

# The Ethiopian Lore Behind the Book!

## LAST GATE OF THE EMPEROR

### PLACES

- **Axum:** The advanced spacefaring empire of the book is named for the city of Axum, located in modern-day Ethiopia. In ancient history, it played a key role in international trade.
- **Oromia Region:** This state in Ethiopia is the home of the Oromo people, an ethnic group that resides in the country. This ethnic group is the largest in Ethiopia!
- **Awasa:** A city in Ethiopia on the shores of Lake Awasa. The Ibis wears a cap for a football team that shares a name with the real city.
- **Ghebbi Fortress:** The mysterious Ghebbi Fortress is based on a fortress located in Gondar, Ethiopia that was built in the 17th century. It was home to many Ethiopian emperors.
- **Gondar:** The Gondar campaign Yared and the Ibis discuss is named after a city in the Amhara Region of Ethiopia.
- **The Great Temple of Yeha:** Another HKO campaign based on a real place. This is the oldest standing structure in Ethiopia, and dates back to 700 B.C. There's still speculation regarding the history of this area.

### HISTORY

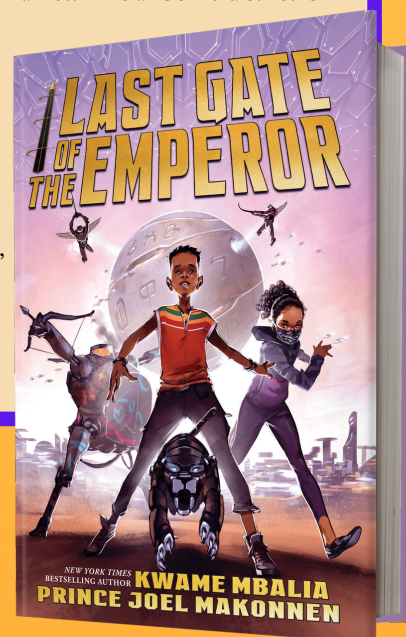
- **King Kaleb:** The namesake of The Hunt for Kaleb's Obelisk game is the most well-known king of Axum.
- **Menelik:** Likewise, the intergalactic Menelik drives are named after this famous Emperor of Ethiopia. He ruled between 1889 and 1913, and was King of Shewa (a historical region of Ethiopia) from 1866 to 1889.
- **Ezana:** The sleek warship IAN Ezana is named after another famous king of Axum who ruled centuries after King Kaleb.
- **Shotel:** These beautiful curved swords were wielded by the Meshenitai, elite Ethiopian warriors who fought both unmounted and on horseback.

### FOOD

- **Yasa Tibs:** Yared falls into a truck full of this sauteed fish dish. Great to eat, but probably not to wear.
- **Mitmita:** A spice used in various dishes. Uncle Moti doesn't cook without it!
- **Bunamechs:** Buna is coffee, so these are robotic coffee sellers. Very convenient!
- **Jebena:** Kamali's bunamech uses this pot to pour buna. It's an important component of coffee time, because sharing coffee with family and friends is very ceremonial in Habesha culture.
- **Teff:** A fine grain from Ethiopia and Eritrea that is most notably known to make injera, a staple cuisine in Habesha culture.
- **Shekla Tibs:** A stir-fry type beef dish.
- **Doro Wat:** A spicy chicken stew usually enjoyed at special occasions, but it can be eaten any time.
- **Shiro:** A meatless stew made of chickpeas that have been powdered.

### CULTURE

- **Bulgu:** The bionic creature Yared faces off against is based on a story passed down by the Oromo people. It's very scary!
- **Gebeya:** Gebeya means market. This airborne district is a floating marketplace!
- **Woreda:** The Amharic word for districts in Ethiopia. Addis Prime has many of these.
- **Kebele:** Small land areas in Ethiopia, like neighborhoods or wards, that subdivide woredas.
- **Birr:** As in Addis Prime, this is the name for the currency of Ethiopia.



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