



KARAMPENGÉ

Courage of a Fighter

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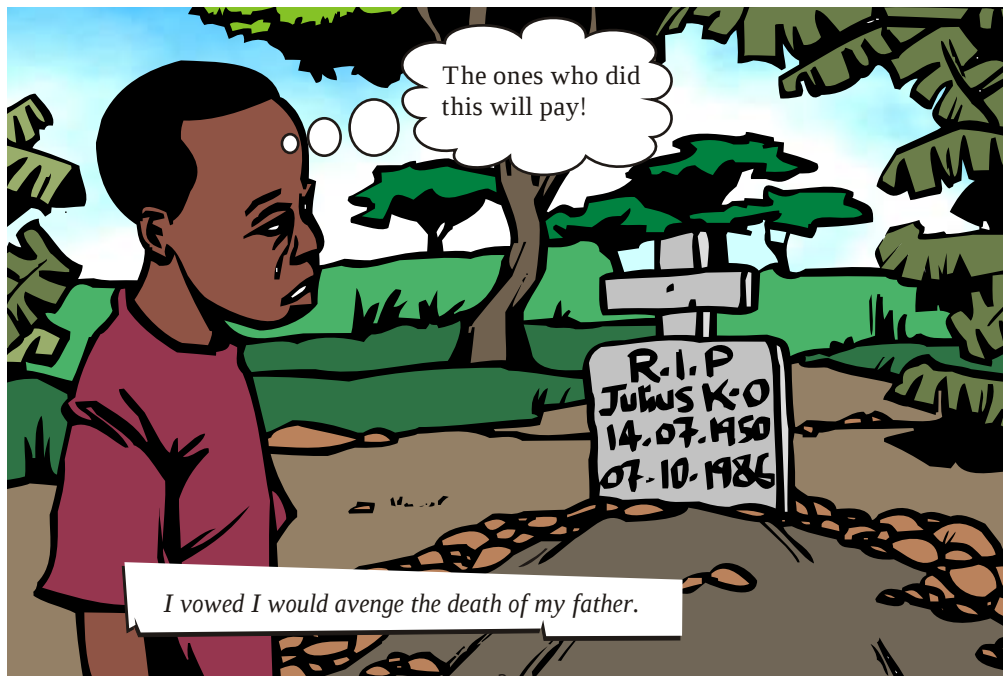




*This is the story of Karampenge!
It's my story!
The story of a soldier in Uganda!
The story of a man who will
never stop defending the lives of
others...It's the story of a
Fighter....*

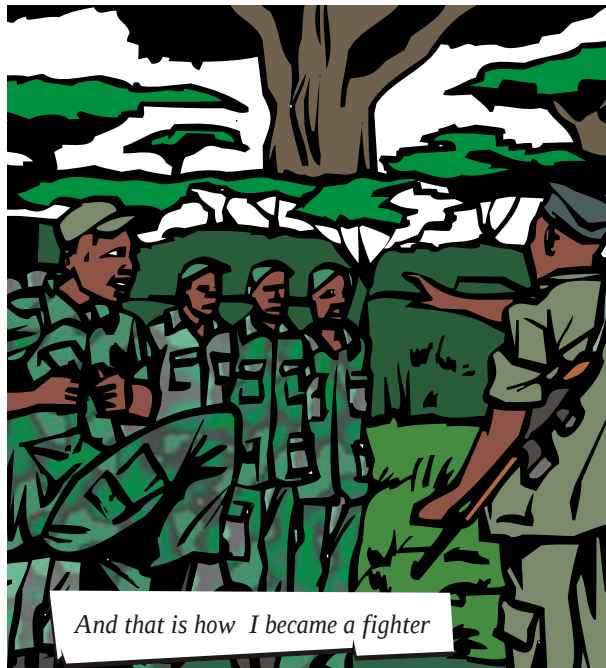
It was 1986 .I was 16 the oldest son when my father was killed in the conflict.







But I dreamed of a
life as aHERO!



And that is how I became a fighter



My reputation grew as a fearless fighter I was promoted quickly...

Corporal, the men are tired. We should camp down For the night

He's the one
Who is crazy.

