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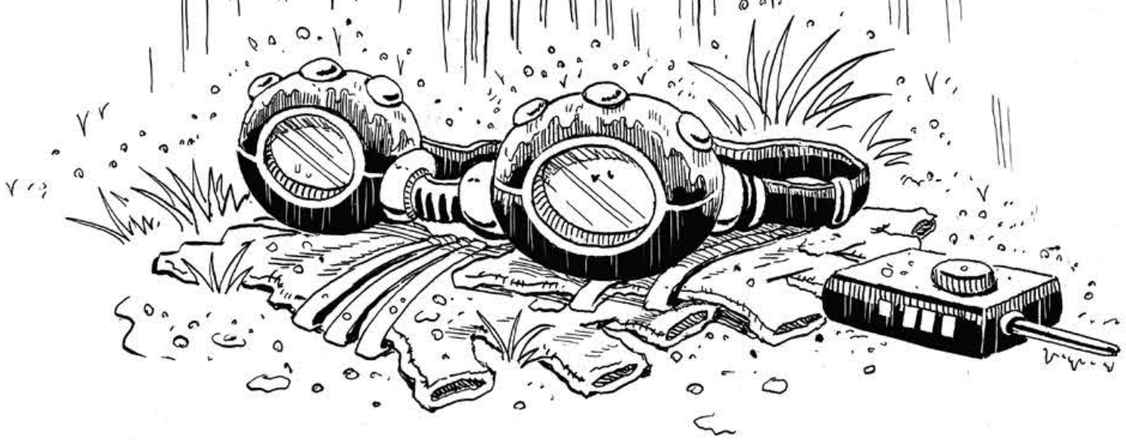
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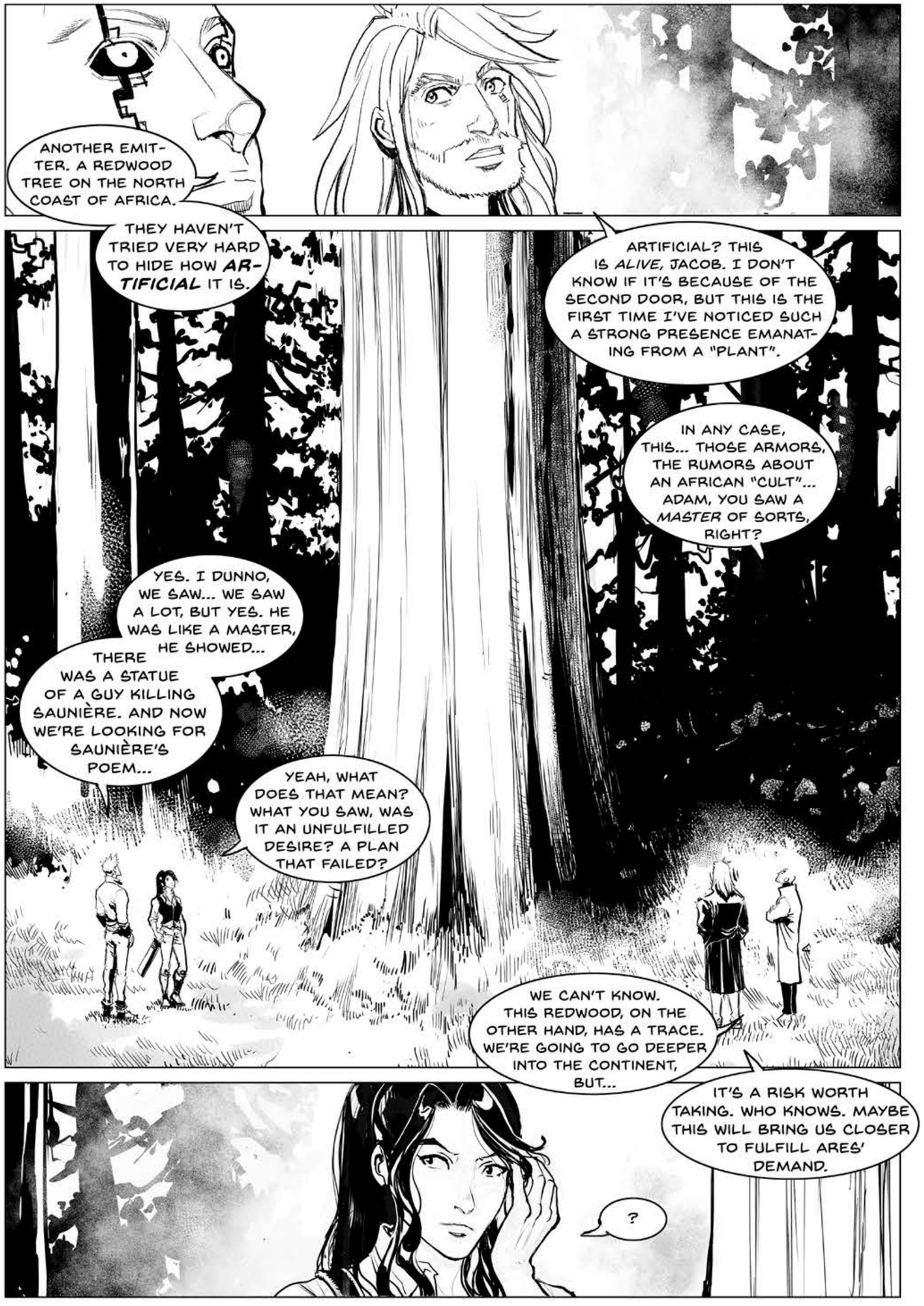
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WE'RE JUST A FEW KILOMETERS FROM THE EGYPTIAN BORDER! WHAT A SURPRISE, HUH?
I GUESS THIS IS ALL THE RAIN FOR THE REST OF THE DECADE!
THE SIGNAL WAS COMING FROM HERE! BUT... I DON'T SEE ANYTHING! ALTHOUGH MAYBE IT'S THE RAIN!
NO! DOWN THERE! I HEAR CRACKS AND LEAKS, THERE'S SOME KIND OF STRUCTURE UNDERNEATH!
WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL! IN EVERY AREA WHERE THERE'S A STRONG SIGNAL LIKE THIS, WE'VE FOUND THOSE *DEAD SOLDIERS!*
YES, YES! ALTHOUGH IT'S STRANGE THAT IN THIS, THEIR SUPPOSED TERRITORY, THEY SEEM LESS ACTIVE THAN IN SEVILLE!
BETTER FOR US, BUT STILL STRANGE!
I THINK I'M DETECTING SOMETHING, OVER HERE!
RIN.
IRINA.
HEY, THEY'VE FOUND AN ENTRANCE.
TRAPDOOR'S OPEN. THE DEFENSE MECHANISMS WERE DEACTIVATED...
YOU SURE THIS PLACE IS WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR?
