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EXCERPTS FROM ODU OSETURA AND  
VARIOUS ORIKI ORISA

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CAST FOR 200  
DEITIES TO THE  
LEFT

CAST FOR 200  
DEITIES TO THE  
RIGHT





AND OSUN SANGESI

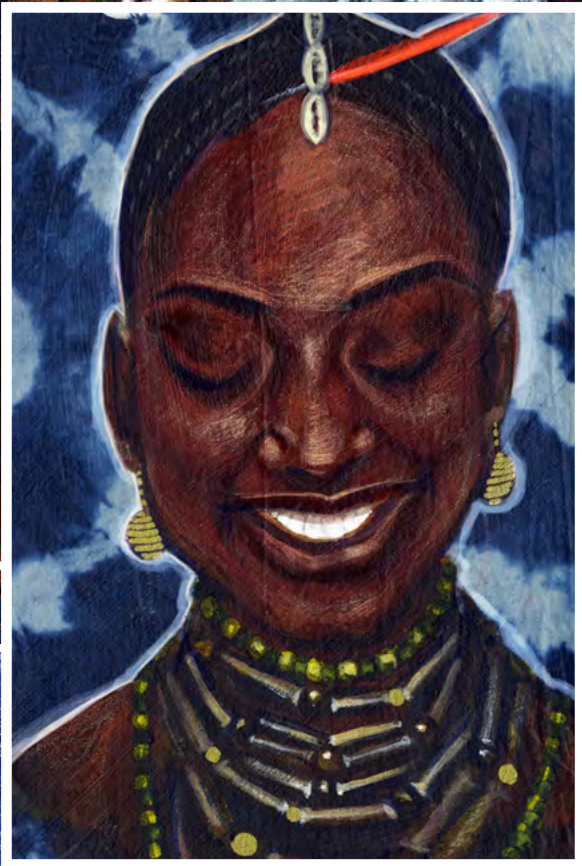
OWNER OF THE  
GLITTERING COMB



ON THE DAY THEY  
WERE ENTERING THE  
UNIVERSE



THE 16 IRUNMOLE,  
ORISA AND  
PRIMORDIAL DEITIES



WITH OSUN  
AS THE 17TH, AND  
THE ONLY WOMAN  
AMONG THEM





DESCENDED UPON THE  
WORLD, EACH WITH THIER  
OWN POWER

AS THEY SET ABOUT TO DO  
THE WILL OF OLODUMARE



HOWEVER, THEY IGNORED  
OSUN, FOR SHE WAS A  
WOMAN AND THEY HAD  
NOT YET LEARNED OF HER  
