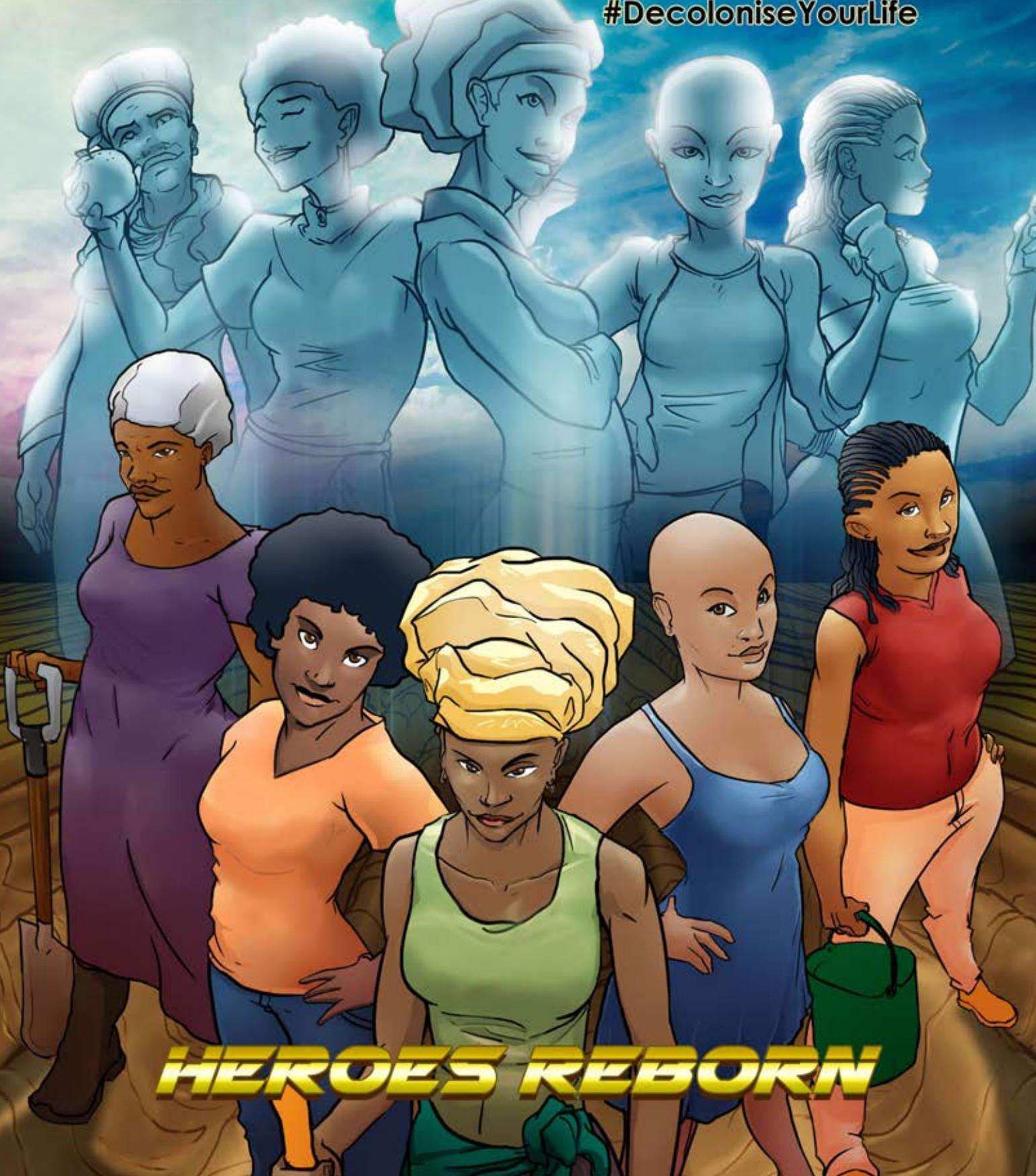




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BITMARI HEROES

#DecoloniseYourLife



HEROES REBORN

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For millennia Africa has been the silent birthing place for greatness. Mountainous ravines and never-ending grasslands have been replete with every variety of flora and fauna cascading from north to south in waves of abundance. Centered so majestically like a jewel on a ring, Africa's precise positioning has meant beautiful climates from the dawn of the earth and likely to its very end.

