

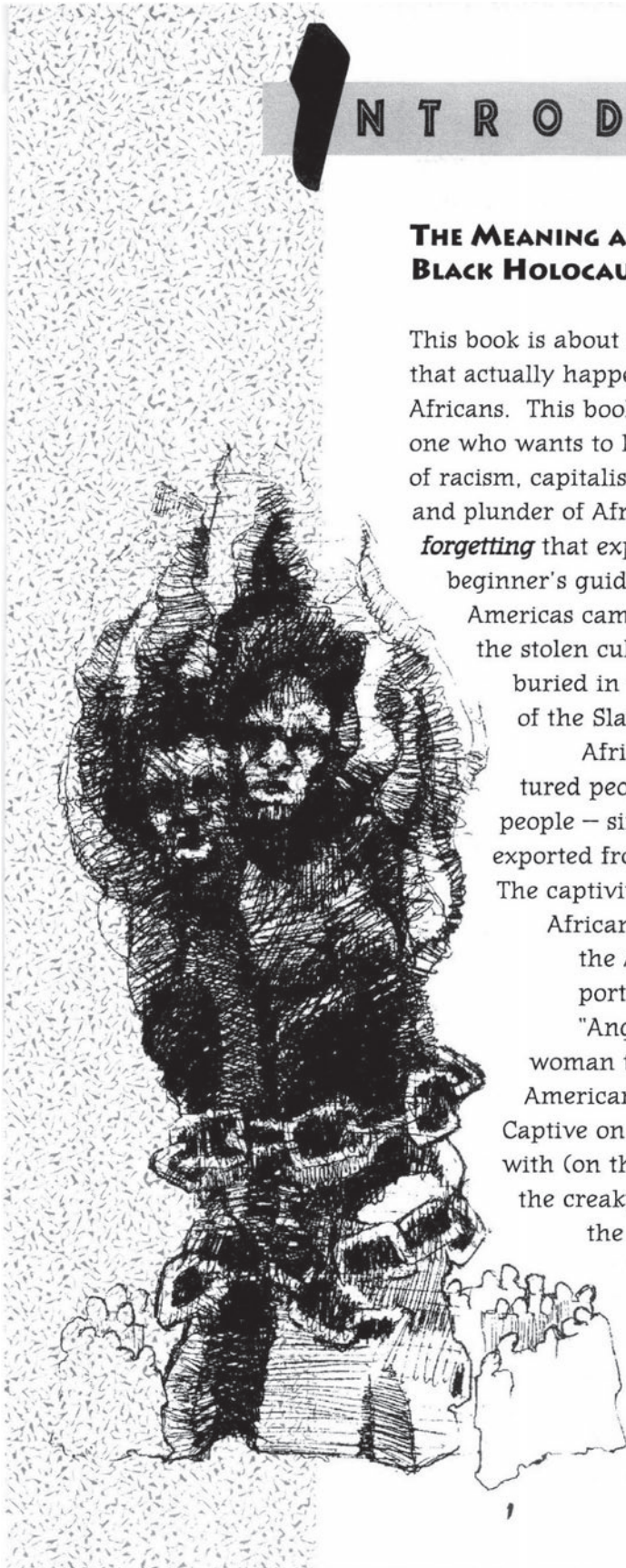
# INTRODUCTION

## THE MEANING AND IMPORTANCE OF THE BLACK HOLOCAUST

This book is about an unimaginable experience that actually happened to tens of millions of Africans. This book is a *starting point* for anyone who wants to know about the development of racism, capitalism, and the resulting pillage and plunder of Africa. This book is about *never forgetting* that experience. This book is a beginner's guide to how Africans in the Americas came to be. It's about locating the stolen cultural and political heritage buried in the complex and beastly acts of the Slave Trade.

