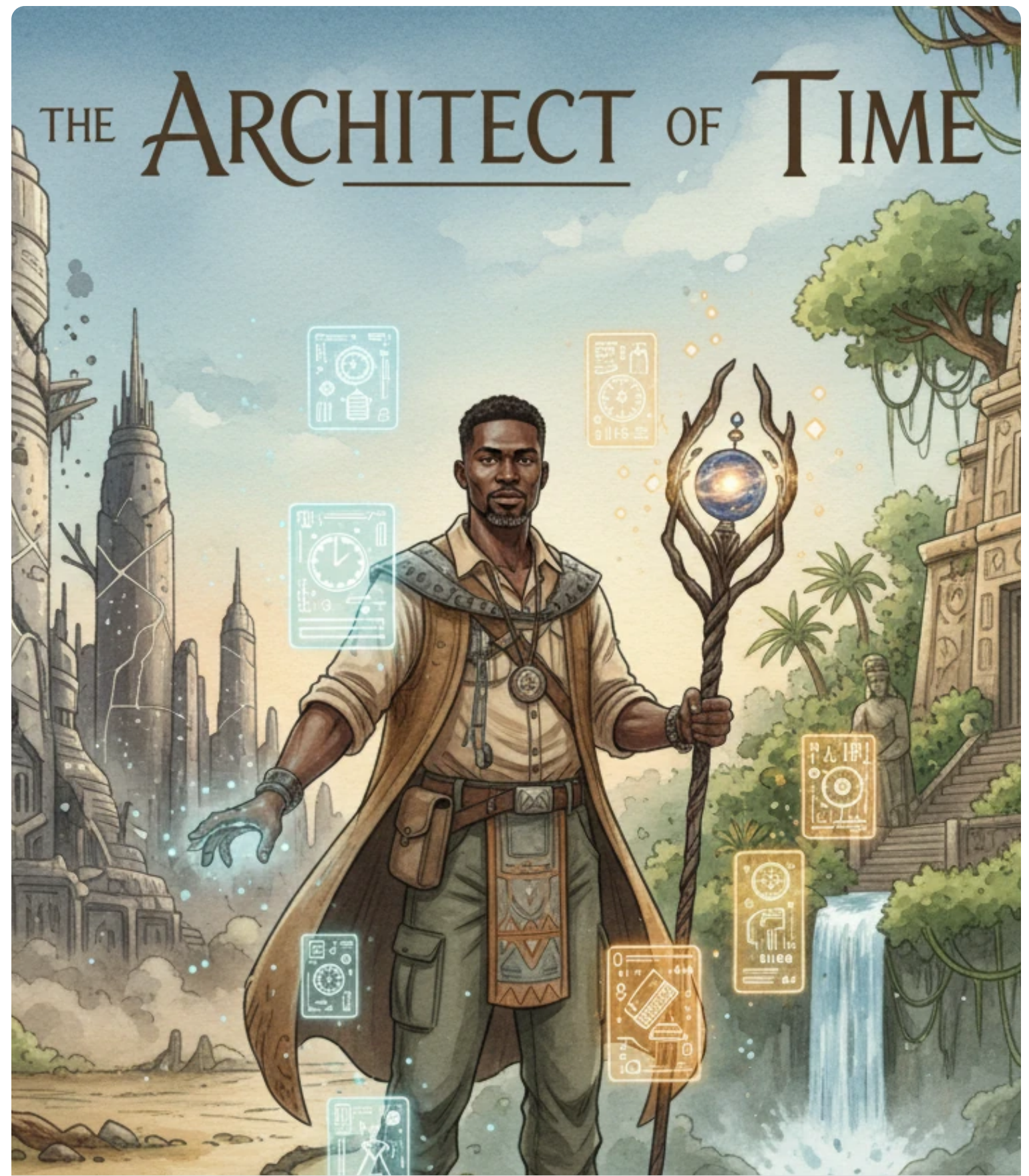


# THE ARCHITECT OF TIME



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Good Hoom

## *A Legacy Takes Root*



*Johannesburg, 2026*

In the grey, smog-filled streets of 2026 Johannesburg, Rooney Guran stares at a world falling to corruption. Heartbroken and jobless, he stands by the edge of a murky river, feeling like a man out of time.

## *River of Whispers*



An ancient man appears by the water, offering Rooney a choice between a decaying present and a chance to build a new past. With a final look at the city, Rooney dives into the swirling depths of the river, leaving his old life behind.

*Chapter One: Awakening on the Riverbank*

Rooney wakes in a paradise of vibrant greens and crystal-clear water, his memories wiped by the trauma of the journey. He is found by the kind builder Mpanzu and his daughter Nkenge, whose face feels hauntingly familiar to him.



Mocked for his lack of combat skills, Rooney is assigned to clean the village's rusted tools and weapons. Using his innate engineering instincts, he begins to sharpen blades and fix irrigation leaks with a precision the villagers have never seen before.