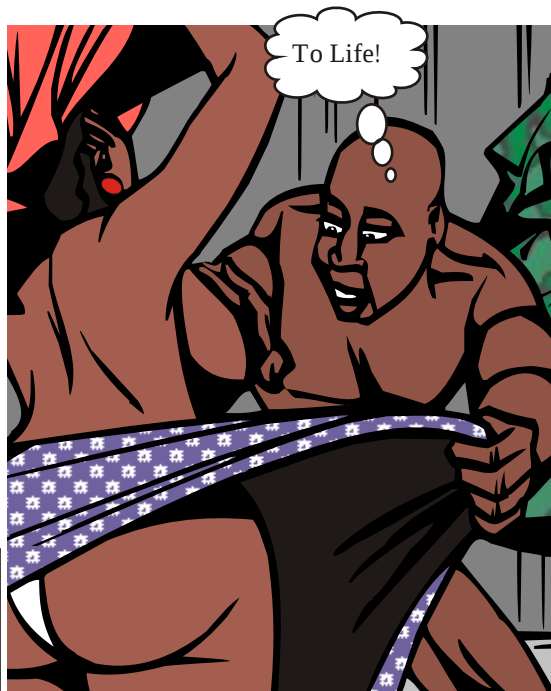
No! Are you crazy?
Darkness is our
cover

He doesn't know when to
stop, this Karampenge...













*And then one day I came
to a village...*



What
enemy has
been here?



A quiet like death had come over the village



*But not even Slim would stop
me from taking chances.*



*Skin to skin. I would defeat Slim.
Karampenge could cheat death.*

*Nothing can kill
me baby! Not
even bullets!*





For years I lived my life at full speed without caring for the consequences.

Nothing can kill me,
Karampenge.
I died long ago!

WAR!





WOMEN !

No woman stayed longer than one night in my heart except my mother.

I've built the family hut mother.

Thank you my son.

I rebuilt the family house.

I want you to have a home mother.

But when are you going to have a wife and home of your own?

Some day soon.