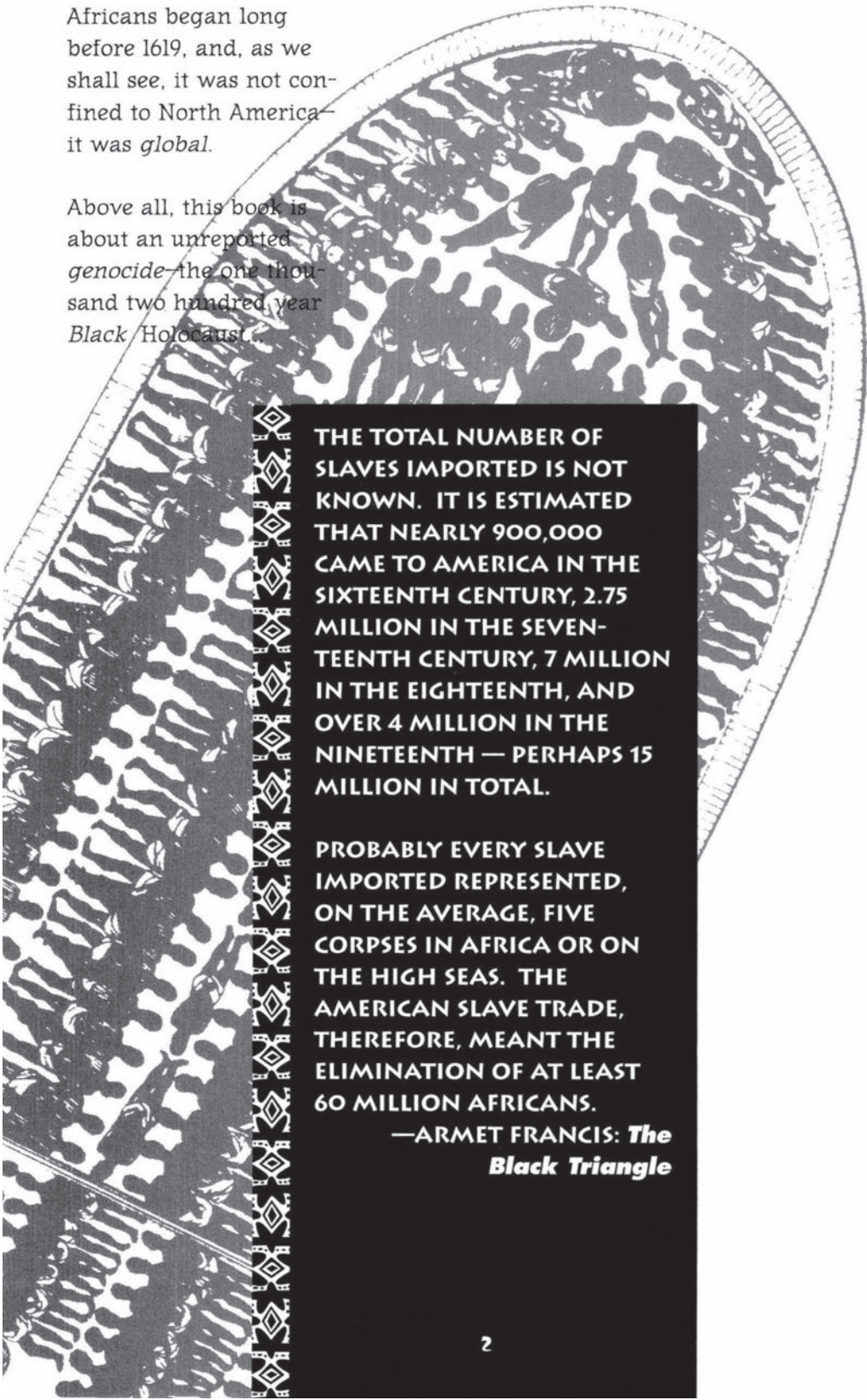
African Americans are a captured people rather than a conquered people – since they were forcibly exported from their homes in Africa.

The captivity and enslavement of free African people began long before the August 1619 arrival in the port of Jamestown, Virginia of "Angela"—the first African woman to set foot on North American shores—after being held captive on board the *Treasurer*; or with (on that same day) the docking of the creaky and seaworn Dutch ship the *Cathy Constant*, carrying the surviving "20-odd Africans" out of the original 100 captives as North America's first enslaved Africans.



The enslavement of free Africans began long before 1619, and, as we shall see, it was not confined to North America—it was *global*.

