

The Seven™

(Working Title)

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DOSSIER: PHASE

CHARACTER DESCRIPTION

Sauda Q'dirah (Super Villain Name: "PHASE")

Height: 1.80 meters (five feet eleven inches)

Weight: 65.50 kilograms (140 pounds)

Complexion: Ebony, flawless

Eye Color: Black

Hair: Black

Age: 31

Astrological Sign: Sagittarius

Clothes: Style: Bold, tailored, somewhat severe and austere, but *very* sexy, testing the limits of business decorum. Sauda favors blue.

Abilities: A transformer of matter, Sauda can change the phase state of substances from solid to liquid, liquid to gas, etc.; can, with difficulty and to a limited extent, transform one element into another, i.e., lead into gold. Hence, Murk calls her "PHASE." (Morph, Morpher, Transmorph, Changer.)

Sauda "PHASE" Q'dirah was born in Janub (southern) Darfur, Western Sudan. In Arabic, Sauda means "dark" and Q'dirah means "powerful, mighty."

Sauda is of mixed descent. Some of her ancestors came from the As Sudd region in the south of Sudan, thus Sauda has a good deal of Dinka blood in her, which accounts for her tall and graceful body.

The lot of women in Sudan was grim when Sauda was a young girl, and has worsened since the Darfur Crisis began. Officially, the Darfur Crisis began in February of 2003,

however, pattern of atrocities leading up to the genocide currently underway started decades earlier. As a very young girl, Sauda saw her mother and father murdered and her older sisters taken as slaves by Abbala raiders. She saw other girls in her village raped by Abbala and Baggara militia men—and then, cast out to die by their own families because they were “sullied.” At the age of nine, she fled from the home of her grandparents to escape genital mutilation. She made her way north to Egypt, mostly on foot. She passed through Aswan and Cairo, finally ending up in Alexandria, nearly as far away from her hideous past as possible on the continent. There, living by her wits and wiles, surviving by begging and stealing, she grew up on the streets.

Having taught herself to read and write Arabic, French and English, as a young woman, Sauda inveigled her way into the University of Alexandria. Soon she won a scholarship to New York University, then another to attend law school at Cornell.

After graduation—with high honors—Sauda quickly became a high-powered lawyer, power broker and politico.

Some people, who have experienced pain, suffering and injustice in their lives, once they attain a position of power, think that they would never subject anyone to what they went through; others think that now it’s *their* turn to be the scourge on others’ backs. Sauda is of the latter ilk. She has a Gibraltar-sized chip on her shoulder. She holds the whole world accountable for the horrors of her youth, and, as an adult of considerable power and influence, now means to be the *hammer*, not the *nail*.

Sauda is an intimidatingly beautiful woman, “wicked smart,” calculating, clever and yet “right-brain”-oriented—has uncanny intuition, “reads” situations and people with the instincts of a predator.