POWER

SO THEY EACH SET FORTH  
TO DO THIER WORK  
WITHOUT HER

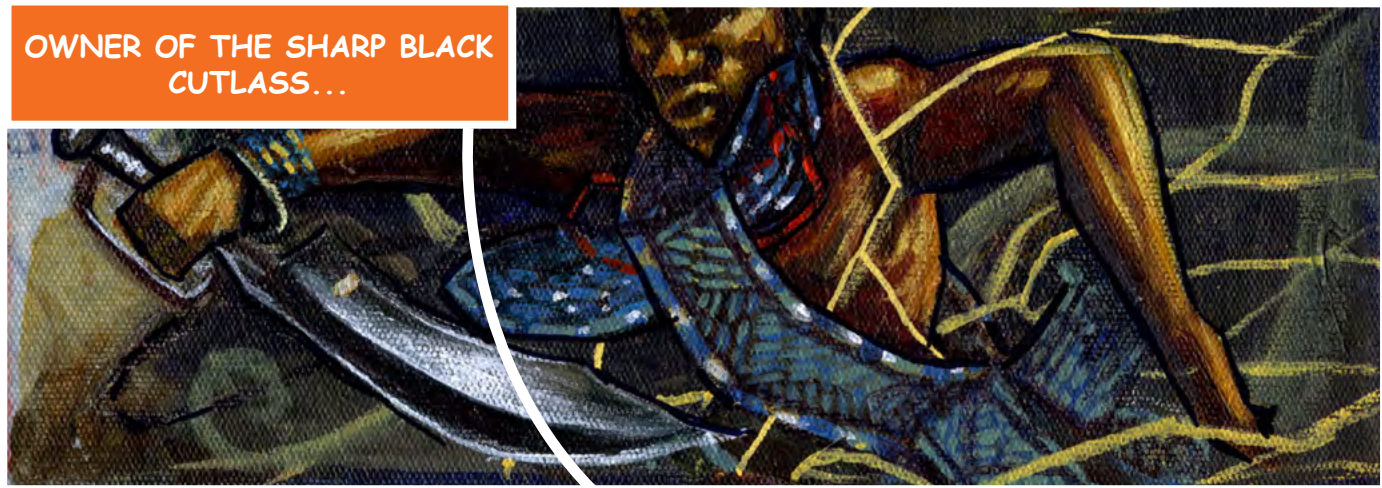




MASTER OF IRON, HEAD OF WARRIORS



HE KILLS ON THE LEFT.. HE DESTROYS ON THE RIGHT



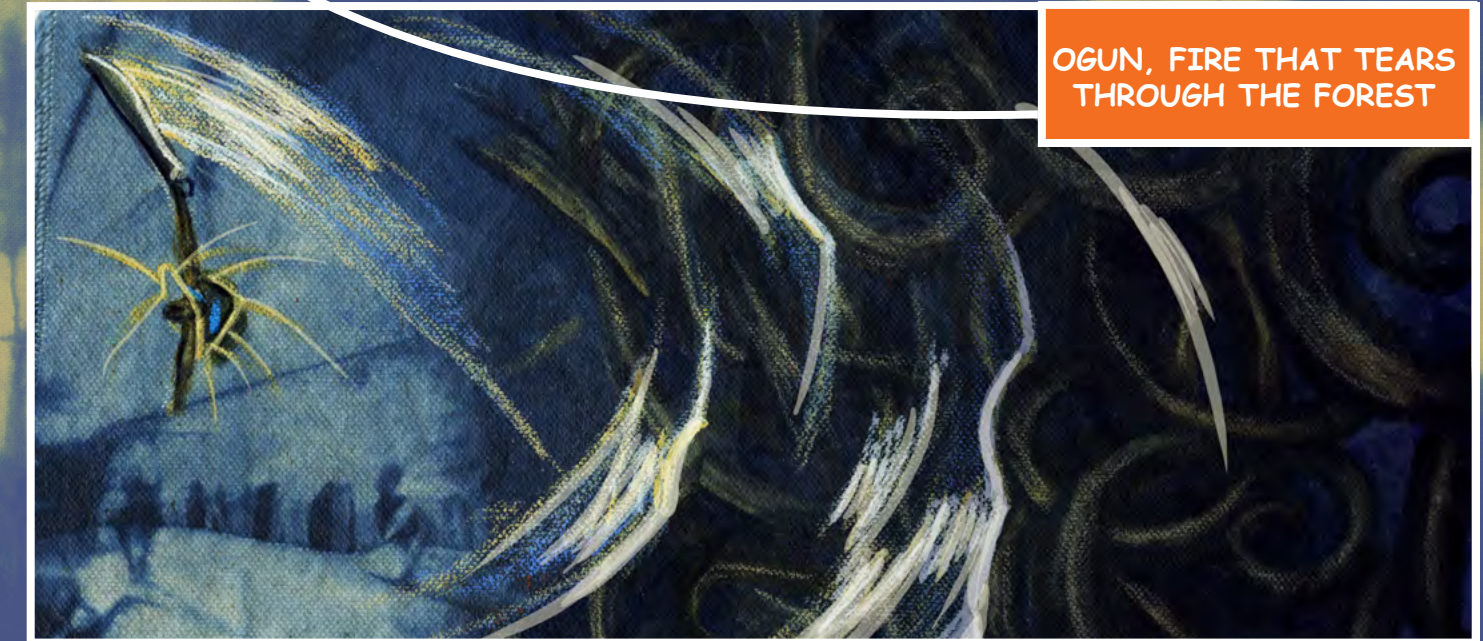
OWNER OF THE SHARP BLACK CUTLASS...



OGUN, LET ME NOT SEE YOUR RED EYES..



HE LEAVES THE FOREST SCREAMING IN THE SOUND OF FLAMES



OGUN, FIRE THAT TEARS THROUGH THE FOREST



OGUN, SALUTE OF IRON AND STONE.



BLACKSMITH OF ALL OF HEAVEN





KAWO  
KABIYESI OOO!!!



THEY SAY FIRE KILLS  
WATER



SANGO RIDES FIRE AS  
A HORSE





ORISA OKO  
DEITY OF THE FARM

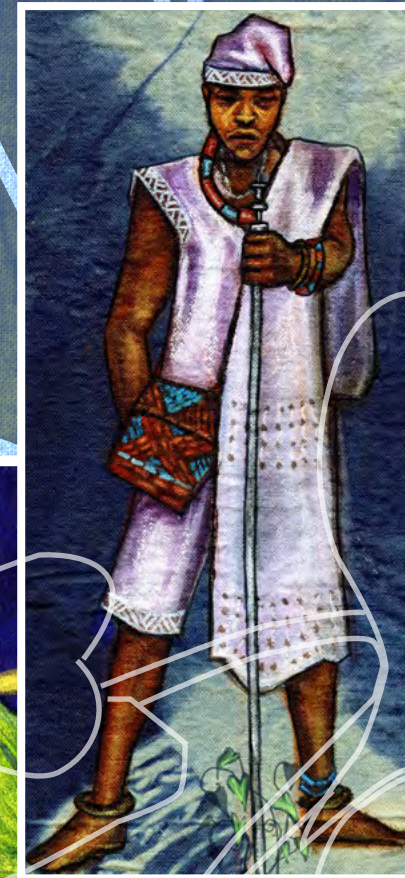


PRAISE TO OSANYIN, THE  
OWNER OF LEAVES.



