

E.X.O.™

THE LEGEND OF WALE WILLIAMS



YOUNEEK
STUDIOS

PART ONE

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Arise, O compatriots,
Nigeria's call obey
To serve our Fatherland
With love and strength and faith.
The labour of our heroes past
Shall never be in vain,
To serve with heart and might
One nation bound in freedom, peace and unity.

- National Anthem of Nigeria

CHAPTER ONE

LAGOON CITY,
LAGOS, NIGERIA
2025.



I WASN'T
BORN A
HERO...



I *HAD* TO
BECOME ONE...



TO PROTECT MY
PEOPLE AND PUT
AN END TO THE
SCHEMES THAT
OPPRESS THEM.



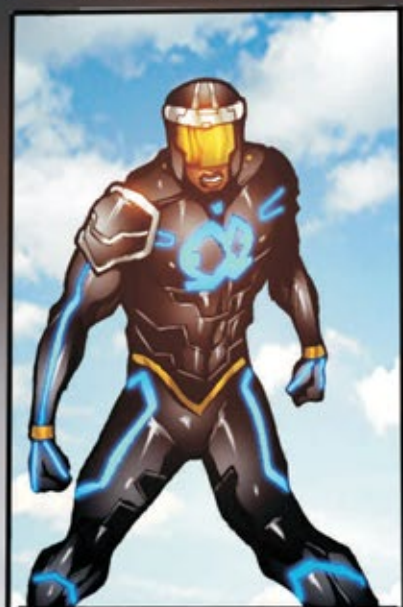
SOME ASK IF I'M TRULY WHAT THE PEOPLE NEED... OTHERS SAY I WILL INEVITABLY BRING THIS CITY TO ITS DEMISE.



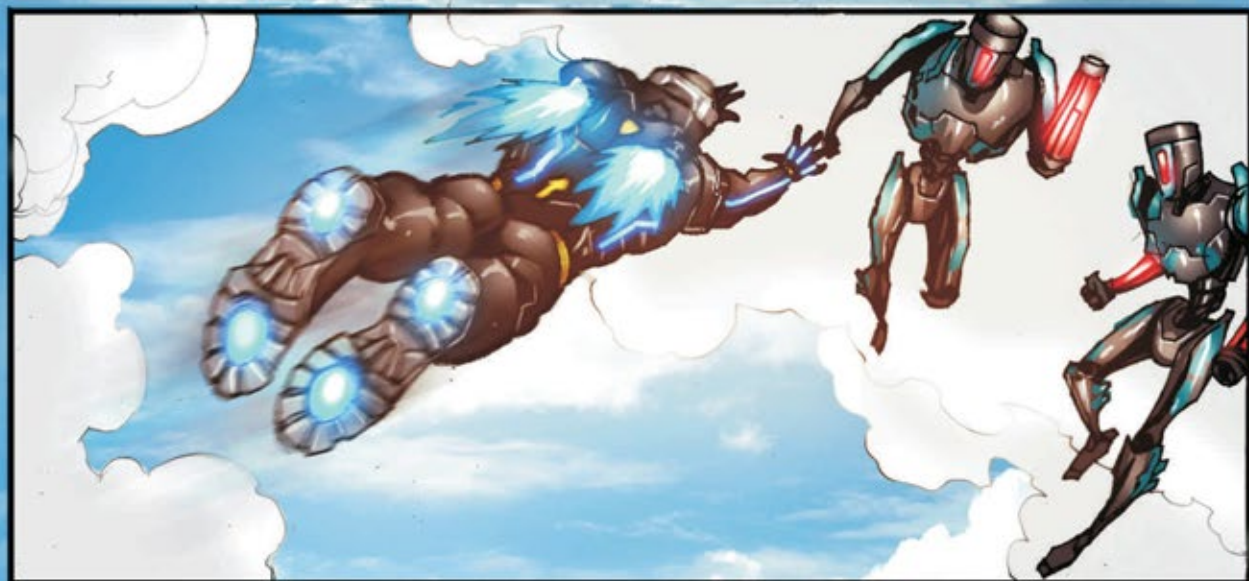


CHOOOOO!!!











