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Comics from Africa



The story...

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movement – group of people with the same ideas and aims

put (something) on the map – make (something) better known / famous

perspective – way of thinking

talents – natural abilities or skills

entrepreneurship – ability to think in term of commercial opportunities

Answer this...

At the Lagos Comic Convention, what can be done as well as just buying books?

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Transcript

Meet Dayo - a valiant warrior and an African superhero. He's the main character in a comic book called Trials of the Spear. Mixing tribal traditions with so-called Afro Futurism – it's part of a **movement** to **put** African comics **on the map**.

The company behind it is called Comic Republic, based in Lagos. They produce books and animation. Their mission - to create African heroes and icons.

Jide Martin, Founder and Chief Executive of Comic Republic

We are telling an international story about people who are ready, who are there

and have the capacity to do good... we are big on diversity and we are doing it from the African **perspective**, Nigeria to be particular.

This is the Lagos Comic Convention, a chance for superhero fans to come together. But it's not just about buying books - it's about creating them too.

Ayodele Elegba, Founder of Lagos Comic Con

It's awesome. It's a big one. It's a big deal. You know, so Lagos Comic Con has been able to discover new **talents**. People that come to Lagos Comic Con see what's possible and then they go back and start their company. The **entrepreneurship** mindset just kicks in and they want to start something of their own.

It seems comic books are booming. Not just in Nigeria, but all across the continent: a medium seen as quintessentially American being reborn in Africa.

Did you get it?

At the Lagos Comic Convention, what can be done as well as just buying books?

As well as just buying books, new ones are also created.