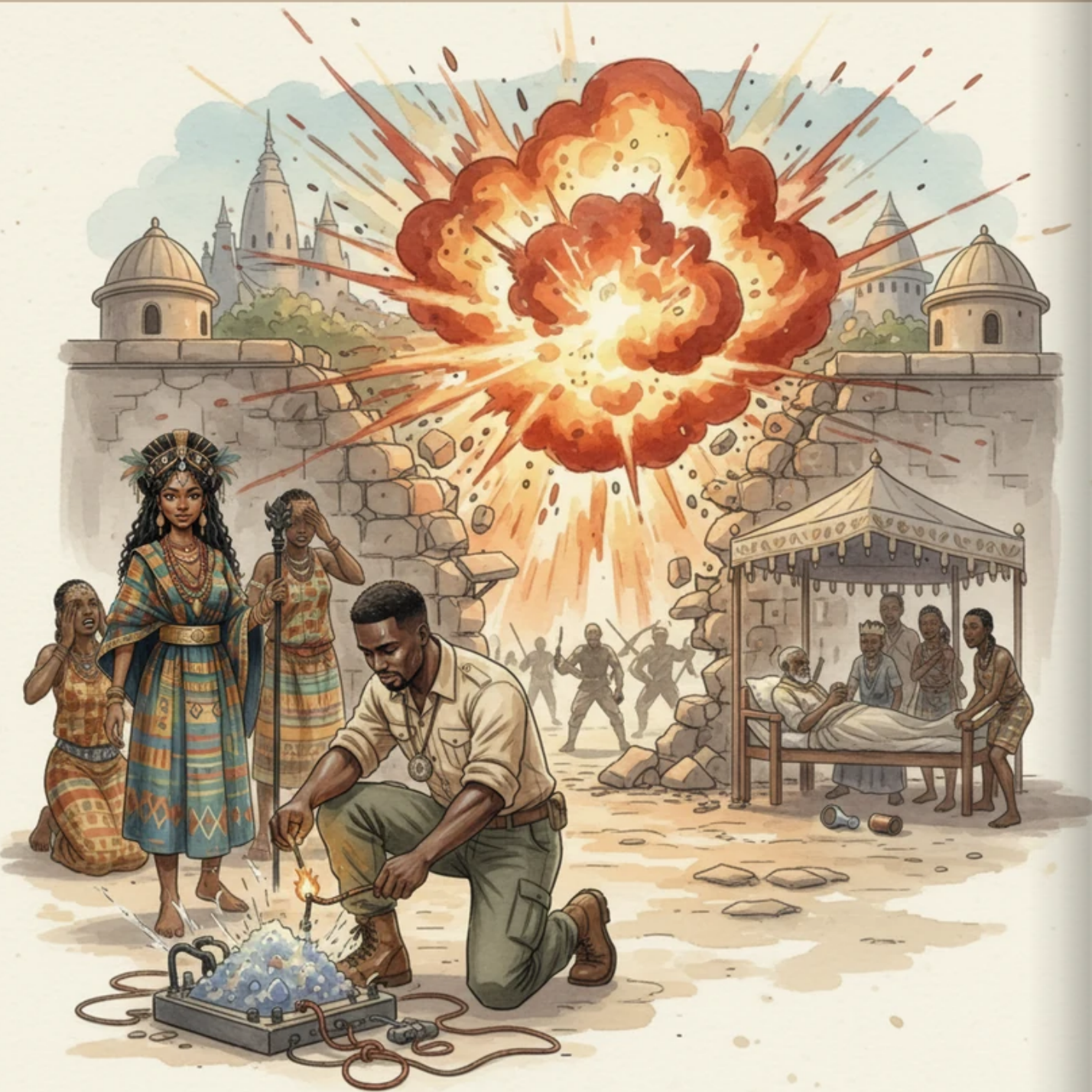
At a royal construction site, a massive stone structure begins to crumble, sending the workers into a panic. Rooney steps forward, using his understanding of physics to stabilize the heavy blocks and save the project from disaster.



Princess Lukeni summons the Miracle Builder to her palace, captivated by his mysterious brilliance and quiet strength. As they share a private moment, a single kiss shatters the fog in Rooney's mind, bringing back his memories of the future.



Chaos erupts as a rival kingdom launches a surprise attack, and the King falls victim to a deadly poison. Rooney realizes the dark history he remembered is beginning to unfold, and he is the only one who can change the course of destiny.



Combining his knowledge of chemistry and minerals, Rooney creates a powerful explosive to break the enemy's siege. The blast saves Princess Lukeni and secures victory, though the King unfortunately succumbs to the poison.

### THE LOST MAP OF KIKONGO



Offered the crown by a grateful nation, Rooney chooses a different path, declaring Lukeni as the first rightful Queen to rule alone. He returns to a simple life with Nkenge, trading the weight of a throne for the tools of a builder.

# *The Chronicles of Aethel*

*Explorers of the New Dawn*



Centuries later, a clean and advanced Africa flourishes under the legacy of its founders. In a sunlit park, a young student gazes up at the bronze statues of Queen Lukeni and Rooney Guran, the man known to history as the Greatest Engineer.