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FIVE YEARS AGO.



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A comic book panel showing a man and a woman in a domestic setting. The man is speaking, and a speech bubble says "SORRY, MOM...". The woman is looking at him with a concerned expression. A large, dark, blurry shape is in the foreground, partially obscuring the view.

YOU KNOW I HATE IT WHEN YOU CALL ME THAT, UNCLE.

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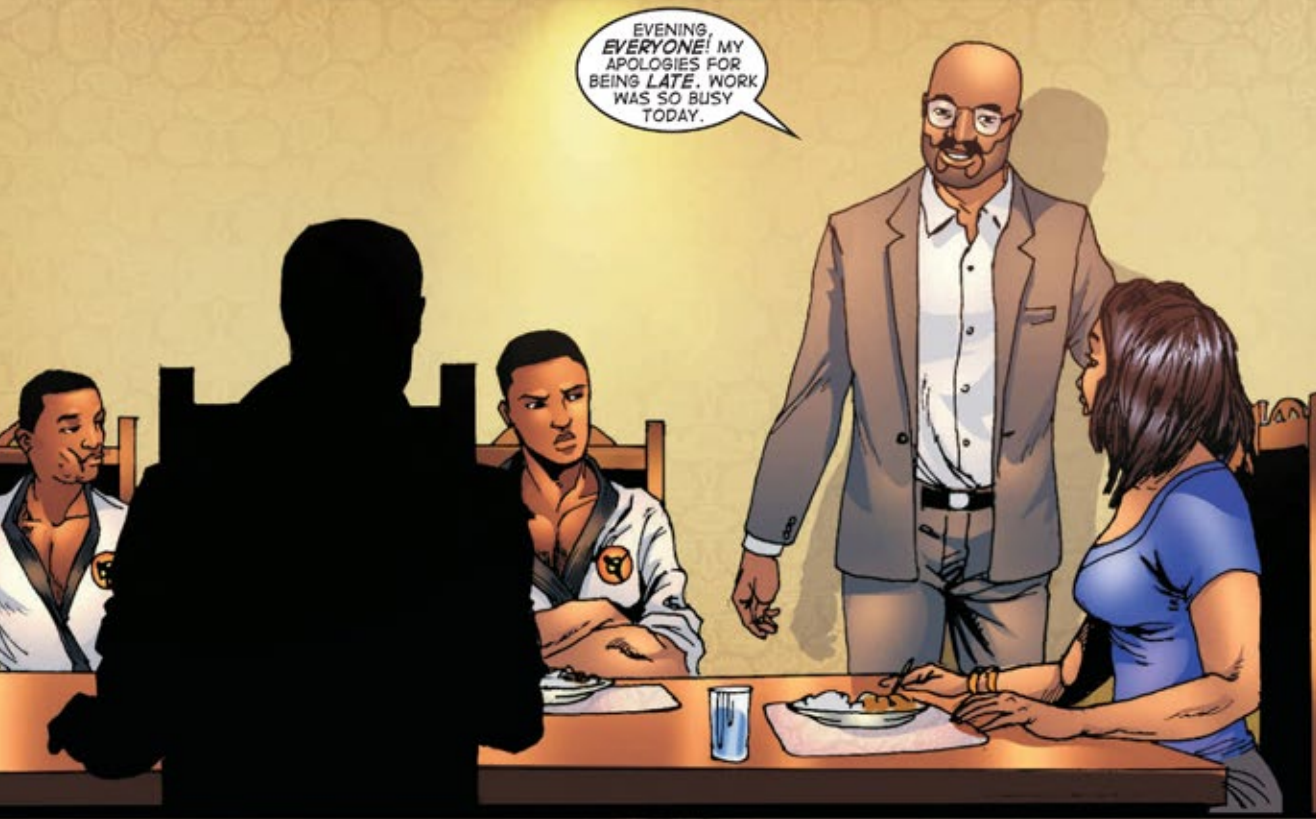
