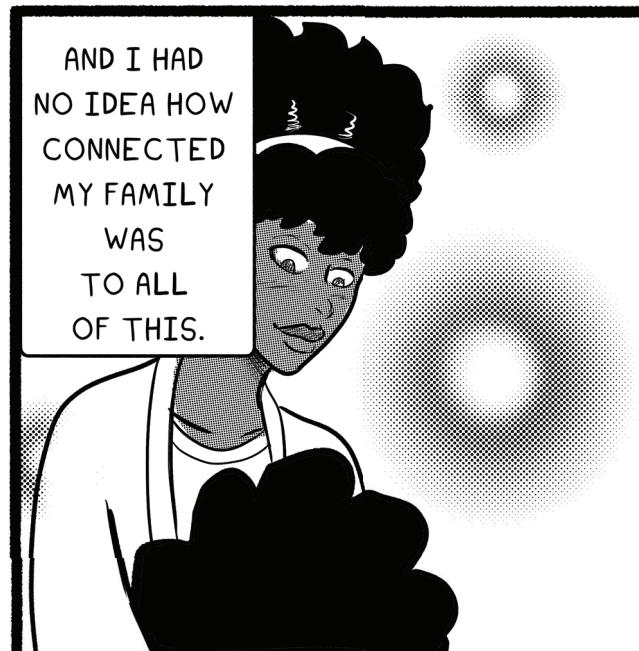
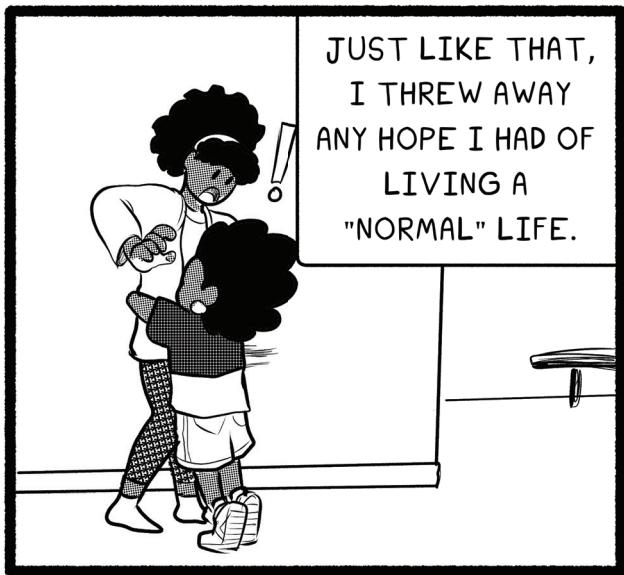
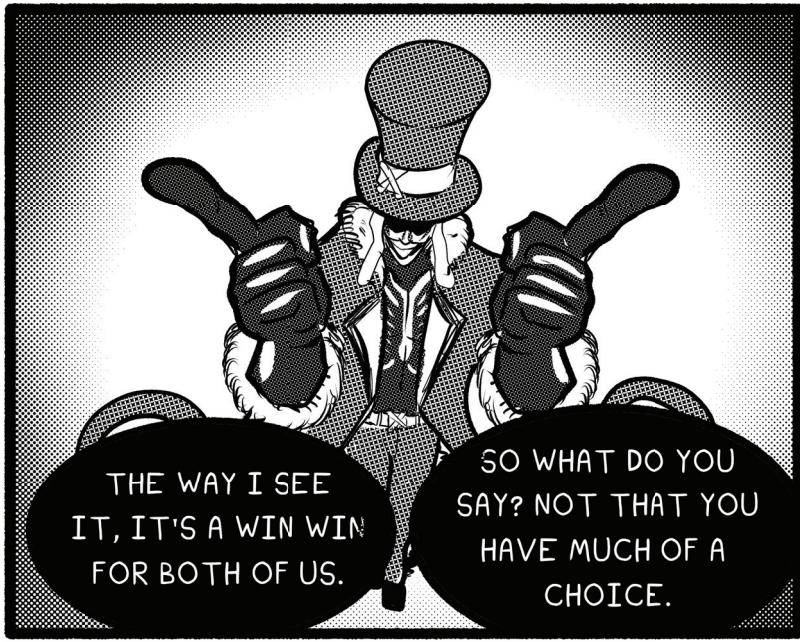


MAMBO,



AND OTHER LWA.



