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Story

The Aztec God of fire summons his ancient soldiers back from the dead for one last battle.

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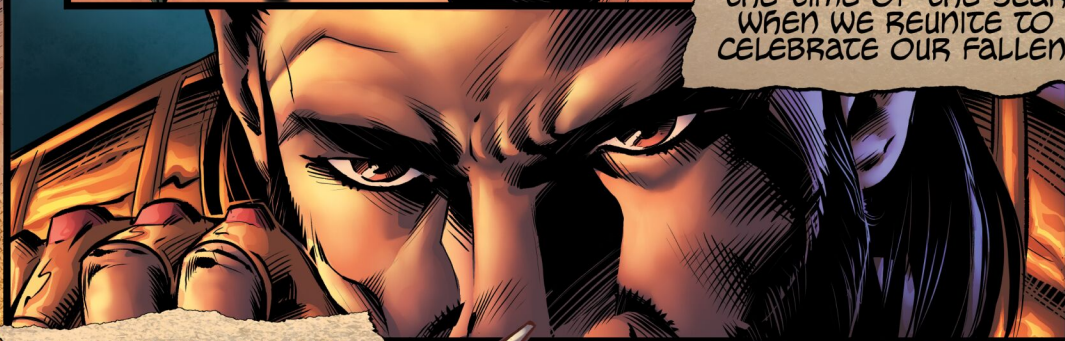
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I HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR CENTURIES, BUT IT NEVER GETS EASIER.



THE DAY OF THE DEAD IS THE TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN WE REUNITE TO CELEBRATE OUR FALLEN.



MOST FAMILIES BRING OFFERINGS AND PRAY OVER THE GRAVES OF THEIR LOVED ONES.

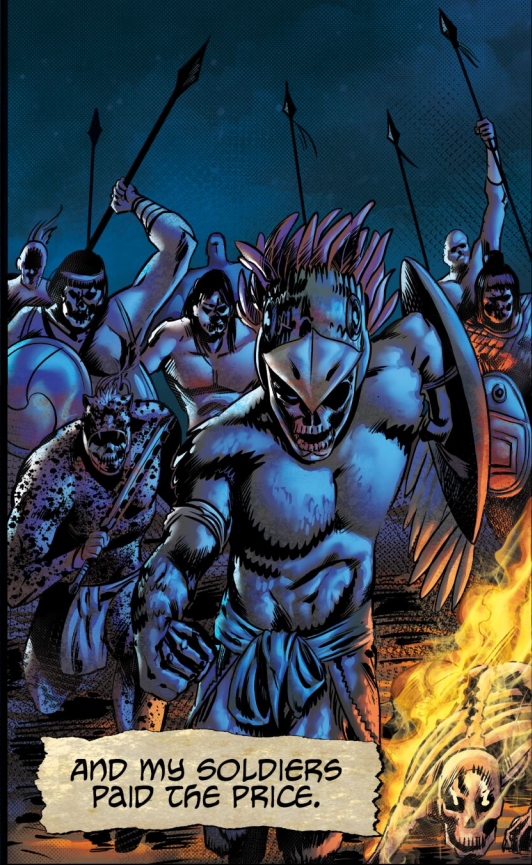


I HAVE A DIFFERENT WAY OF HONORING MY PEOPLE.

MY NAME IS TENOCH,
GOD OF FIRE.



I USED TO BE THE
GOD OF WAR, BUT
I FAILED TO FULFILL
MY DUTY.

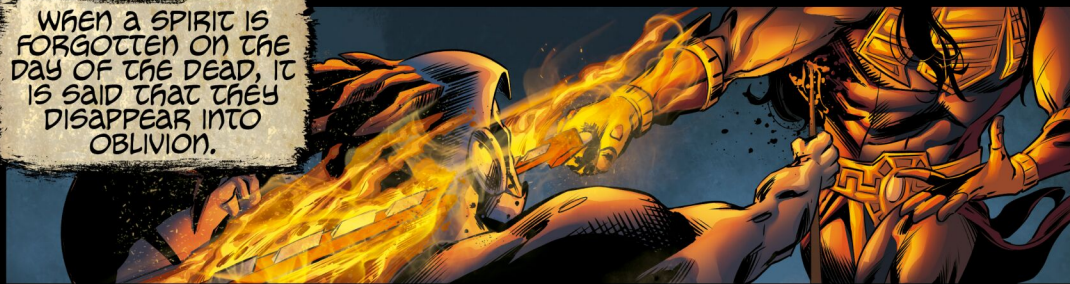


AND MY SOLDIERS
PAID THE PRICE.