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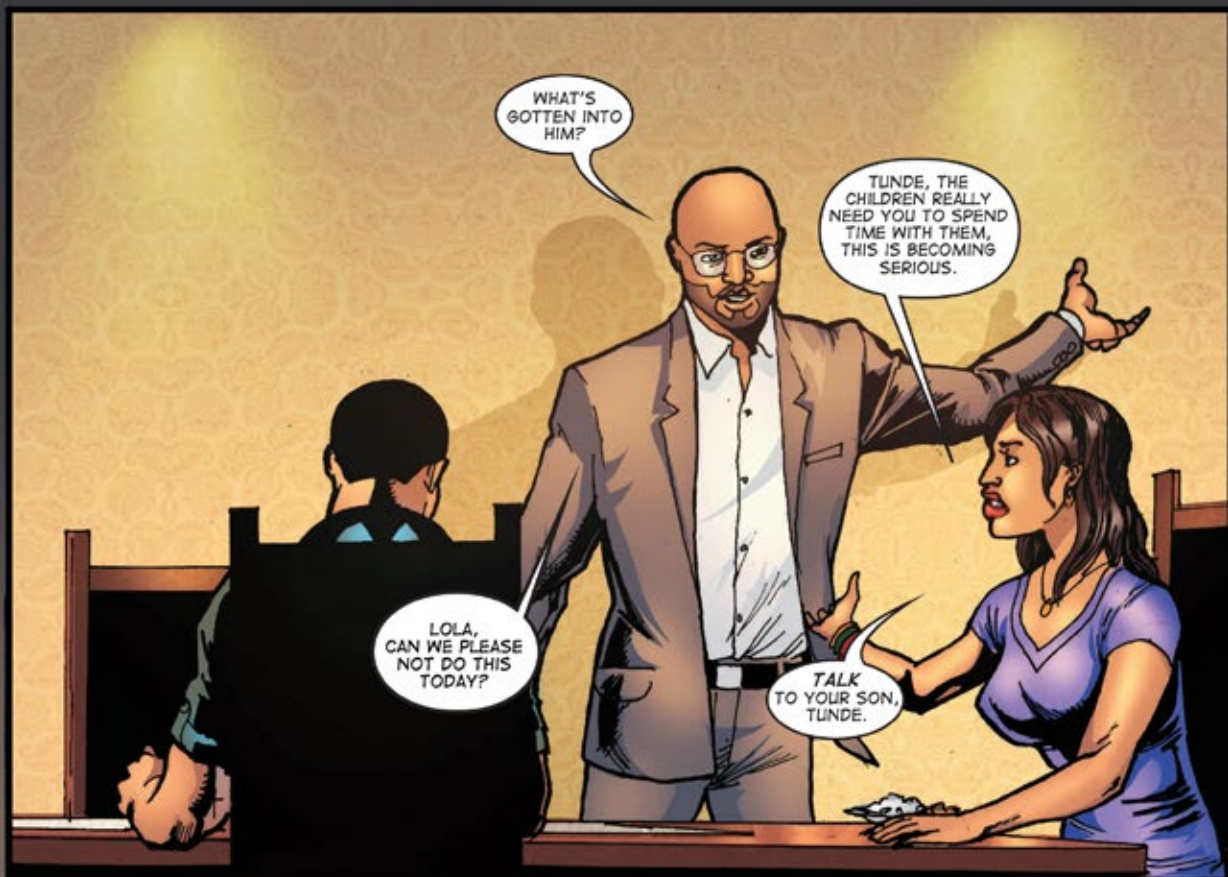
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WALE,
IT'S RUDE TO
STORM OFF LIKE
THAT. ESPECIALLY AT
DINNER.

YOU'RE NEVER
AROUND! FOR THE
FIFTH TIME IN A ROW
YOU WERE A NO-
SHOW AT MY
TOURNAMENT. IT'S
FRUSTRATING!



YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S
NO EXCUSE... YOU
KNOW WHAT, HOW
ABOUT YOU HELP IN
THE LAB AT HOME
THIS WEEK?