THE SUPERNATURAL ONE  
WHO TURNS LEAVES INTO  
MEDICINE

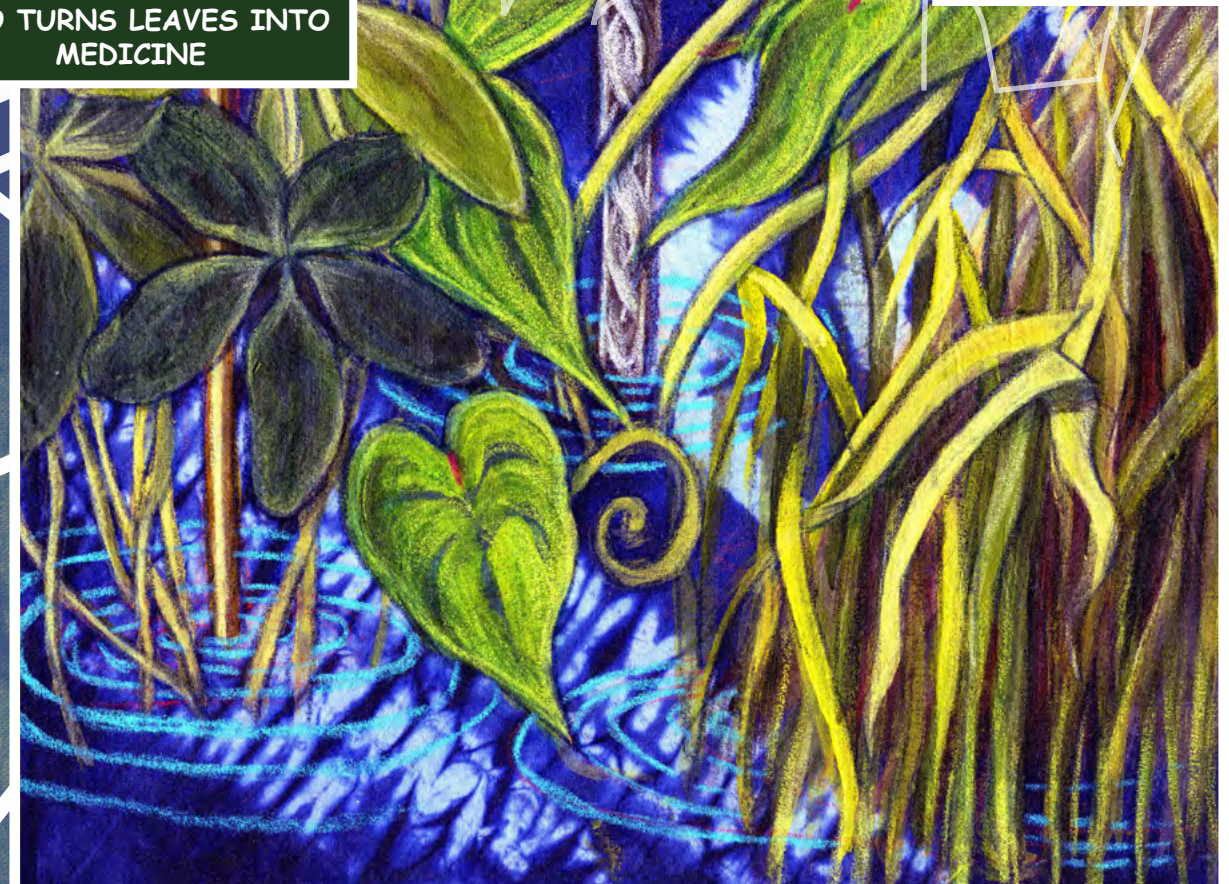
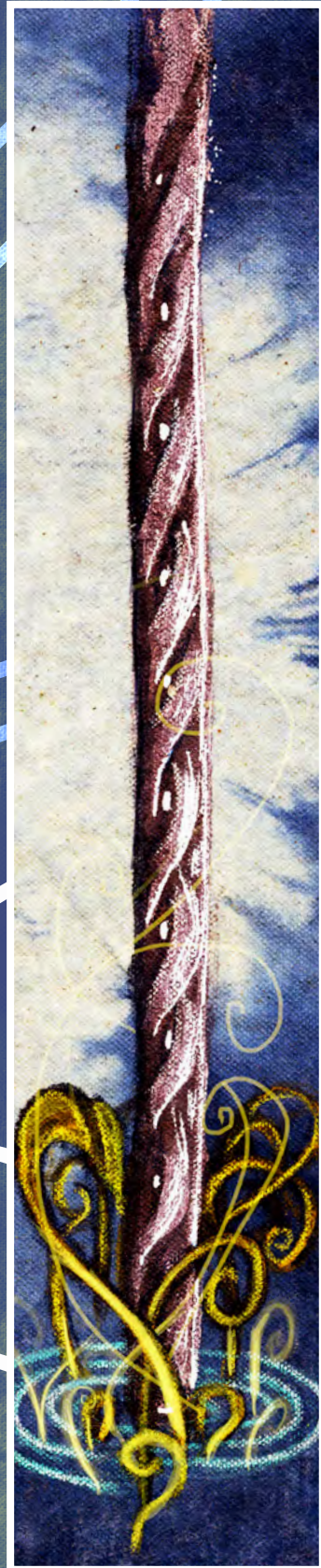
BABALU AYE, BLACK HUNTER,  
BODY COVERED BY A GOWN  
OF RAFFIA