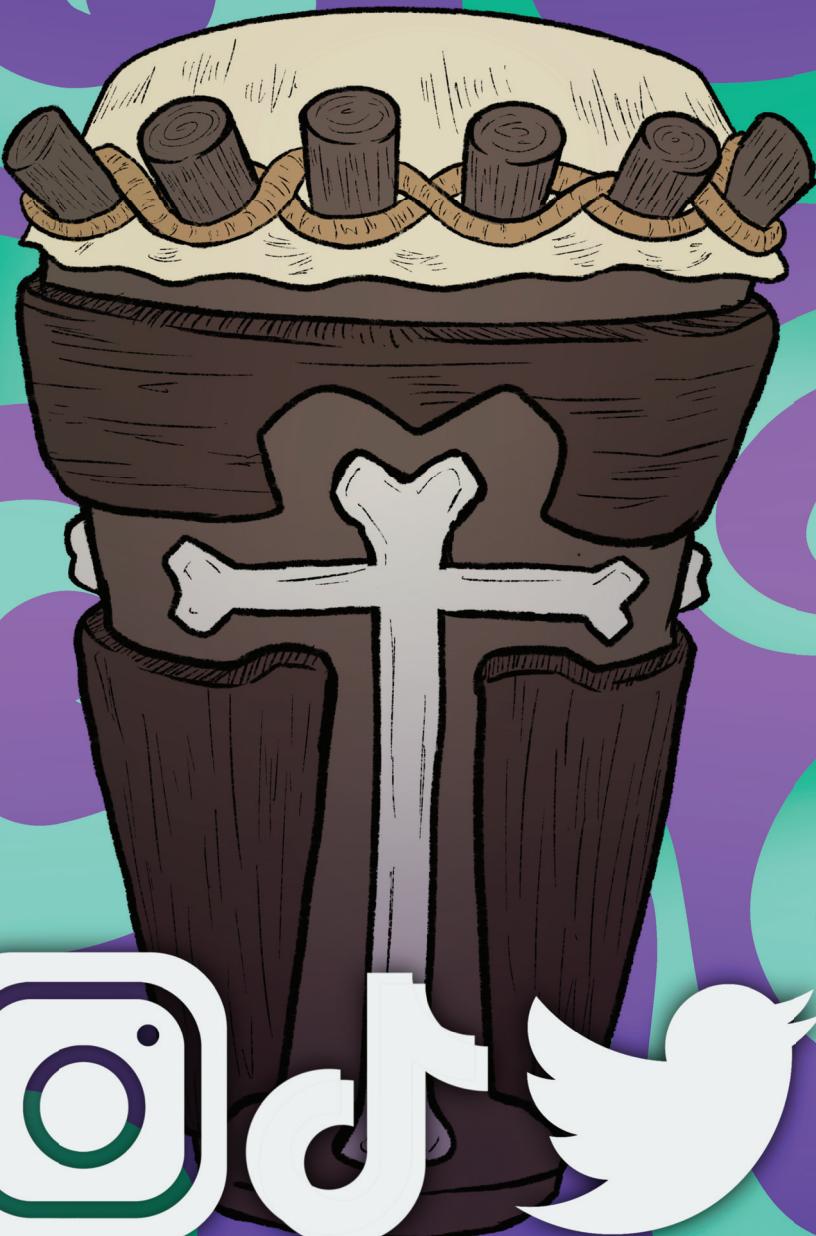




ALL THIS WAS
JUST THE BEGINNING.

OF UNDERSTANDING MY
FORGOTTEN HERITAGE.

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