I COULD REALLY USE
A TALENTED
PROGRAMMER LIKE
YOU FOR WHAT I'M
WORKING ON.

FINE...

THAT'S MY BOY.
HOW'S ZAHRA?
WASN'T SHE SUPPOSED
TO BE HERE
TONIGHT?

ARE YOU
TWO OK?

YEAH, SHE
HAD SOME THINGS
SHE NEEDED TO
TAKE CARE OF.



OK... YOU
KNOW THAT GIRL
IS CRAZY ABOUT
YOU RIGHT?

DAD!



WHY IS
HE RED ALL OF A
SUDDEN?

HORMONES.

AH, I
SEE.



WE NEED
TO TALK ABOUT
PRYTEK AND
PROJECT
NOVA.

NO!
AND IF YOU
MUST KNOW, I'M
THINKING OF LEAVING
THE COMPANY
ALTOGETHER.





I'M NOT HACKING MOM.

WHAT AND WHERE ARE YOU HACKING INTO THIS TIME?

REALLY? BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT YOU DO ANY TIME YOU GET UPSET.

YOU NEED TO START USING YOUR TALENTS FOR BETTER THINGS. WHAT DO I ALWAYS TELL YOU?



"I'M MEANT FOR BIGGER AND GREATER THINGS."

EXACTLY. GIVE YOUR DAD A BREAK. HE'LL COME AROUND.



I KNEW YOU WOULD HAVE A RUSH OF HUNGER AFTER YOU CALMED DOWN, SO I MADE YOUR FAVORITE, JOLLOF RICE WITH FRIED PLANTAINS.



WHAT WOULD I DO WITHOUT YOU MOM... LOVE YOU.

I LOVE YOU MORE, SWEETHEART.



DAD, WE'VE BEEN AT THIS FOR DAYS. TODAY ALONE WE'VE BEEN HERE FOR TWELVE HOURS. WE SHOULD GO BACK TO MOM AND TIM.

SOON, WALE. I'M ALMOST THERE. GREAT JOB ON THE SENTIENT ALGORITHM. I'M TRYING TO INCORPORATE IT INTO THE SYSTEM AS WELL.

BUT DAD, WHY AREN'T YOU DOING THIS AT PRYTEK? YOU WORK FOR THEM.



SON, WE ARE JUST STEPS AWAY FROM CREATING THE WORLD'S GREATEST POWER-SOURCE. I CALL IT THE **PRIME-X**.

IMAGINE THE APPLICATIONS. NANO-TECH, BIOINFORMATICS, ELECTRICAL-INFRASTRUCTURE AND POWER GRIDS.



THEY PLAN TO USE MY RESEARCH IN WAYS I DO NOT APPROVE. I'M BUILDING THIS POWER-SOURCE TO HELP THIS COUNTRY, NOT HARM IT.



IMAGINE THE OMILE DISTRICT EXPERIENCING NO INTERRUPTION IN ELECTRICITY OR WATER SUPPLY. THE **PRIME-X** HAS THE ABILITY TO POWER THE MOST DEMANDING MACHINERY.

AND WHAT IS THIS FOR?



I FEAR THAT SOME OF MY RESEARCH MAY HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMPROMISED...

A DAY MAY COME WHEN SOMEONE NEEDS SOMETHING, A DETERRENT, TO PROTECT AGAINST THE NEFARIOUS OUTCOME OF THAT MISTAKE.

