

# THE MEGALITHIC CO-OPERATION

#01



THE TRADITION IS THE SHIELD

MEGALITHIC #01 — WRITTEN BY ELI



THE SETTING: A CAVERNOUS,  
HYPER-MODERN AMPHITHEATER  
AT A PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITY  
IN LONDON.

THE LIGHTING IS CRISP. THE  
SCREENS DISPLAY THE MARK OF  
THE MEGALITHIC CO-OPERATION.

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THE ROOM IS PACKED  
WITH THOUSANDS OF  
AMBITIOUS BUSINESS  
STUDENTS.



BACKSTAGE, THE ATMOSPHERE  
IS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT. IT  
VIBRATES WITH THE ANCIENT  
AGBADZA RHYTHM.

AN ELDER, DRAPED IN  
INTRICATELY WOVEN EWE  
KETE CLOTH AND DARK  
LEATHER, LEANS CLOSE TO  
THE EAR OF ELI.

ELI IS AN IMPOSING  
FIGURE, EXUDING THE  
SERENE CONFIDENCE OF A  
MAN WHOSE TECH  
COMPANY JUST BECAME  
THE MOST VALUABLE  
COMPANY ON THE BRITISH  
STOCK MARKET.

THE ELDER WHISPERS RAPIDLY  
IN EWE, A RHYTHMIC CASCADE  
OF ANCESTRAL PRAYERS,  
GROUNDING THE BILLIONAIRE.



THE STAGE MANAGER CUES THEM.  
THE AUDIENCE EXPECTS THE CEO.  
INSTEAD, THE EWE PRIEST  
WALKS OUT FIRST.

A RIPPLE OF CONFUSION  
SWEEPS THROUGH THE  
AUDITORIUM. THE PRIEST IS  
BAREFOOT, HIS FACE PAINTED  
IN SUBTLE, ASH-WHITE  
GEOMETRIC PATTERNS.

DIRECTLY BEHIND HIM,  
MOVING WITH TERRIFYING  
SYNCHRONICITY, ARE TWO  
GUARDS: ONE BELGIAN  
MALINOIS OF FLESH AND  
BLOOD, ONE OF STEEL AND  
CIRCUITRY. THEIR EYES  
SCAN THE FRONT ROW  
WITH MILITARY PRECISION.



BEFORE ELI EVEN APPROACHES THE MICROPHONE, THE PRIEST PIVOTS. FROM HIS BELT, HE DRAWS A BUNDLE OF LONG, IRIDESCENT CROW FEATHERS BOUND IN HARDENED LEATHER.

**THWACK.**  
**THWACK.**  
**THWACK.**

HE SHAKES THE DEVICE AGGRESSIVELY, VIOLENTLY WHIPPING IT IN A 360-DEGREE ARC AROUND THE PODIUM.

TO THE UNINITIATED, IT LOOKS LIKE THEATER. A QUAIN, ARCHAIC DISPLAY OF AFRICAN SUPERSTITION.

THE SHAMAN STEPS  
BACK INTO THE  
SHADOWS BEHIND ELI,  
ONE HAND ON HIS  
WAIST, READY TO GRAB  
HIS FEATHERS AT ANY  
SECOND.

# MEGALITHIC STUDIOS

ELI SMILES, ADJUSTS  
HIS CUFFS, AND  
BEGINS TO SPEAK.