*Once again I built a house
for my wife. Next to my
parents' home.*



*So now I had my own
home and family...*

*I went back to my
soldiering duties...*



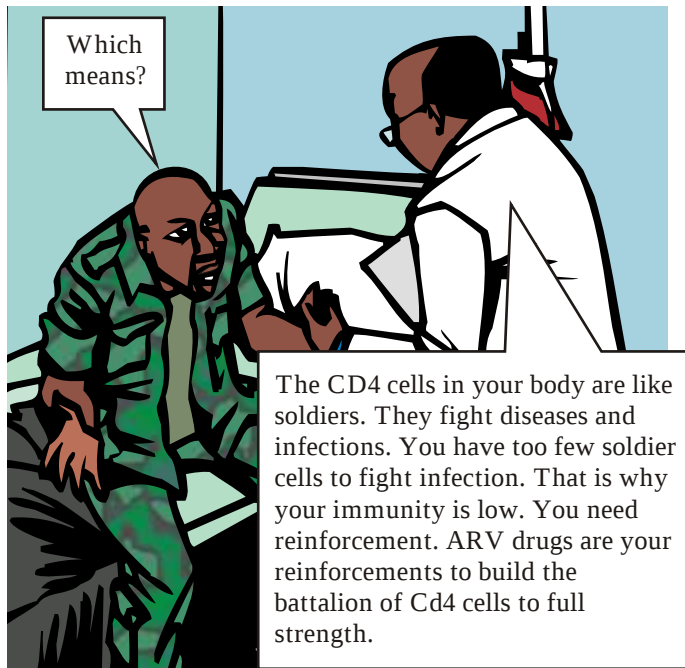








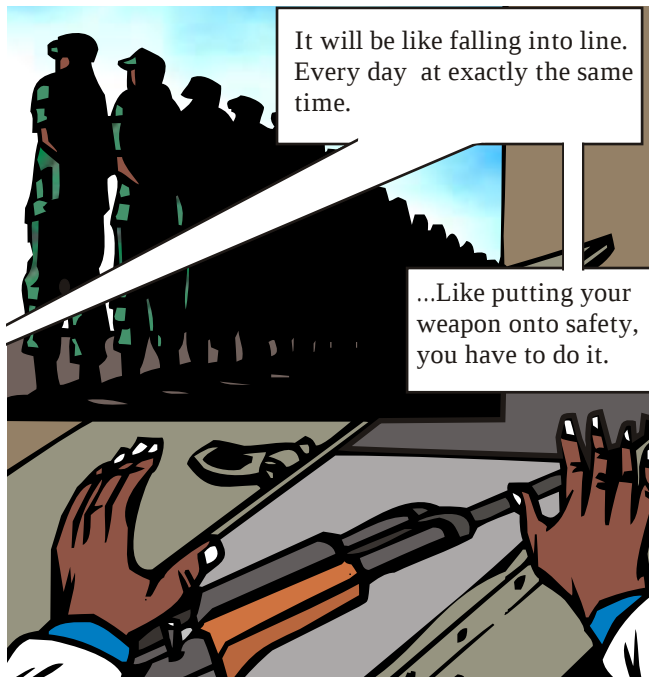




Doctor explained the drill.



Every day you will
have to take pills.
Every day



It will be like falling into line.
Every day at exactly the same
time.

...Like putting your
weapon onto safety,
you have to do it.



In fact, the biggest side-effect of these drugs is that you will feel so normal and well, you may be tempted to drop them altogether.













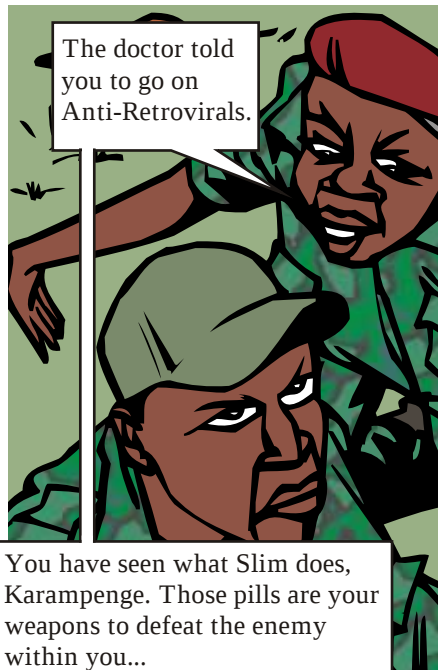




*The only person I could talk to
was Pole, my friend.*

But I can't tell
her, Pole. I
can't disclose.

She is carrying your
baby, Karampenge.
If you respect her, tell
her. Do you have the
courage?