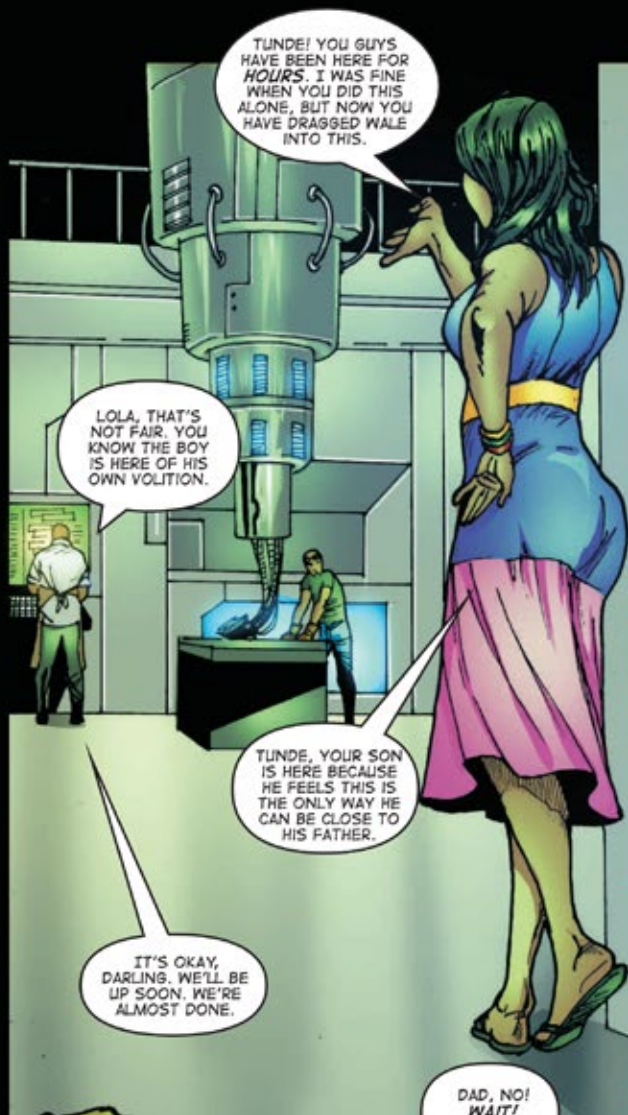


DAD, THIS HAS TO STOP. I SEE WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO DO, BUT YOU'RE DOING IT AT THE EXPENSE OF YOUR FAMILY.

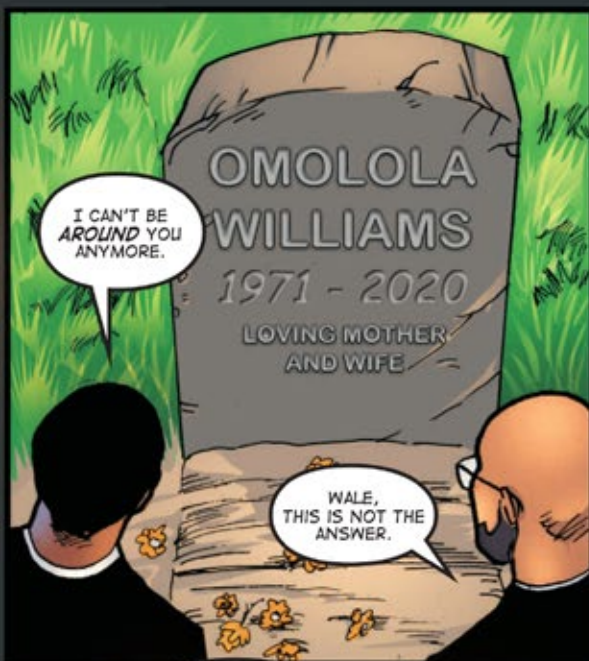
IT'S NOT FAIR. HOW LONG WILL WE TAKE A BACK SEAT TO YOUR AMBITIONS?



WALE, I JUST NEED SOME MORE TIME. BEAR WITH ME.







END OF CHAPTER ONE



"I wasn't born a hero... I had to become one."

- EXO

CHAPTER Two

BACK TO THE PRESENT (2025)

LAGOON CITY,
PRESENT DAY.



SO HERE I AM...
BACK HOME AGAIN
AFTER FIVE LONG
YEARS.