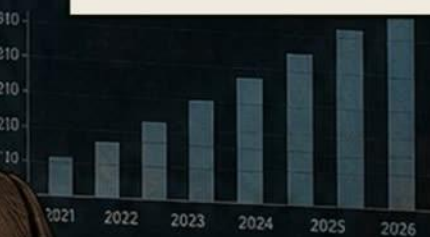
GLOBAL FOOTPRINT



CORE ARCHITECTURE



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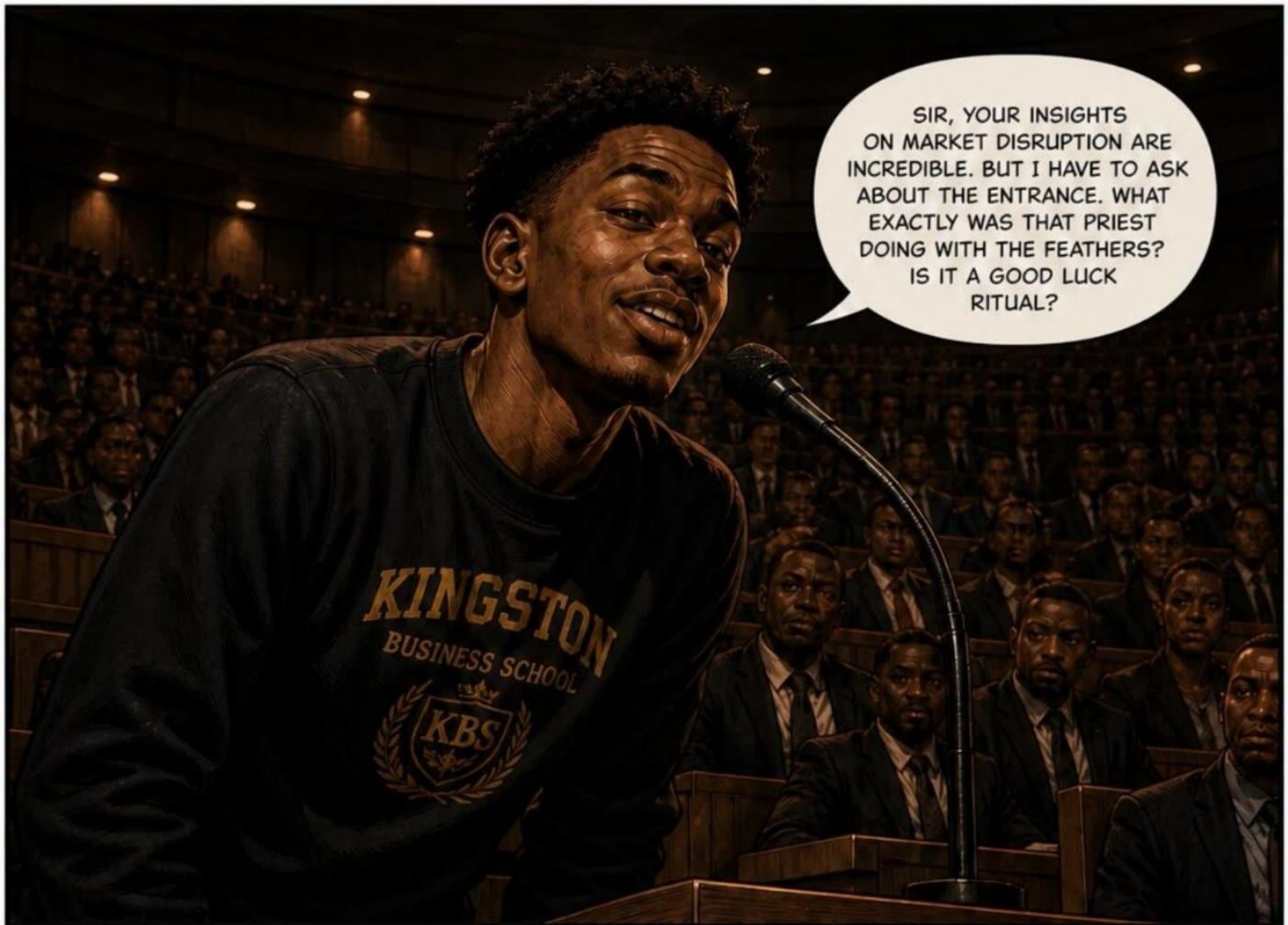
NETWORK NODES  
(LIVE)

186  
CITIES

42  
COUNTRIES

THE LECTURE IS BRILLIANT,  
CUTTING-EDGE AND  
RUTHLESSLY PRAGMATIC. ELI  
BREAKS DOWN THE GLOBAL  
INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE  
MEGALITHIC CO-OPERATION,  
LEAVING THE STUDENTS IN AWE.

THEN COMES THE Q&A.