I DON'T HEAR ANYTHING. THAT'S A GOOD SIGN, IN A WAY, BUT... SEEMS DESERTED.
LET'S GO. WE'LL KNOW MORE INSIDE.
STRANGE... THERE WAS ACTIVITY UNTIL RELATIVELY RECENTLY. WHY DID THEY LEAVE?
WHY IS IT SO EMPTY?
MUST NOT BE A BASE FOR REGULAR USE. THIS SMELLS LIKE DUST. *MULTIPLE* LAYERS OF DUST.
I CONFIRM. THIS SITE SAYS THEY ONLY USE IT FOR SPECIFIC THINGS.
MAYBE. THERE ARE SOME ACTIVE PROTOCOLS. I THINK IT SERVES AS A REPEATER...
...TO EXTEND THE SIGNAL FROM THOSE "TREES."
DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN. THAT ARMY MAY BE HERE.
TRY TO FIND OUT WHO THIS BASE BELONGS TO.
THOSE TREES "MOVE" THE UNDEAD, BUT SOMEONE HAS TO BE MAINTAINING THIS.
THE BASE SAYS "PEO...
JACOB, FIND ANYTHING USEFUL? I WANT TO GET OUT OF THIS PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
HEY, AT LEAST WE'RE WARMER HERE, RIGHT? OUT OF THE RAIN.
HOW CAN YOU BE SO *COMFORTABLE* IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
I DON'T KNOW. YOU'VE BEEN *HARDMODE* WITH THE CABALISTS FOR THREE YEARS, ISN'T THIS ***NORMAL?***
I GUESS... BUT WHEN I'M IN PLACES LIKE THIS... IT'S NOT USUALLY GOOD NEWS.