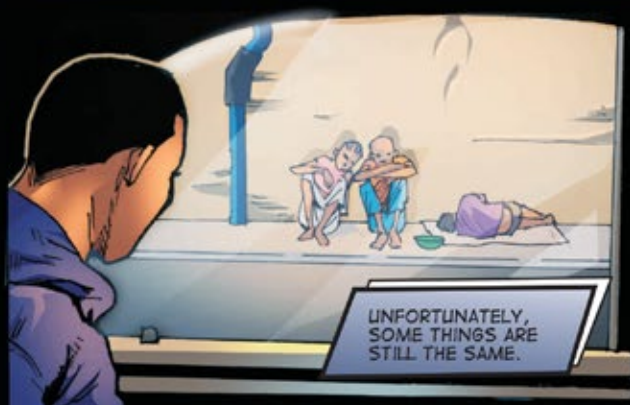
LAGOON CITY, THE MOST
DISTINGUISHED
DESTINATION IN NIGERIA,
AND ARGUABLY ON THE
CONTINENT OF AFRICA.



SO MUCH HAS
CHANGED.



UNFORTUNATELY,
SOME THINGS ARE
STILL THE SAME.











ARE YOU OK?

YES, MY SON. THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT'S ABOUT TIME SOMEONE STOOD UP TO THESE COWARDS.



IT'S GOOD TO SEE WE STILL HAVE YOUNG MEN LIKE YOU.

I WAS JUST FOLLOWING INSTINCTS.

YOU'RE SUCH A NICE BOY. WHOEVER YOUR MOTHER IS... SHE'S A LUCKY WOMAN.



IT'S NOT SAFE HERE.

I KNOW. SILLY ME, I WAS TRYING TO TAKE A SHORTCUT HOME. I'LL STICK TO THE MAIN ROADS FROM NOW ON.



OH BOY! SEE ACTION!



LAGOON CITY

**JOIN THE
CREED
BE LIBERATED**



TIMI AND GRANDMA, THE ONLY FAMILY I HAVE LEFT. AND THE REASON I DECIDED TO COME BACK.





THERE'S SO MUCH WE NEED TO CATCH UP ON. I NEED TO TELL YOU ABOUT---



WALE? EVERYTHING OK?



YEAH... JUST THINKING, IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I SAW YOU.

I HAVEN'T EVEN ASKED. HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP?

TIMI, I SHOULD HAVE COME BACK SOONER, TO VISIT. FIVE YEARS WAS TOO LONG TO BE AWAY. AT THE VERY LEAST, I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU WHERE I WENT. I JUST COULDN'T ---

WELL, HONESTLY, IT'S BEEN TOUGH. DAD HAS BEEN MISSING FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS, AND NO ONE HAS A CLUE WHERE HE IS.

THE POLICE SAID WE NEED TO PREPARE FOR THE **WORST**.

IT'S FINE, WALE. THE E-MAILS WERE OK. BESIDES, YOU'RE HERE NOW. THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS.



WALE, DO YOU THINK HE'S OKAY? I MISS HIM SO MUCH.



HE'S A COWARD. HE'S PROBABLY BUNKERED SOMEWHERE, NEGLECTING YOU FOR HIS WORK...

HOW CAN YOU STILL FEEL FOR HIM? AFTER WHAT HE DID TO MOM?

BECAUSE HE'S OUR FATHER.

YOU ALWAYS DID SEE THE **BEST** IN PEOPLE.



Wale, if you're reading this, it means something critical may have gone wrong, hence my disappearance. I know I failed you as a father and I make no excuses for my mistakes.

Instead, I want you to know how deeply sorry I am for all the pain I have caused you and Timi. I hope a day comes when you will find it in your heart to forgive me.