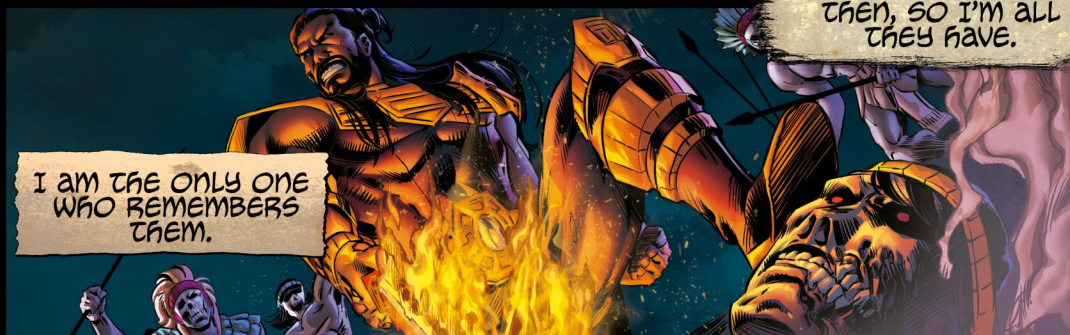


I CAN'T BLAME
THEM FOR
HATING ME.

WHEN A SPIRIT IS FORGOTTEN ON THE DAY OF THE DEAD, IT IS SAID THAT THEY DISAPPEAR INTO OBLIVION.



ALL THEIR CHILDREN WERE KILLED DURING THE INVASION BACK THEN, SO I'M ALL THEY HAVE.

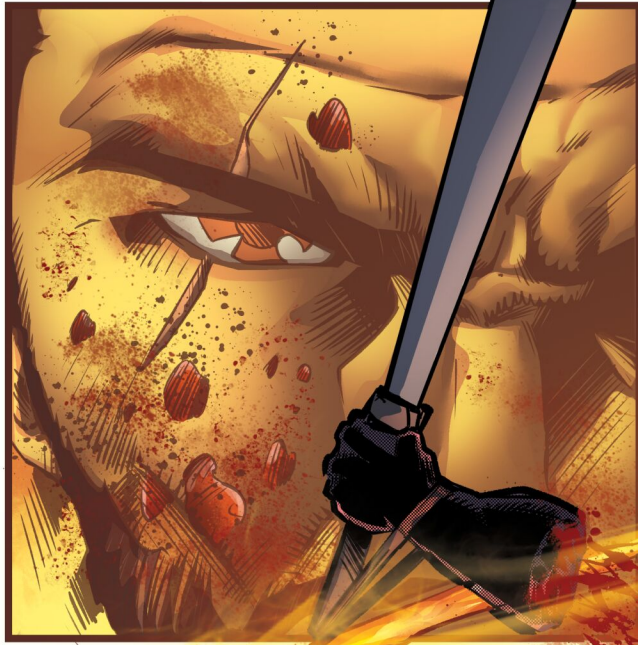


I AM THE ONLY ONE WHO REMEMBERS THEM.



I AM STILL THEIR GENERAL, THEIR LEADER, THEIR GUARDIAN. EVEN IF THEY HATE ME, I WON'T LET THEIR SOULS PERISH.


THE LEAST I CAN DO IS PROVIDE THEM WITH ONE NIGHT A YEAR TO UNLEASH THEIR RIGHTEOUS FURY.







500 YEARS AGO,
I FAILED TO
PROTECT MY
PEOPLE.



THERE IS NOTHING I CAN
DO TO MAKE UP FOR IT,
BUT MAYBE, JUST MAYBE,
IF I KEEP FIGHTING, I'LL
BE ABLE TO SAVE US
AGAIN ONE DAY.



UNTIL THAT TIME
COMES, ALL I CAN DO
IS REMEMBER YOU
ALL.



I CAN REMEMBER
YOU FOREVER.