I'M ENTERING WITH MY POWERS...

LUCKILY, THERE ARE SEVERAL FILES IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH...

THE INFORMATION IS INCOMPLETE, BUT... WHAT...?

OH. I THINK...

I... I GET... BUT... OH.

WHAT? THIS BASE... THEY TALK AS IF IT WERE... *WHAT?*

SO, THAT HAPPENED AROUND...

***WHAT?***

ZEPHOR! ELIYA'S COUNTRY. IT'S INVOLVED SOMEHOW. UHM...

OKAY, AND?

I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY... THEY IMPLY THAT ZEPHOR WAS HERE.

I THOUGHT ZEPHOR WAS ON THE ***WEST COAST.***

YES. I DON'T KNOW, THERE'S LITTLE INFORMATION IN LANGUAGES I UNDERSTAND...

...THIS WAS AN EXCAVATION BASE, BY THE WAY. HA. I'VE SEEN REFERENCES TO SIRIUS, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE AWARE OF THAT LEGEND...

YEAH, THAT TRIBE THAT TALKED ABOUT ALIENS FROM SIRIUS, RIGHT?

YES, THE DOGON. ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CONTINENT.

WE HAVE TO GO. NOW.

*THE VERSE.* I'VE SEEN A MESSAGE... FROM FIVE DAYS AGO.

HEY, YOU OKAY?

YEAH, YEAH... THIS.. IT'S GOTTEN VERY SERIOUS.

MAYBE... MAYBE I COULD ASK CHARIOT TO TAKE CARE OF THIS.

THE WOMAN IS HESITATING. SHE WANTS OTHERS TO DO THE JOB.

THE MAN WITH THE FOREST HAIR MAKES AN ASININE QUESTION ABOUT FROZEN FEET.

BLESS THEM. WE NEED THEM THERE.

WE DON'T HAVE TO BE THE ONES DOING ALL THE INVESTIGATING ALL THE TIME.

WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO TRY A FULL ASSAULT? THE *BONE'S* STILL INSIDE ADAM'S SPIRIT, RIGHT?

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU NOW? YOU GOT COLD FEET?

YES. BUT THAT HAND, AND THAT BOY, ARE A DANGEROUS COMBINATION. I THINK HE WOULD DETECT ME.

BUT I DON'T THINK HE COULD RESIST YOUR...

SILENCE. THAT'S A USELESS DISTRACTION. I'M SURE THERE ARE BETTER WAYS OF USING HIM.

HOW ARE SIGURD'S REPORTS COMING ALONG?

FROM WHAT I'M TOLD, HIS CELL HAS BEEN A BIT DORMANT.

DIDN'T THEY INVESTIGATE SOUTHERN SPAIN?

THEY DIDN'T NEED IT. APPARENTLY, THEY ALREADY KNEW THE AFRICAN "ARMY" WAS THE PRIME SUSPECT...

AND NOW, HERE, AN ABANDONED BUT ACTIVE BASE. I HEAR NOTES, HERE, BUT I DON'T PERCEIVE THE MELODY...

IN THE CITY... SIGURD'S CELL HAD NO PROBLEM WORKING WITH THOSE THREE.

*MAYBE IT WOULD BE BETTER TO ASSAULT ADAM HERE.*

YOU'RE ***REPEATING*** YOURSELF, AGENT.

...LET ME THINK. I NEED TO THINK.

...I'LL GO *BUY FOOD.* DON'T WORRY, I'LL WEAR THE PENDANT.