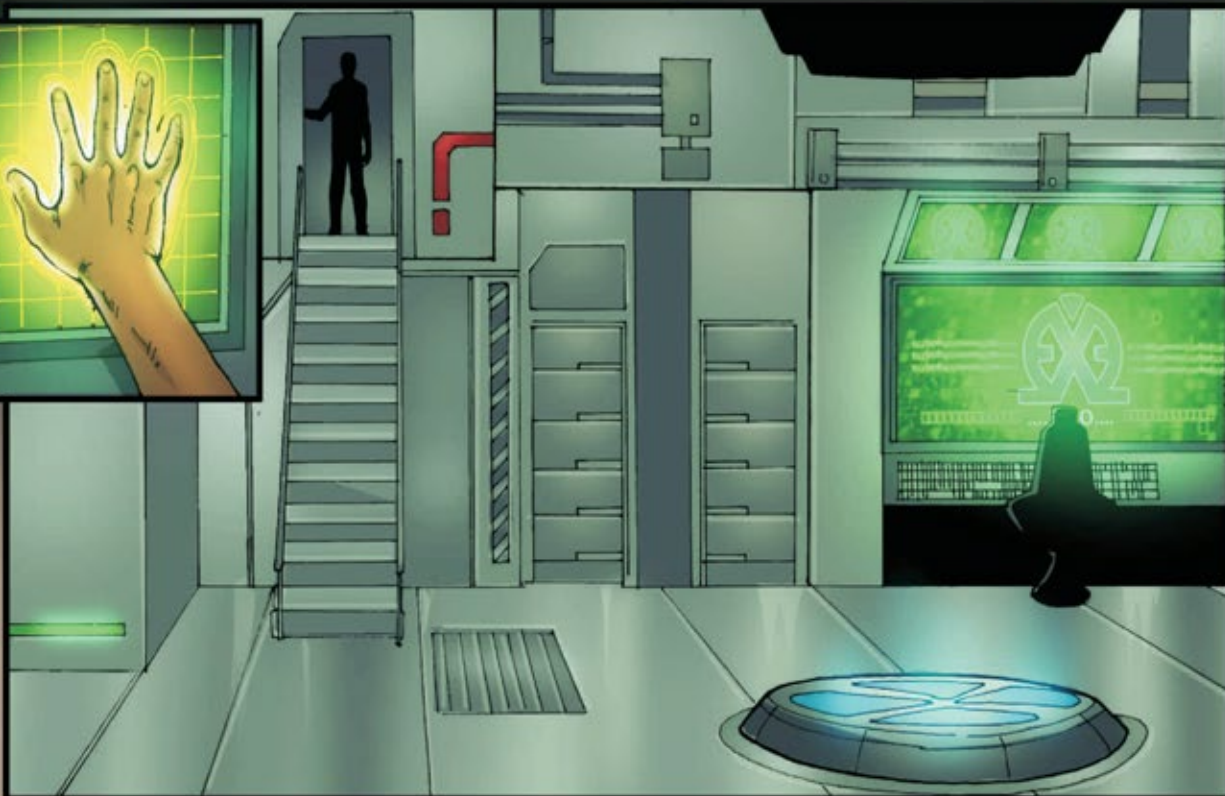
The day your mom passed broke me, but son, I need you to visit my lab as soon as you can. It's important.

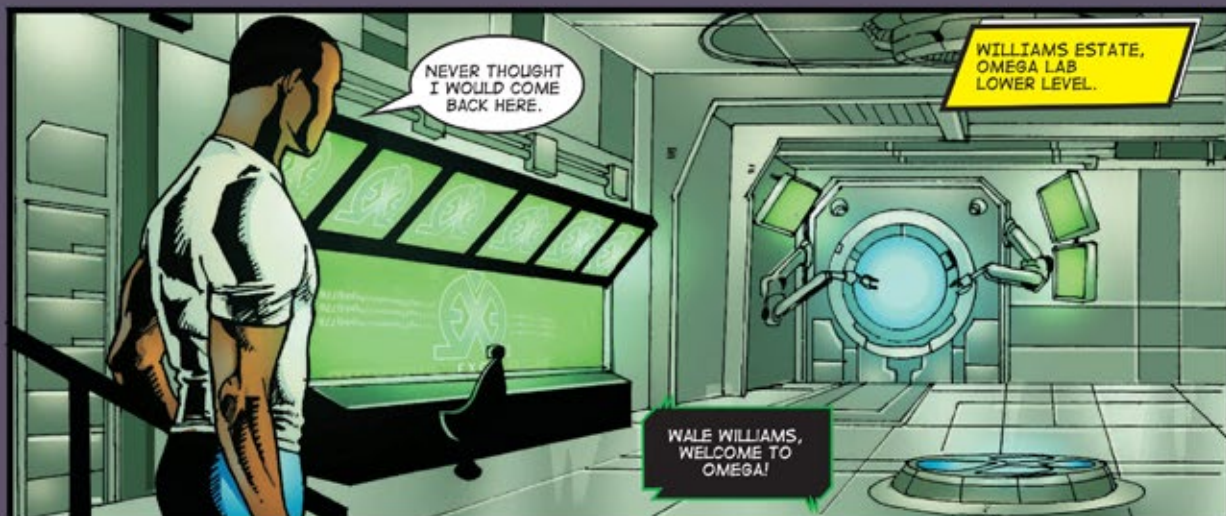
Please take care of Timi. I love you both, more than you can ever imagine... Dad.