The earth and the sky cooperate in an eternal dance to bring forth growth and harvest beyond any other place on earth and Africa's people have always been there to cultivate this wealth sustaining civilizations for eons.

Man spread across the continent and the tribes of Africa prospered as they spread across the land; growing in number, culture, technology and power. Even in the southernmost quarters of Africa the enterprising and explorative hearts of Africans saw them expand beyond their shores and begin trade with people from distant regions. This birthed the first great kingdoms in the 9th century, testament of whom still stand today as the renowned Great Zimbabwe.

The Mupangubwe people inhabited the Great Zimbabwe site from about AD 1000 – 1550 and through the rich trade of Africa raised the proud Great Zimbabwe structure by the 15th century. The great empires spread across the country Their wealth rooted in small-scale industries such as iron smelting, textiles, gold and copper, along with agriculture trading with all men on equal and fair footing rooted in deep Ubuntu sensibilities.

Decades later the tyranny of greed imposed itself upon this fertile land and colonialism clawed its way into Africa. The proud kings and queens and their mighty kingdoms were pillaged along with the bounty of the great land. The invaders took all they could establishing themselves as the new order and subjugating Africa's children; however, the eternal spirit of greatness could not be reigned in and soon it showed itself with the face of revolution. Zimbabwe resisted the colonialists and in 1896 the war to take back the homeland began. The beauty, wealth, power, ingenuity, brilliance, genius never left Africa, it only waits to manifest in the hands of Africans. This is where our story begins.



THEY ARE CUTTING OFF ALL OUR SUPPLIES AND PREVENTING ANY TRADE WITH OUR NEIGHBORS.



WE MUST BREAK THROUGH THIS SIEGE OR WE COULD LOSE MUCH GROUND IN OUR FIGHT



THE INVADERS HAVE NEWER RIFLES, THEY KILL US BEFORE WE GET CLOSE ENOUGH.

ABOVE THAT THEY DO NOT FIGHT HONORABLY. THEY USE EXPLOSIVES AND POISON TO KILL US QUICKLY



THE PEOPLE ARE BEHIND US THOUGH. THERE IS NOT A SINGLE CHILD OF THE SOIL THAT DOES NOT BURN WITH ANGER OR LUST FOR REVENGE AGAINST THIS FOREIGNER

THE OTHER CHIEFS HAVE DONE WELL TO ESTABLISH THIS BASE AND GIVE US A HIDDEN PLACE TO STRATEGIZE FROM



BUT IT WON'T LAST FOREVER, WE MUST ACT NOW OR WE WILL LOSE THIS WAR. WHAT SAY YOU...



MUDZIVIRI ?

THE SEASON IS CHANGING, WE ARE INDEED IN A DIRE SITUATION AND WE MUST PREPARE TO FIGHT. OUR CHILDREN MUST BE MADE READY TO CARRY THIS BANNER FORWARD, FOR THE BATTLE MAY NOT BE OURS ALONE TO WIN



WE HAVE REPORTS FROM EVERYWHERE THAT THE WHITES ARE COMING DOWN HARD ON EVERYONE THEY SEE AS RESISTANCE

JUST LAST WEEK THEY GUNNED DOWN A WHOLE VILLAGE THEY ACCUSED OF BEING TERRORISTS. THEY WERE WOMEN AND CHILDREN!



THE CHIEFS AND THEIR ARMIES ARE HOLDING THEM OFF AND GIVING THE PEOPLE COURAGE TO TAKE BACK THE LAND, WE NEED A PLAN TO MOVE FORWARD

MUDZIVIRI, DO YOU SEE ANYTHING? IS THERE A WAY TO DEFEAT THIS DEVILISH ENEMY



I HAVE SEEN MUCH, THE LAND CRIES OUT, OUR ANCESTORS GRIEVE THE OPPRESSION THESE FOREIGNERS BRING, THE DEATH AND BLOOD THEY HAVE SPILT ON OUR SOIL

I HAVE SPOKEN TO OUR GENERALS AND THE SITUATION WE ARE IN LEADS TO DEATH, YOURS AND MINE BUT THAT WILL GIVE LIFE TO THE PEOPLE AND THE NATION.



ARE THE CHILDREN HERE?