ORISA OKO YOU  
ARE A FATHER



ONE WHO LAYS DOWN THE  
MAT AND DOES NOT REMOVE IT  
AGAIN







THERE ARE NO ORISHA WITHOUT LEAVES....

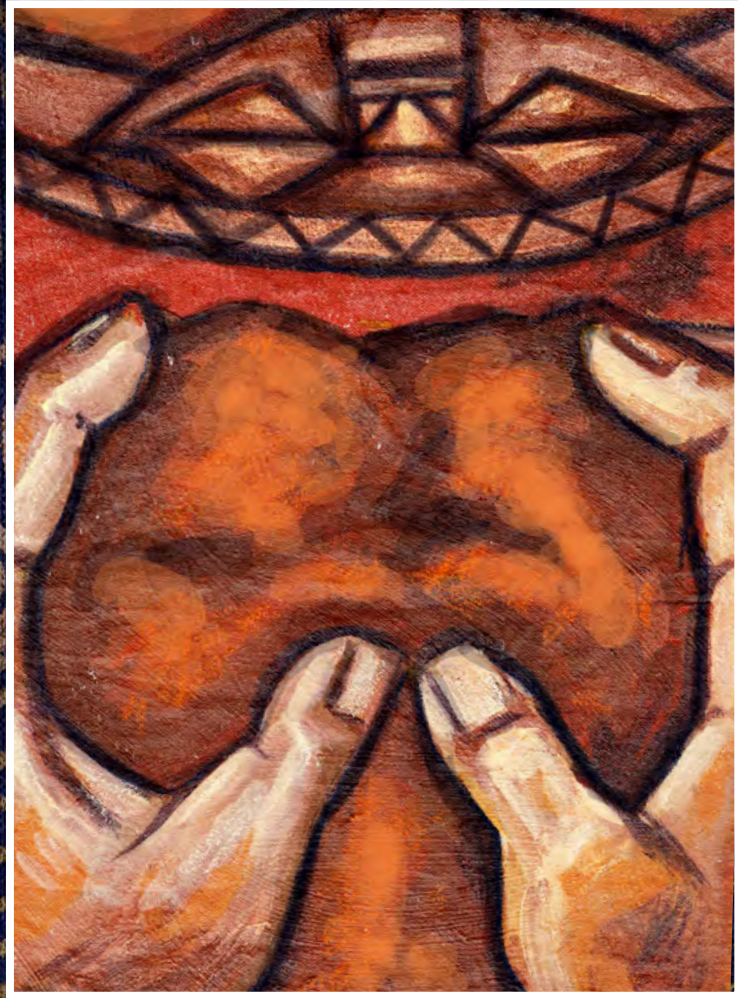