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US SO MUCH, YET
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AROUND.







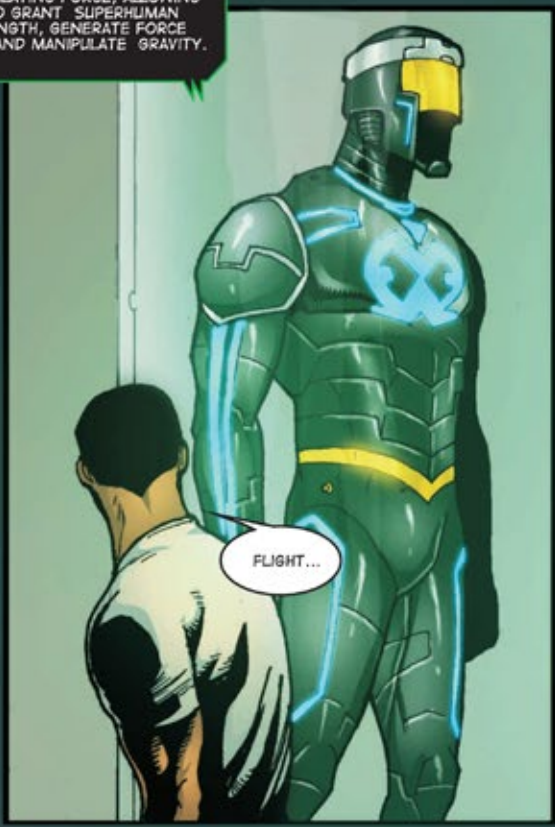
THIS IS YOUR
FATHER'S LEGACY.

HE
ACTUALLY
BUILT IT.

HIS
RESEARCH...

YES. THE FIRST EVER
STABILIZED, ENDOGENIC
XOSKELETAL ORDNANCE.
OR E.X.O. FOR SHORT.

THE E.X.O. SUIT IS A COMBINED DEFENSIVE AND OFFENSIVE ARSENAL PACKAGE, CAPABLE OF MANIPULATING FORCE, ALLOWING IT TO GRANT SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH, GENERATE FORCE FIELDS AND MANIPULATE GRAVITY.



FLIGHT...



PRECISELY. AT FULL POWER THE E.X.O. SUIT CAN REACH FLIGHT SPEEDS OF MACH 1.

INTERESTING.

IT IS LINKED TO YOUR DNA, WITH THE HELMET ACTING AS A NEUROTRANSMITTER.



YOU AND ONLY YOU CAN **ACTIVATE** AND OPERATE THE SUIT.

I DISAGREE WITH THE OLD MAN ON ALMOST EVERYTHING HE EVER DID, BUT THIS IS THE COOLEST THING I'VE EVER SEEN.



WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO SHOW YOU HOW THE SUIT WORKS, SIR?



I SAW THE GENERAL SPECS BACK WHEN I USED TO WORK WITH HIM. I JUST DIDN'T THINK HE WOULD COMPLETE IT AFTER THE ACCIDENT... SHOW ME EVERYTHING. MAYBE THIS COULD PROVIDE A CLUE TO FINDING HIM.

END OF CHAPTER TWO