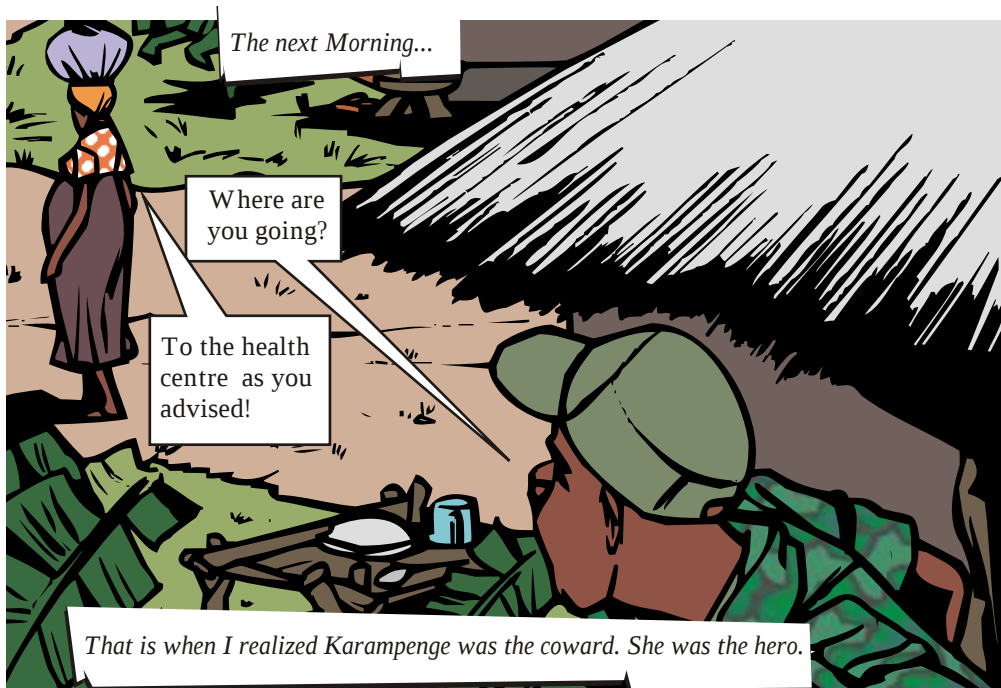


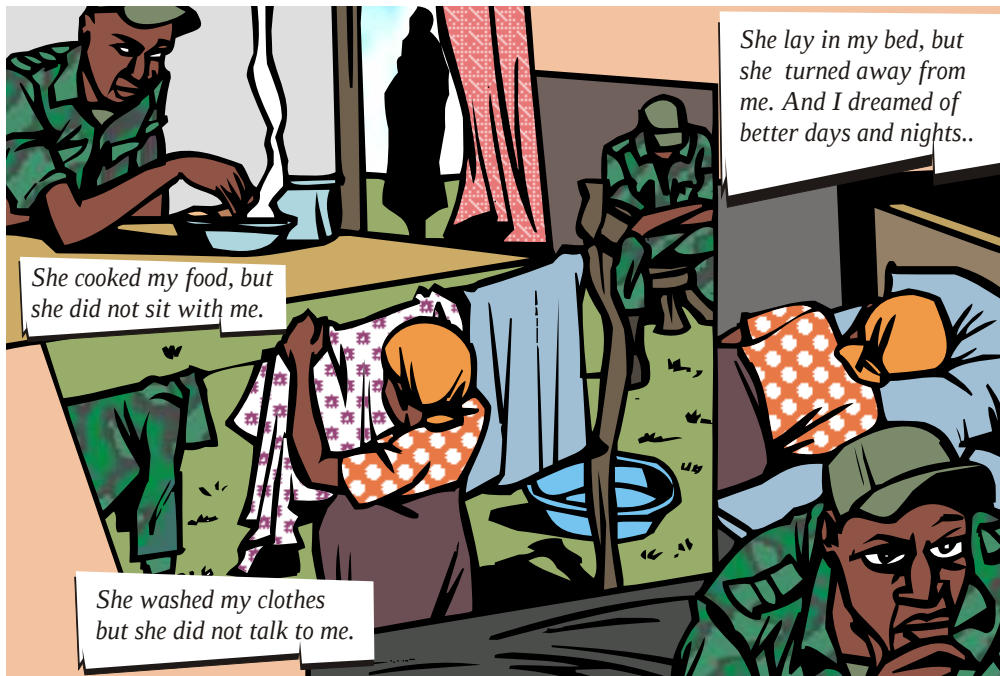


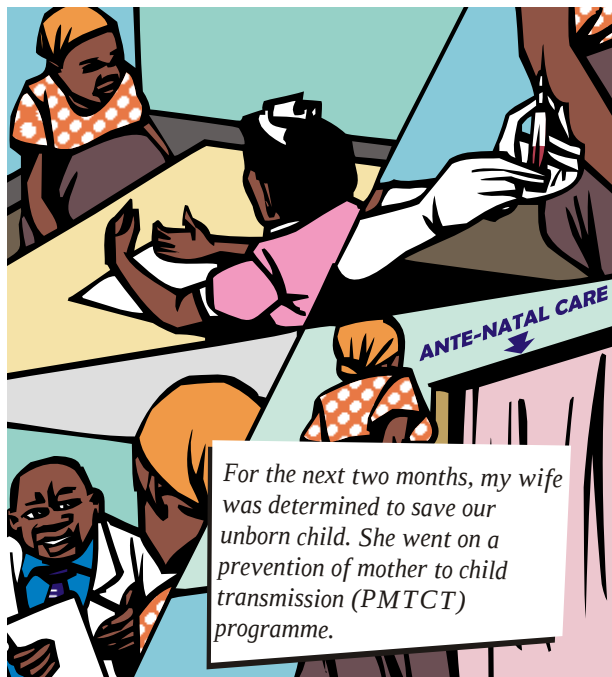
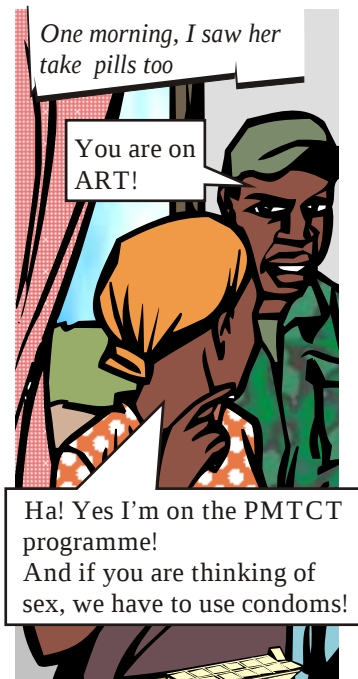