OBATALA, KING OF WHITE CLOTH, GREAT ORISHA THAT DOES NOT FEAR DEATH

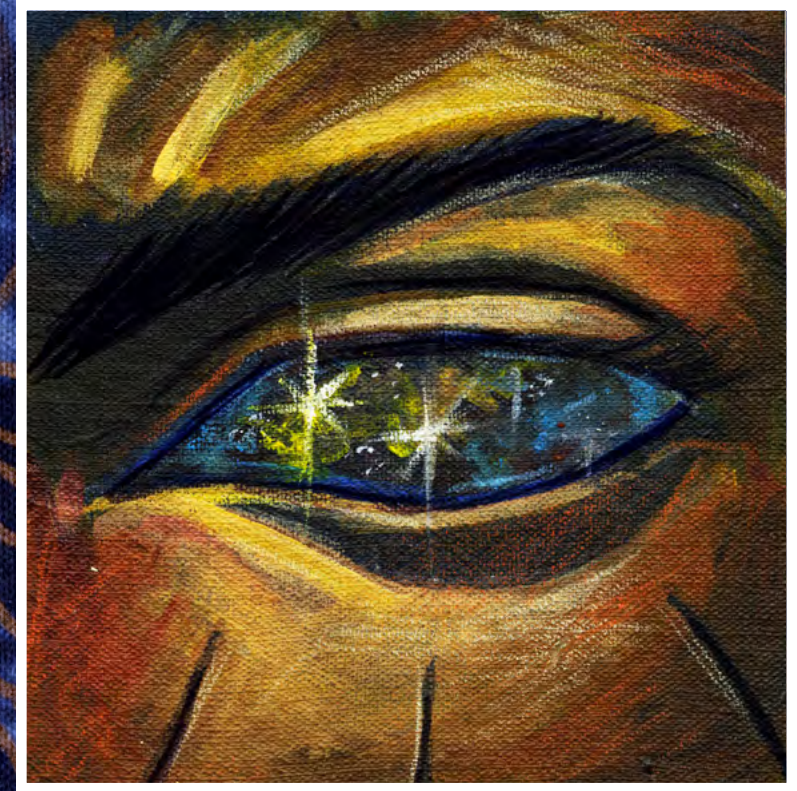
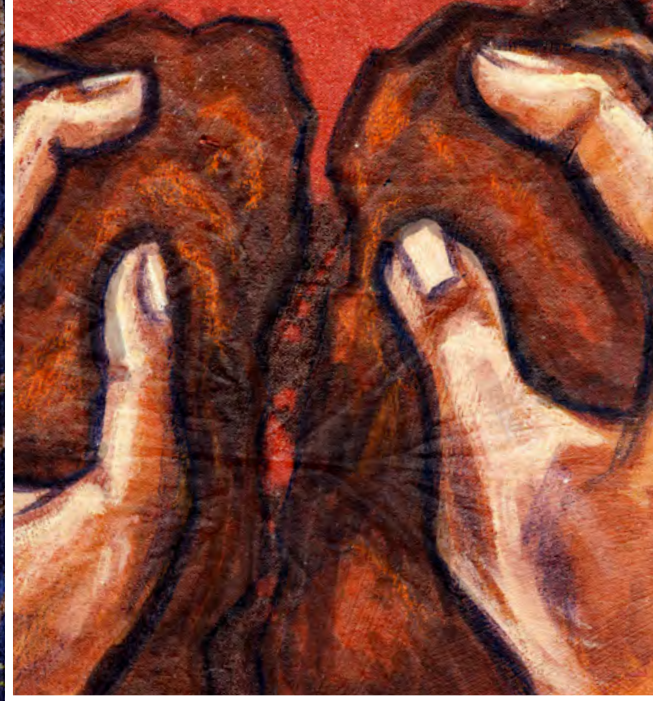
ORUNMILA WHITNESS OF FATE SECOND ONLY TO OLODUMARE



OWNER OF ALL HEADS...