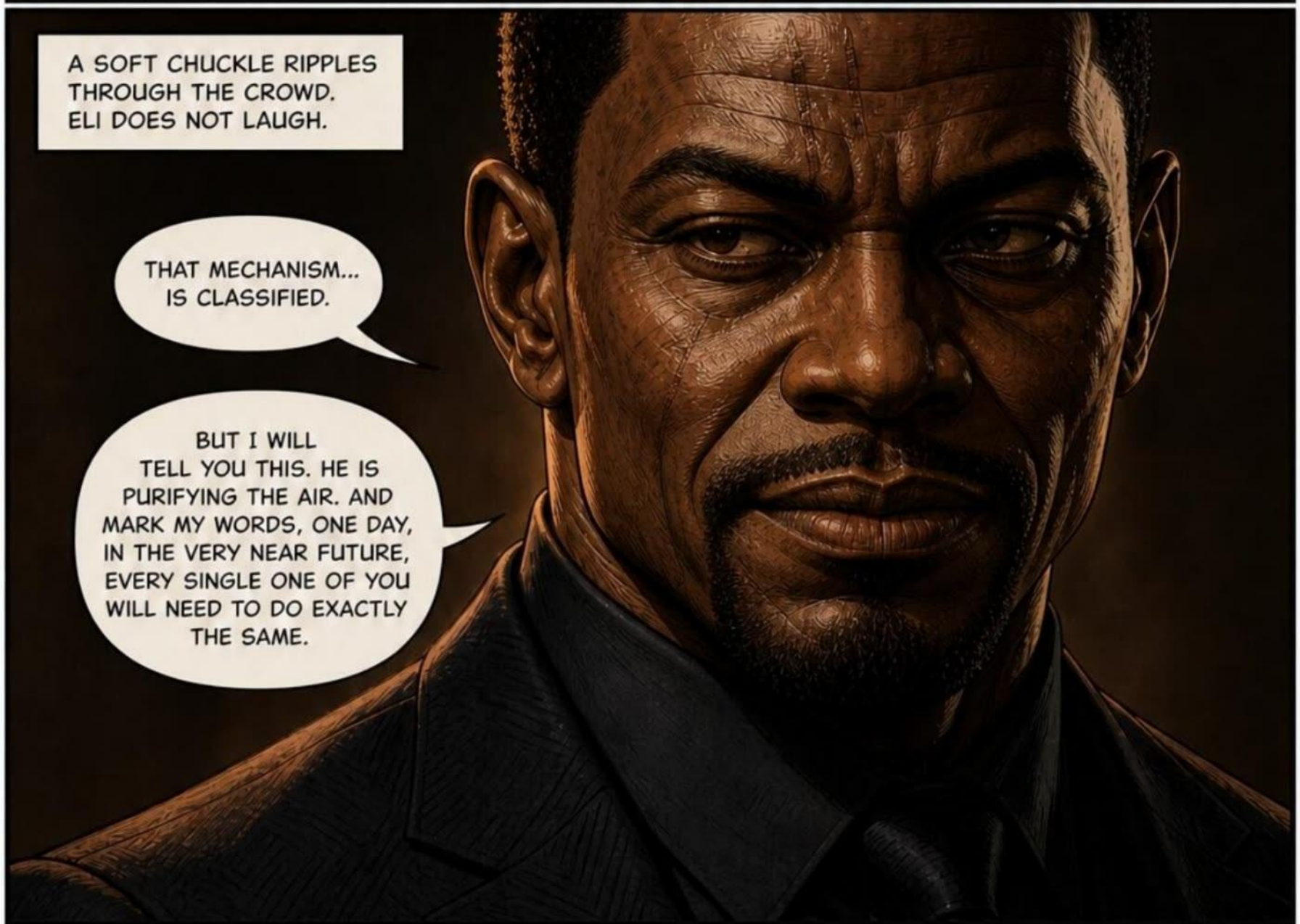


SIR, YOUR INSIGHTS ON MARKET DISRUPTION ARE INCREDIBLE. BUT I HAVE TO ASK ABOUT THE ENTRANCE. WHAT EXACTLY WAS THAT PRIEST DOING WITH THE FEATHERS? IS IT A GOOD LUCK RITUAL?

A SOFT CHUCKLE RIPPLES THROUGH THE CROWD. ELI DOES NOT LAUGH.

THAT MECHANISM... IS CLASSIFIED.

BUT I WILL TELL YOU THIS. HE IS PURIFYING THE AIR. AND MARK MY WORDS, ONE DAY, IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU WILL NEED TO DO EXACTLY THE SAME.



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TO BE CONTINUED IN #02 — TWENTY YEARS LATER