NO ONE WILL SEE THIS SHIT MASK.

AH, THIS IS MORE LIKE THE EGYPT I IMAGINED.

THIS AREA ALMOST LOOKS LIKE THE NEGATIVE OF NORTHERN RUSSIA...

WE ARE SOUTH OF SIWA. BUT THE SIGNAL IS VERY CLOSE.

I HOPE THAT INFORMATION IS LEGITIMATE.

LET ME SEE IF I UNDERSTAND. YOUR INFORMATION SAYS THAT ZEPHOR IS *HERE?*

YES. IT'S CONFUSING. ON PURPOSE, I SUSPECT: THEY REFER TO THESE SECRET BASES AS ZEPHOR...

AS IF THERE WERE NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE COUNTRY AND THESE... SATELLITES IN FOREIGN LANDS.

I WONDER IF THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AGREED TO THEIR PRESENCE OR IF THEY'RE UNAWARE

HMMM... THE AMERICAN GIRL TALKED AS IF THERE WAS VERY LITTLE HELP FOR PEOPLE WITH POWERS THERE. IT MADE ME WONDER...

NOBODY BELIEVES IN MAGIC, RIGHT? ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. BUT IN EUROPE, IT'S THE EBI WHO CREATES THAT REALITY THROUGH A SPELL...

WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF THE WORLD? MAYBE THERE ARE OTHER GROUPS DOING THE ***SAME?***

MAN, I DON'T KNOW. WHAT IF THIS IS PEOPLE'S NATURAL STATE, AT THIS POINT? WITH OR WITHOUT EBI.

WHAT?

BOOOMMM

VERY IMPRESSIVE, YOUR EXPLOSION. ESPECIALLY FOR SOMEONE WHO... YOU ONLY HAVE THE FIRST DOOR OPEN, RIGHT?

Y-YEAH. FIRST.

SO YOU'RE CREATING A VIBRATION THAT CAN... EXPLODE. THE SWORD... HOW DOES IT WORK?

AH, WELL, THE SWORD...

HEY, JACOB.

DOESN'T LOOK LIKE AN IMPORTANT PLACE, HUH.

JUST AS EMPTY AS THE LAST ONE. COOL ELEVATOR, THOUGH.

HEY, YOU CUT OFF EARLIER. *THE PEOPLE THING?*

WHY WOULDN'T THEY WANT POWERS IF THEY WERE TOLD...?

I JUST DON'T THINK A CONSPIRACY IS ***NEEDED.***

LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE INTERNET. "ALL THE INFORMATION IN HISTORY..." AND WHAT HAVE THEY DONE WITH IT?

PORN, THE ENDLESS DIARRHEA OF NONSENSE ON SOCIAL MEDIA, AND MEMES.

THE WAY THE WORD "MEME" ITSELF HAS *DEGRADED* IS TELLING ALREADY.

OKAY, BUT THE ONLY REASON THEY ACCEPT BEING *SLAVES* IS BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW THAT THA'S WHAT THEY ARE.

*WHAT?* YOU THINK A LIFE WITHOUT MAGIC IS...?

*IT'S AS IF YOU NEVER LEARNED TO SPEAK!* THE DAY I OPENED THE FIRST DOOR, IT WAS AS IF EVERYTHING MADE SENSE... TO LIVE WITHOUT THAT...!

*HAVE YOU LOOKED AT OUR LIVES?* **WE** ARE THE ONES WHO ARE ENSLAVED.

DONE.

IS NO ONE HERE? REALLY?

HARD TO BELIEVE...

...A DECOY, MAYBE? OR THEY'VE ALREADY MOVED THE VERSE...

...IT'S A BIT STRANGE, YES.

LOOK.

AND NOW WE WAIT... ESSEX...

YEAH, YEAH.

!

HERE! RIGHT, I SEE... A GROUP... OIO? I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S LETTERS OR NUMBERS... THEY'RE BEHIND THE... SKELETONS.