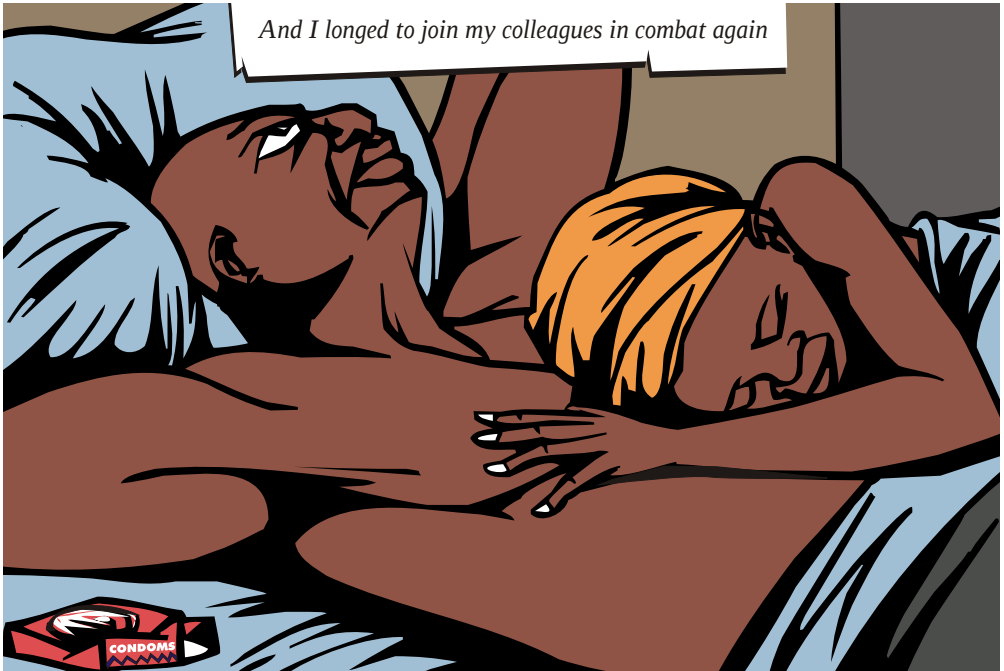








And I longed to join my colleagues in combat again



















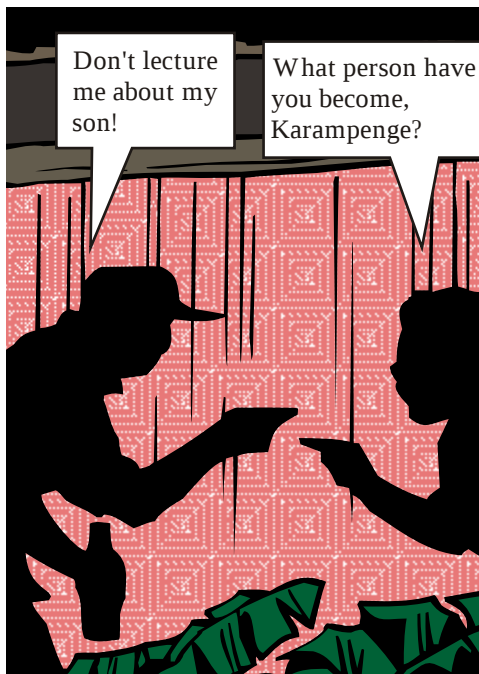




















Stop drinking and smoking.
You are throwing your life
away. You need to eat and
sleep to get your strength
back.



I took the drugs. My house was empty















You know me as a fighter. I never feared the enemy. Today, I am fighting my biggest and most stubborn enemy. I cannot fight alone. I ask you to join me without fear. Let us face and overcome HIV/AIDS !





VCT- *Voluntary Counselling and Testing services can be obtained from all UPDF health facilities.*

PMTCT-*Prevention of mother to child transmission services can be obtained in all eight UPDF accredited centres:(Mbarara,Katabi,Mbuya,Bombo,Rubongi,Gulu,Acholi pii and Nakasongola military hospitals).*

ART/V- *As in PMTCT above.*



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