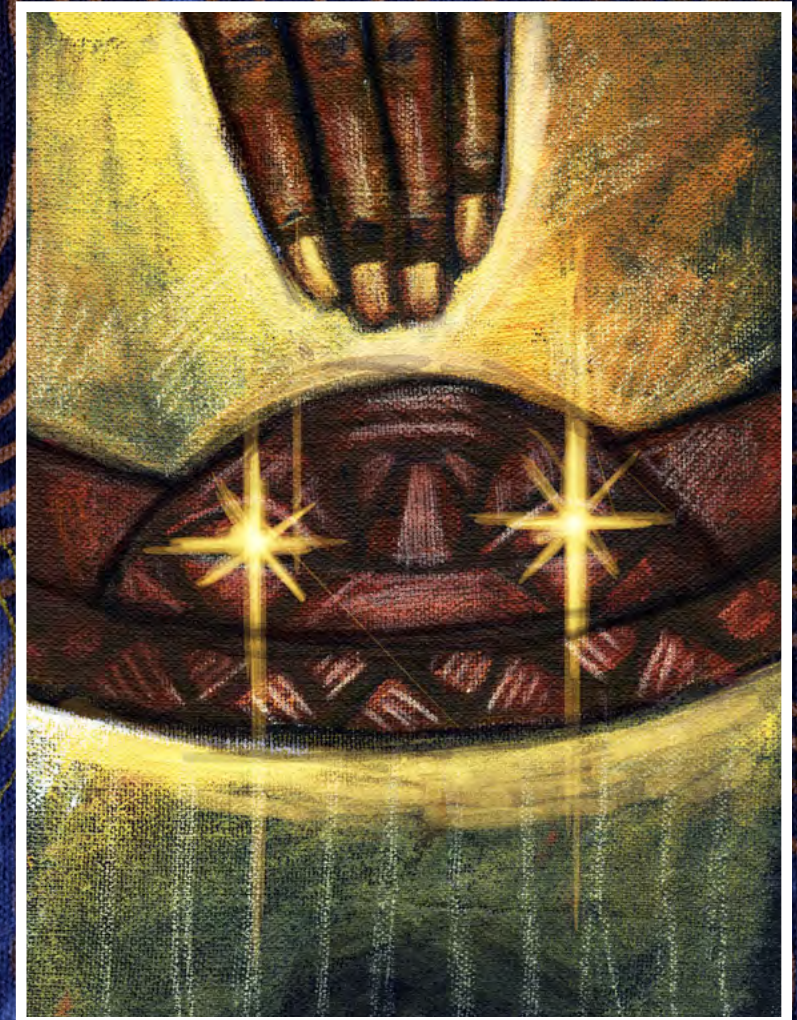
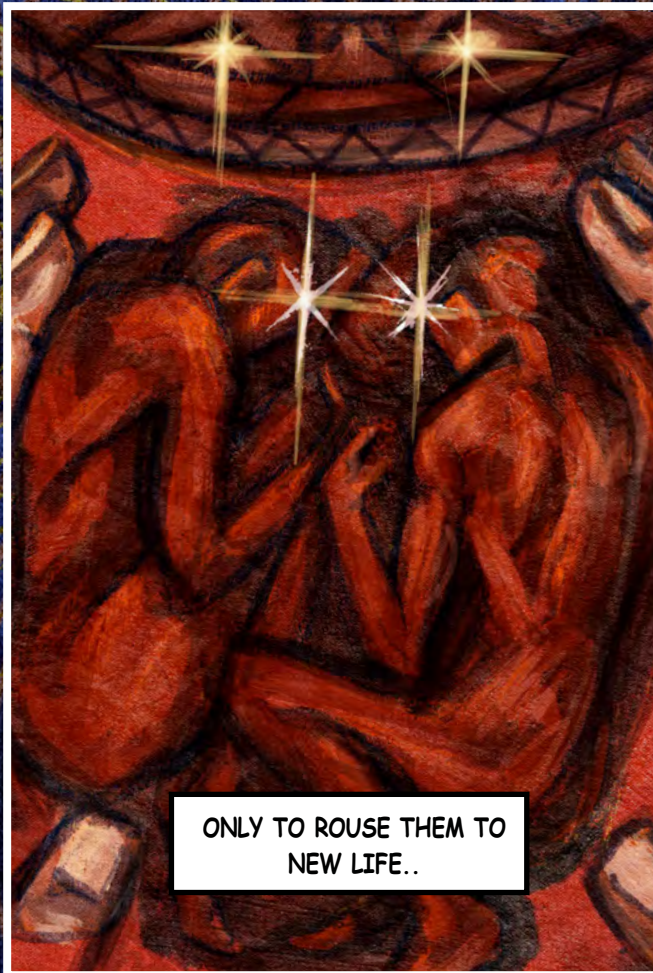
HE KILLS THE INITIATE...



HE WHO CREATES AT WILL...



ONLY TO ROUSE THEM TO  
NEW LIFE..