LANARK WAS RIGHT. MAGES FROM AFRICA... THEY CLAIM TO BE THAT SAME GROUP...

...THAT SETTLED IN SOUTHERN SPAIN CENTURIES AGO.

THEY STOLE THE VERSE. THEY HAD LOCATED THE POSITION IN THOSE CAVES...

THOSE SKELETONS ARE THEIR ANCESTORS. SOMETHING IN THE ARMOR KEEPS THEM "ALIVE".

EGYPT IS HELPING THEM, SO THEY BROUGHT THE VERSE HERE... TWO DAYS AGO...

THEY WONDERED WHAT CAUSED IT TO SUDDENLY BECOME DETECTABLE, IF IT HAD BEEN THERE FOR CENTURIES...

I THINK... UH... GIVE ME A SEC...

TWO DAYS? HMM. WE'RE ***CLOSE.***

HMM... THOSE CAVES, THAT PIECE OF SHIP... WAS A... DECOY?

...THE EBI PASSED IT OFF AS AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE, BUT OIO DISCOVERED THE TRUTH...

THEY RECOVERED IT, IT WAS... YES, I SEE...

A PIECE OF THAT SHIP WAS... LIKE A *KEY* OF SORTS. OR...

NO, RATHER... THAT'S WHERE SAUNIÈRE HID THE VERSE...

SO... WAS THAT SHIP IMPORTANT?

...I'M LOOKING FOR...

THIS DATABASE IS...

OH!

GOT IT!

HEY, BOSS. BROUGHT LEMON SODA. YOU DIDN'T ASK FOR IT, BUT I REMEMBER THAT...

I SEE THE OTHERS HAVEN'T COME BACK. HOW'S IT GOING?

BAD. SOMETHING DOESN'T ADD UP HERE. NOTHING MAKES SENSE.

SIGURD INSISTS THAT THE EBI ISN'T MOBILIZED, RIGHT?

YES.

AND THESE ONES CLEARLY AREN'T WORKING WITH THEM...

DESOLATED BASES... BUT THE VERSE WAS THERE...

YES, SOMETHING DOESN'T ADD UP IN THAT PICTURE.

OUR AUGURS SAID THIS WAS A PROMISING MISSION.

THEY'VE BEEN ***WRONG*** A FEW TIMES...

*MANY*. WHICH IS NORMAL. WHAT ISN'T NORMAL IS THIS... STRANGE CALM.

...

DID YOU BUY MELON?

...

DON'T YOU FEEL ***STUPID?***

WITHOUT CONTEXT, I SUPPOSE THE ANSWER IS: YES. SOMETIMES.

CONTACT WITH THE OLD ONES. BECOMING AN EXECUTIONER MEANS *TWO* TOUCHES...

THEY BURNED YOUR FACE.

YES. WORST PART IS THAT THIS EYE STILL WORKS--IT SEES... DIFFERENTLY. BUT ONE WOULD QUESTION THE WISDOM OF THE ANCIENTS, INSOFAR AS THEY FORCE THEIR AGENTS TO HIDE FROM THE WORLD.

IT'S AS IF WE'RE DOING SAUNIÈRE'S BIDDING.

NO. IT'S A VOW OF ***SPIRITUAL CHASTITY.***

...

DON'T YOU HARBOR ANY DOUBTS? YOU'VE HAD TO RESIST THEM THREE TIMES... YOUR APPEARANCE...

THIS IS A WORLD OF WEAKLINGS. THEIR SPIRITS, LIMP AND FLACCID, GELATINOUS PSYCHES THAT CONTRIBUTE NOTHING. IT'S IMPORTANT NOT TO GET INFECTED.

HA. WHAT HAPPENED THE THIRD TIME... THE DEGENERATION OF MY APPEARANCE NO LONGER MATTERED TO *ANYONE*.

BY THE TIME IT'S YOUR TURN TO REACH THE THIRD LESSON, YOU'LL KNOW THAT YOUR BEING *EXTENDS* BEYOND YOURSELF.