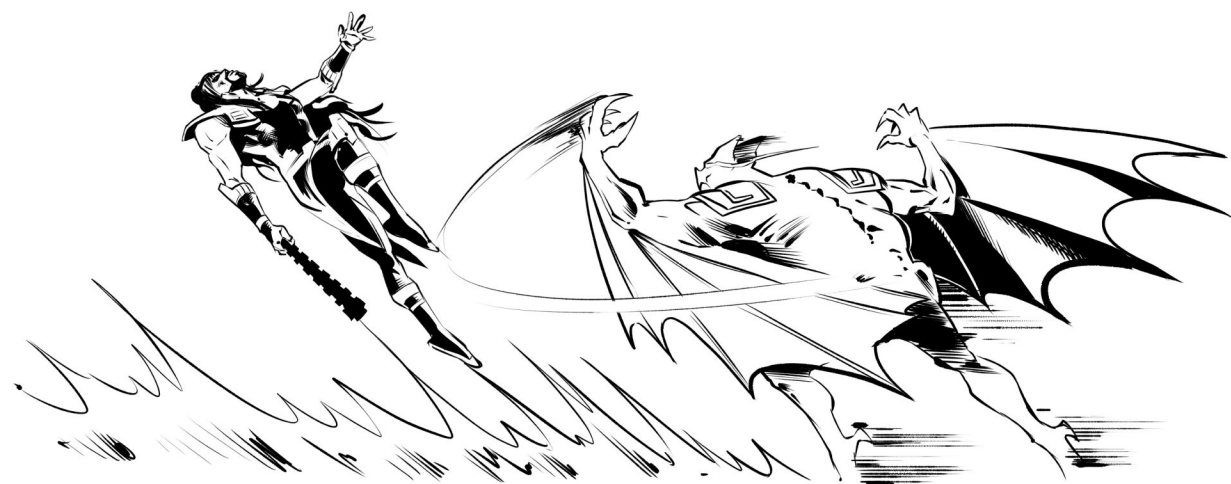
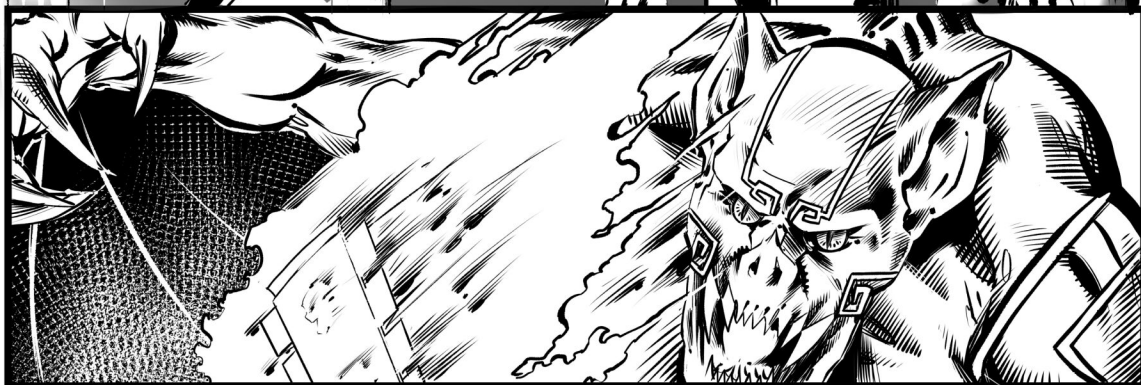
DAY OF THE DEAD

The Day of the Dead is an ancient celebration that dates back to before the European invasion of Mesoamerica. Many anthropologists and historians trace back the origin of Day of the Dead to pre-Hispanic civilizations, like the ancient Mixtecs, Texcocans, Zapotecs, Tlaxcaltecs, Totonacs and other groups from the Valley of Mexico, who transferred the celebration of their ancestors into the Christian calendar after the Spanish colonization, which matched with the agricultural cycle of corn, the main crop of the country. During the 1960s, the Chicano Movement introduced the tradition into the United States. In 2008 UNESCO declared the Day of the Dead as Intangible Cultural Heritage for its importance and meaning as a traditional expression that is contemporary, representative, and community-based.