THEY DID THEIR WORK IN THE ABSENCE OF OSUN



OSUN, WHO THEN ENTERED THE SECRET PLACE

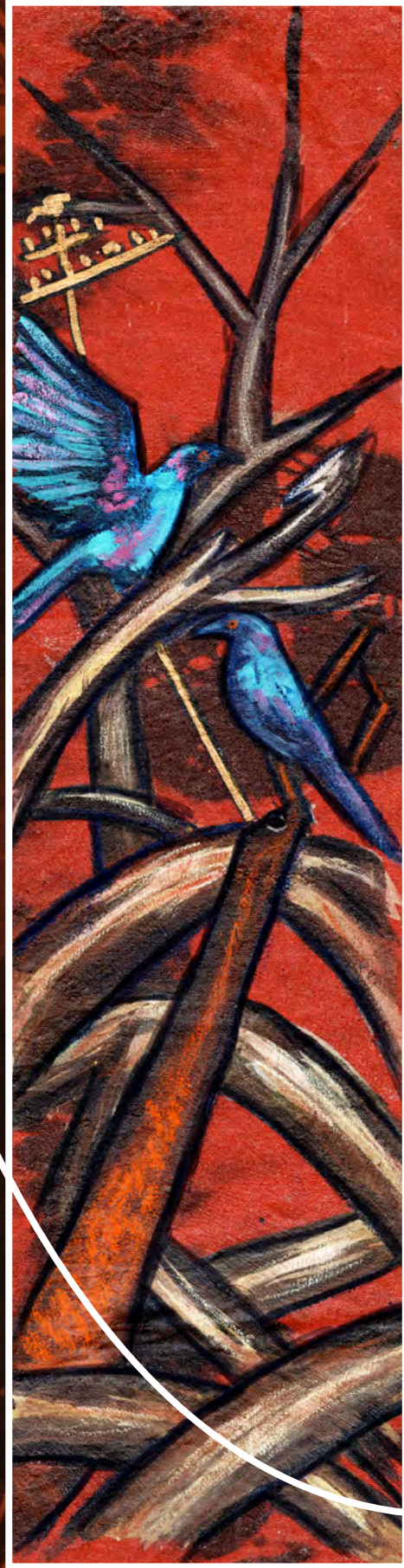


AND SPOILED THE SACRIFICES OF THE OTHER DEITIES





FOR ALL THIER WORK  
CREATION HAD FAILED



DROUGHT AND  
DEATH BESET  
THE WORLD

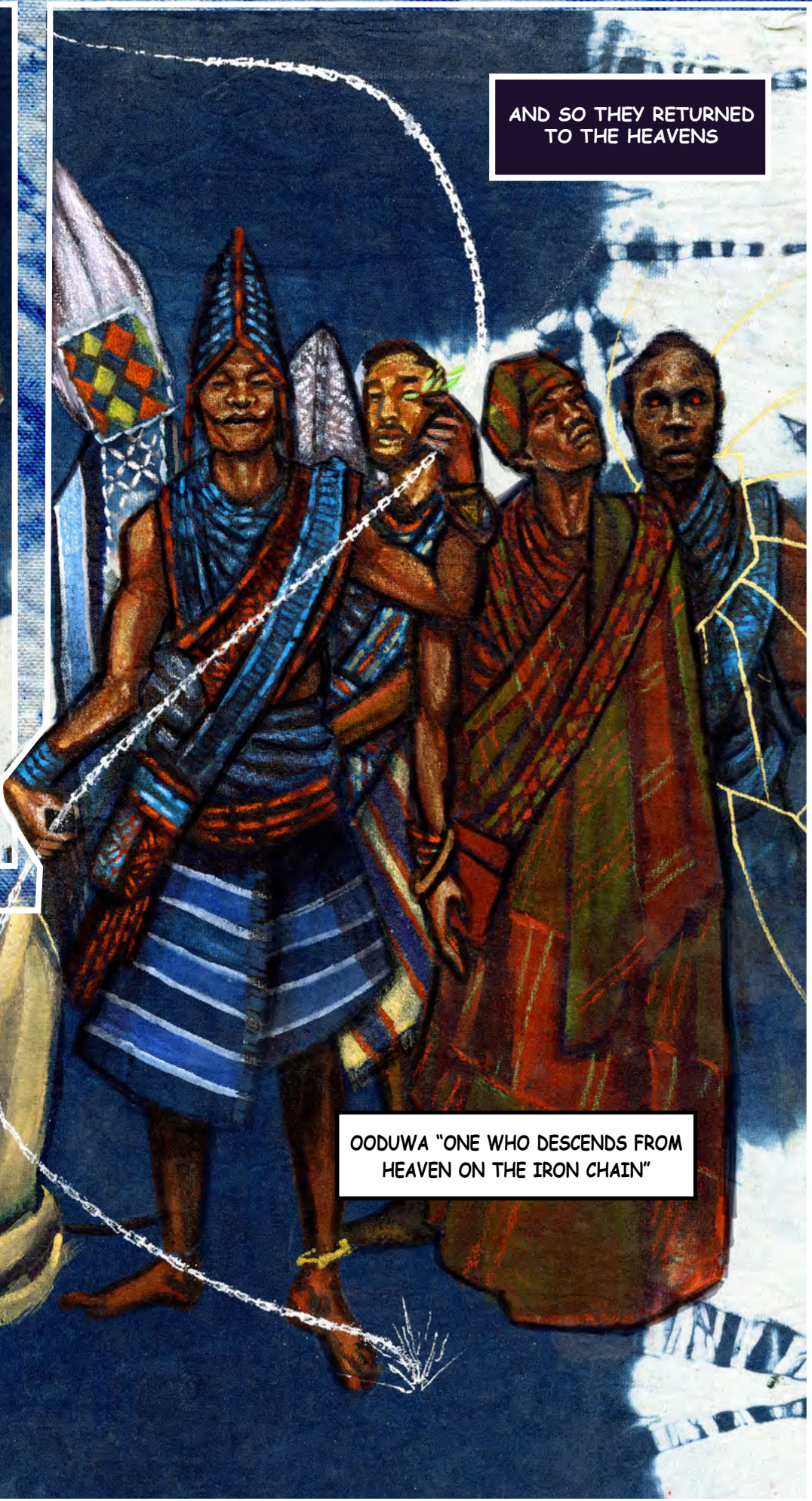