THE CHANGES THEY BRING ABOUT IN YOU ARE WAYS OF SHAPING YOUR PERCEPTION, OPENING IT UP...

...TO THE ***TRUTH*** OF THIS WORLD. THIS PAIN THAT NEVER ENDS--WHY IS IT STILL HERE? THIS LONELINESS--HOW CAN ITS BOUNDARIES BE ENDLESS?

NO, MY FRIEND. THIS IS A ***BLESSING.***

MOST PEOPLE ARE COWARDS. THEY DEVOTE THEIR PETTY LIVES TO RUNNING AWAY FROM PAIN.

THE FEW TIMES THEY MAKE A DECISION, THEY REGRET IT AS SOON AS THEY SEE HOW REAL IT'S BECOME.

THEY ARE SLAVES.

THEY USE THEIR TOYS AND THEIR ARGUMENTS AND THEIR IDEOLOGIES AND THEIR GENITALS TO RUN AND RUN AND RUN, UNABLE TO STAY STILL FOR A SECOND.

IN THIS WORLD...

WE, MONSTROSITIES THAT WE ARE, CARRYING THESE WOUNDS IN OUR SOULS...

WE ARE THE CLOSEST THING TO A ***FREE MAN.***

OIO DISMANTLED THE VERSE, ALONG WITH THE EGYPTIANS. THEY... THEY'VE WRITTEN A REPORT TO SEND TO ALL THE ZEPHOR *NODES.*

GOD... IT'S INCREDIBLE. WE'RE SEEING THE *SECRET HISTORY...*

IF I UNDERSTAND THIS CORRECTLY...

THESE "VERSES" ARE MADE OF *THREE-DIMENSIONAL LANGUAGE...*

THEY CAN BE SUMMARIZED IN A VERSE OF NORMAL LANGUAGE, BUT IT DOESN'T DO IT JUSTICE... THERE ARE SO MANY ***FACETS...***

THE REPORTS... *THANKFULLY THERE'S ONE IN ENGLISH...*

SAUNIÈRE... SAUNIÈRE MET WITH MAGES FROM ALL OVER EUROPE AT THE *ALHAMBRA.* HE WANTED TO SHOW THEM...

...A SECRET BASEMENT HE HAD DISCOVERED. YOU COULD ONLY ACCESS IT IF YOU HAD ADVANCED MAGICAL ABILITIES...

THERE HE FOUND, HE SAYS, A BASE WHERE THEY'D BEEN PREPARING...

...A PLAN OF ***ATTACK.*** THEY HAD *ASTROLOGICAL CHARTS* OF THE EUROPEAN MONARCHS.

HE BELIEVED THEY DID THEM TO SEARCH FOR THE BEST MOMENT TO STRIKE.

THAT IMPRESSION WAS REINFORCED BY THE *OTHER THING* HE FOUND IN THE ROOM.

MAGICAL TOOLS. WEAPONS, REALLY.

THAT HAD AN INVISIBLE CONNECTION TO THEIR BEARER AND ENDOWED THEM WITH POWERS.

SUPPOSEDLY, THAT'S WHAT HE HAD FOUND IN THAT CELLAR.

"THE ENGLISH TELL THE STORY THAT THEY SENT A BAND OF CONVICTS TO SOUTHERN SPAIN, ONLY TO BE DEFEATED", HE SAID TO THEM.

SAUNIÈRE BELIEVES THAT WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED WAS THAT ENGLAND AND OIO FORMED A ***FRAGILE ALLIANCE*** TO SEE IF, TOGETHER, THEY COULD DEFEAT THE SPANISH FORCES.

AT SOME POINT, OIO UNDERSTOOD THAT THE REASON THEIR ENGLISH ALLIES WERE CONVICTS WAS BECAUSE THEIR OTHER MISSION WAS TO STEAL AND EXPERIMENT WITH THE WEAPONS... THE ALLIANCE IMPLODED.

HE ADDED: "THE STORY GOES THAT THEY FOUND ARMORS THAT GAVE THEM POWERS AND YET, THEY FAILED. AND IT IS FITTING TO USE THE WORD 'STORY,' DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF FORGERY IN IT".