Tenoch is a complicated character. The Aztec god of war and fire who lost to the Spanish invaders 500 years ago, and now lives as an immortal warrior trying to defend what is left of his old world. He is one of the only living beings in the world who can remember the true horrors of the elimination of his culture and tries to remember those who suffered during the colonization. I wanted this story to serve as an introduction to this new hero, who we will see more of in his own series as he navigates a world that has forgotten the ancient gods and their civilization. My main objective with this new series is to humanize and bring Mesoamerican history and mythology to the forefront of modern entertainment. Using the Day of the Dead, an internationally recognized Mexican tradition, to introduce Tenoch to the world, seems like the best way to do so. Thank you for joining me in this journey, and I hope this comic serves as motivation for you to start learning more about this beautiful tradition!

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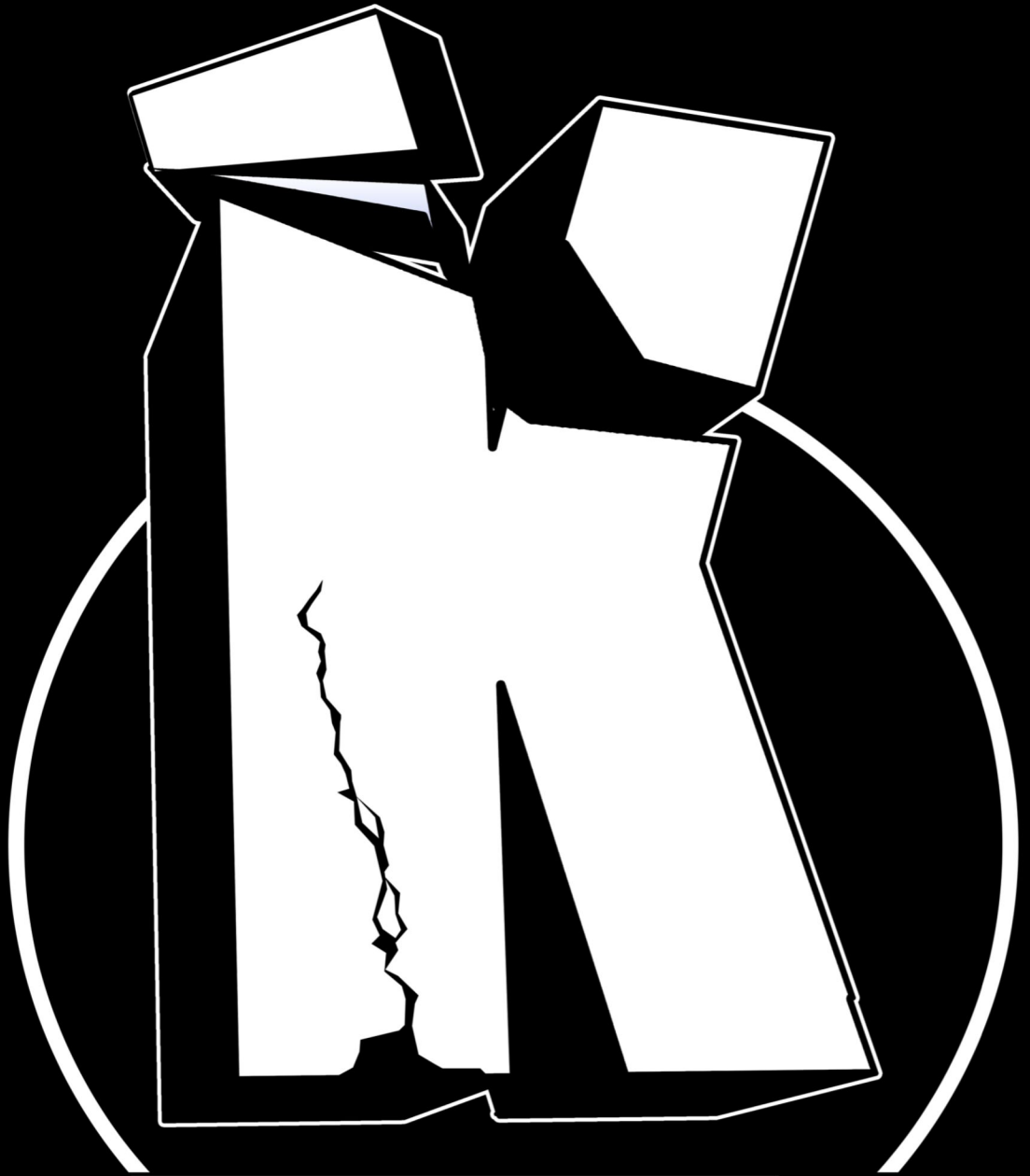
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