YES, THE DAUGHTERS OF THE 5 MOST REVERED WARRIORS ARE HERE, BUT WHY DO YOU NEED OUR CHILDREN?



THE CHILDREN OF THE LAND ARE OUR FUTURE, OUR HOPE IS IN THE GENERATIONS



WE FIGHT FOR THEM SO IT IS ONLY RIGHT THAT THEY HOLD THE FIRE TO IGNITE OUR FUTURE. THIS WAR WILL COME TO AN END



NOT WITH THE WHITE MANS GUNS, THE PEOPLES MIGHT. LONG AFTER THEN THE WAR WILL RAGE ON AND WE'LL NEED NEW CHAMPIONS



CHAMPIONS WHO KNOW WHAT VICTORY LOOKS LIKE



CHAMPIONS WHO KNOW THE POTENTIAL THE PEOPLE HOLD WITHIN



CHAMPIONS WHO CAN TELL THE FUTURE THAT IT IS OURS!



GATHER AROUND MY CHILDREN AND I WILL SHOW YOU THE DAY TO COME. WHEN CHILDREN OF THIS SOIL, THE HOUSE OF STONE

SOAR ABOVE THE SKIES. WHEN SPEED HAS NO LIMITATION ON US.

WE WILL FEED THE PEOPLE OF ALL THE EARTH, WE WILL COMMAND WEALTH BEYOND OUR WILDEST DREAMS.

THE STARS WILL GLARE DOWN UPON THEM AND THEY WILL REACH OUT TO TOUCH THEM.

YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL RAISE MIGHTY KINGDOMS THAT WILL CROSS THE GREAT WATERS AND IN SOME CASES EVEN OWN THEM.

THE CATALYST WILL BE A 'COMMON TRADE' THAT WILL BE UNIQUE TO THEM, THE TRADE WILL BE INCORRUPTIBLE, IMPENETRABLE, FREE AND FAIR.

IT WILL MOVE FASTER THAN ANY OTHER TRADE AND WILL MOVE GREAT DISTANCES WITHOUT THE AID OF MAN OR ANIMAL TO CARRY IT.

NO MAN CAN CONTAIN IT NOR CAN THEY RESIST ITS INFLUENCE TO UNIFY, IT WILL BE A SPECIAL POWER TO THEM THAT WILL LIFT THEIR DESCENDANTS BEYOND THEIR OPPRESSORS BEYOND THEIR REACH.

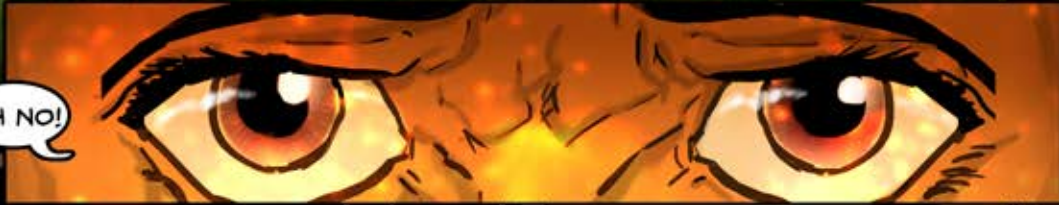
BUT HOW WILL WE KNOW WHEN THIS POWER WILL COME

WHEN YOU SEE THIS SIGN IT WILL BE TIME



DID YOU SEE HOW AMAZING THAT WAS?

I CAN'T WAIT TO GROW UP TO BE LIKE THAT



OH NO!



MUZIVIRI COME WITH ME! WE MUST MEET THE OTHER GENERALS AT THE NEW CAMP



WHAT HAPPENED?

THE CAMP WAS BETRAYED

THEY CAME IN SUDDENLY, KILLING ANYONE IN THEIR SIGHT



RUN MY CHILDREN, YOU HOLD THE FUTURE,

THE LAND IS YOURS, YOU HOLD THE POWER

...THE GIRLS RAN, THIS IS THE STORY MY MOTHER TOLD ME, AND HER MOTHER BEFORE THAT



...AND SO ON FOR 4 GENERATIONS.

IT WAS JUST A FAIRYTALE TO ME



BUT TODAY I SAW A SIGN

THEMBI SITHOLE



A SIGN THAT COULD CHANGE EVERYTHING

ZIMBABWE, TODAY

TO BE CONTINUED...