"OBVIOUSLY", HE SAID, "ALL THIS IS SPECULATION BASED ON EVENTS BLURRED AFTER NINETY YEARS", THE FRENCHMAN CONTINUED. "BUT THAT WOULD EXPLAIN WHY THE SPANISH REINTEGRATED THE CRIMINALS AFTER DEFEATING THEM: THEY WANTED THE INFORMATION".

"WHICH IS WHY I INSIST ONCE AGAIN ON THE NEED TO ***UNITE*** SO THAT THERE MAY BE A CONTINUITY OF LOGOS WHERE THERE ISN'T CONTINUITY OF HOMELAND".

"THESE INDIVIDUALS... HAVE DANGEROUS WEAPONS, HAVE ATTACKED SPAIN, AND POSSESS ASTROLOGICAL CHARTS OF THE CONTINENT'S MONARCHS".

ONE OF THE OTHER MAGES PRESENT CUT SAUNIÈRE OFF. HE CALLED HIM A CHARLATAN, AND SAID THAT ***HE*** WAS THE ONE SPINNING TALES FOR HIS OWN GAIN.

"YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T BEHEAD ALL THE KINGS, SO YOU WANT TO *DECAPITATE US* IN A DIFFERENT WAY".

"WHAT YOU WANT IS TO FORGE A COMMON ENEMY TO BRING US TOGETHER. ARE WE SUPPOSED TO BE AFRAID OF A BUNCH OF SAVAGES FROM AFRICA?"

THIS GUY MAKES ME *SICK*.

"THAT LAND OF SAVAGES", SAID SAUNIÈRE, "HARBORS OUR GREATEST THREAT, AND IT IS PROOF OF YOUR ***STUPIDITY*** THAT YOU HAVEN'T EVEN DETECTED IT".

"THOSE WEAPONS HAVE A SONG... NO, A DREAM, LODGED WITHIN THEM. WHEN I GRABBED ONE, I SENSED ITS DESIRE TO POSSESS ME, TO STEAL MY VISION".

AND WE WON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT'S THE TRUTH.

HE ***WROTE*** THIS POEM.

"LET'S GO DOWN TO THE BASEMENT, AND I'LL SHOW YOU", HE SAID, AND SO THEY DID.

BUT THEN... HA. THE FRENCH KNIGHT RAN INTO A PROBLEM.

IN THE BASEMENT, THERE WAS ONLY A SUIT OF ARMOR. SAUNIÈRE TRIED TO ACTIVATE IT IN FRONT OF THEM...

*...IT DIDN'T WORK.* THE MAGES LEFT SHORTLY AFTERWARD, LAUGHING AT HIM.

SAUNIÈRE REALIZED WHAT HAD HAPPENED. THAT MENTAL ASSAULT HE FELT WHEN HE TOUCHED THE ARMOR WAS TWO-WAY: SOMEONE HAD DETECTED HIS PRESENCE AND DISCONNECTED IT.

BUT HE STILL DIDN'T UNDERSTAND. EVER SINCE HE HAD OBTAINED THE ELEMENT OF FIRE, HIS PLANS HAD BECOME VIVID VISIONS... HOW COULD THEY FAIL?

HE EVEN HEARD ***VOICES,*** TOO. VOICES INSISTING ON UNITING THE MAGES AND INSISTING ON SOUTHERN SPAIN. BUT THERE HE STOOD, HUMILIATED.

IN THE END, HE DECIDED THAT THE FIRE HAD GIVEN HIM A TRUE VISION, BUT THAT HE ACTED AT THE WRONG TIME. THE MAGES WOULD UNITE WHEN THEY UNDERSTOOD THE MAGNITUDE OF WHAT THEY WERE FACING.

WHEN THEY GRASPED THE *NECESSITY* OF WHAT HE DID DURING THE FRENCH REVOLUTION.