IN THE CONFUSION...  
THIER HEADS  
WERE IN CHAOS



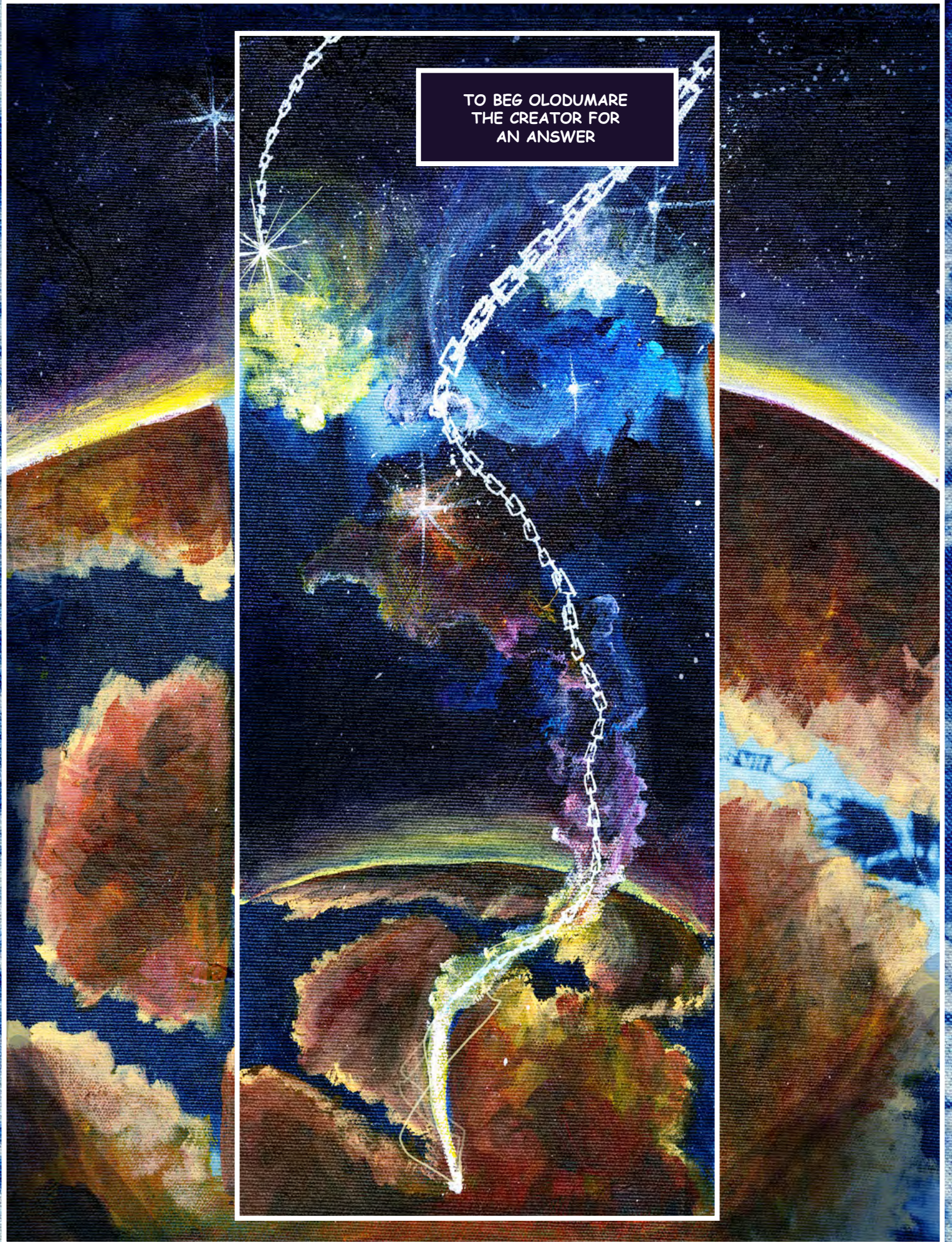
THEY CONSULTED  
THE ORACLE  
TO DETRMINIE  
A SOLUTION





AND SO THEY RETURNED  
TO THE HEAVENS

ODUWA "ONE WHO DESCENDS FROM  
HEAVEN ON THE IRON CHAIN"



TO BEG OLODUMARE  
THE CREATOR FOR  
AN ANSWER