THESE AND OTHER ASPECTS I CANNOT EVEN DESCRIBE LED TO A VERSE THAT, TRANSLATED INTO OUR "TWO-DIMENSIONAL" LANGUAGE, CAN BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

"ON THE THRESHOLD OF THE ALHAMBRA, SAUNIÈRE REALIZED THAT THE UNION OF EUROPE WOULD BE FOUND IN AFRICA".

HEY.

VISITORS, PEOPLE.

THE KIND LACKING A ***HEARTBEAT.***

CORRECT. WE'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU ALL ALONG.

!

THEY KICKED ME OFF THE COMPUTER.

...

WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?

IS THERE ANY PLACE FOR DOUBT? WE ARE THE ONES THE FRENCH INVADER SPOKE OF, CENTURIES AGO.

ALONG WITH CERTAIN ALLIES.

ZEPHOR, RIGHT? ZEPHOR AND YOU GUYS ARE OIO...

YOU ARE UNDER ARREST. THIS BASE FALLS UNDER ZEPHOR'S JURISDICTION.

...

DON'T MISUNDERSTAND US. THERE'S A REASON WE HAVE ALLOWED YOU TO SEE OUR INFORMATION.

WE KNOW ABOUT YOU. CABALISTS. MAYBE WE'RE INTERESTED IN A MORE AMICABLE FORM OF DIALOGUE.

PERHAPS WE'VE LET YOU READ THE INVADER'S WORDS AS A PRELIMINARY STEP TOWARD NEGOTIATION.

I DON'T LIKE THIS...

OH, GOD. GET READY.

BUT THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT YOU'RE HERE ***ILLEGALLY,*** SO YOU'LL HAVE TO COME WITH US TO ZEPHOR.

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING! YOU ONLY BROUGHT *THREE!* WE CAN...

IT'S TRUE, WE ONLY LEFT THREE SOLDIERS THERE.

WE DIDN'T NEED MORE, FOR TWO REASONS.

THIS BUNKER IS RIGGED TO BE DETONATED REMOTELY.

JACOB, IS IT...?

DON'T KNOW.

AND THE SECOND ONE--PERHAPS THE ONE THAT WILL MOST ENCOURAGE YOU TO COOPERATE...

!

OH! WHAT...?

WE CAPTURED THEM A FEW DAYS AGO. FROM YOUR ORGANIZATION, RIGHT?

GREG!

HAHA-HA.

AH, THE OLD ONES ARE ***LAUGHING*** AT US.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

THESE VERSES... THEY'RE FALLING TOO EASILY. I SMELL A ***TRAP.***

WHAT THEN? RETREAT UNTIL THINGS CALM DOWN?

***NO.*** IF THERE'S A TRAP, THERE'S AN EXPECTATION WE'LL BEHAVE A CERTAIN WAY. THEY'VE SEEN US GO ONE BY ONE.

THEN ONE WAS TAKEN.

SOMEONE'S CREATING A ***BOTTLENECK.*** NO, WE DON'T RETREAT. WE OVERWHELM.

BUT... IF YOU'RE CAPTURED, AND FREI USES SAUNIÈRE'S WILL...

THEN I'LL ***KILL MYSELF.*** THE EBI WON'T CAPTURE ME ALIVE. AS FOR THE REST...










# ...TO BE CONTINUED

SEE YOU IN ABOUT 70 DAYS (IDEALLY; SOME ISSUES IT'S 80 OR, UHM, MORE). WE KEEP THE RELEASE DATE UPDATED ON THE FACEBOOK FIXED POST. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING US SO WE CAN GET ISSUES OUT FASTER AND GET ***DRAWINGS/SKETCHES*** OF FUTURE ISSUES, ***EARLY ACCESS*** TO A WORK-IN-PROGRESS VERSION OF THE NEXT ISSUE, OR ***VIDEOS*** SHOWING HOW WE DRAW A PAGE, PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING US THROUGH PATREON (LINK BELOW). IF WE GET ENOUGH HELP, WE MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE UPSURGE A MONTHLY SERIES. THANKS!

ah I wish...

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