Above all, this book is about an unreported *genocide*—the one thousand two hundred year *Black Holocaust*.



THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SLAVES IMPORTED IS NOT KNOWN. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT NEARLY 900,000 CAME TO AMERICA IN THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY, 2.75 MILLION IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY, 7 MILLION IN THE EIGHTEENTH, AND OVER 4 MILLION IN THE NINETEENTH — PERHAPS 15 MILLION IN TOTAL.

PROBABLY EVERY SLAVE IMPORTED REPRESENTED, ON THE AVERAGE, FIVE CORPSES IN AFRICA OR ON THE HIGH SEAS. THE AMERICAN SLAVE TRADE, THEREFORE, MEANT THE ELIMINATION OF AT LEAST 60 MILLION AFRICANS.

—ARMET FRANCIS: *The Black Triangle*

## PART 1:

# THE REAL HISTORICAL FOUNDATIONS OF AFRICAN CIVILIZATION & SLAVERY

### LET US BEGIN WITH A FEW REAL ANSWERS TO OLD QUESTIONS

❖ The Slave trade was not a statistic, however astronomical. The slave trade was people living, lying, stealing, murdering, dying. The slave trade was a black man who stepped out of his house for a breath of fresh air and ended up, ten months later, in Georgia with bruises on his back and a brand on his chest.

❖ The slave trade was a black mother suffocating her newborn baby because she didn't want him to grow up to be a slave.

❖ The slave trade was a "kind" captain forcing his suicide-minded passengers to eat by breaking their teeth, though, as he said, he was "naturally compassionate."

❖ The slave trade was a bishop sitting on an ivory chair on a wharf in the Congo and extending his fat hand in wholesale baptism of slaves who were rowed beneath him, going in chains to the slave ships.

❖ The slave trade was a greedy [African] king raiding his own villages to get slaves to buy brandy.

❖ The slave trade was a pious captain holding prayer services twice a day on his slave ship and writing later the famous hymn: "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds."

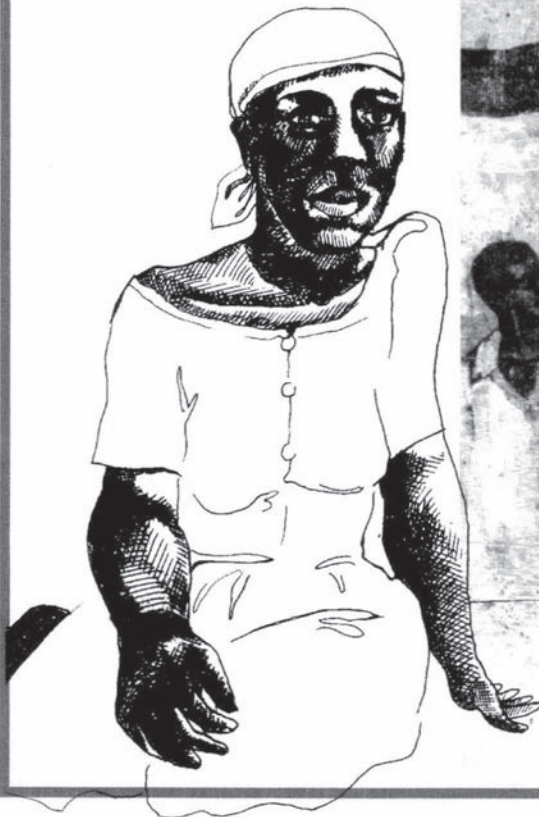
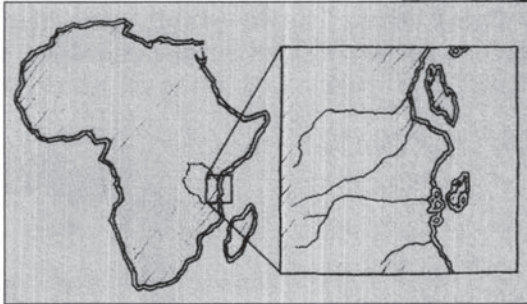
❖ The slave trade was deserted villages, bleached bones on slave trails and people with no last names. It was Caesar negro, Anglo negro and Negro Mary....



—Lerone Bennett: *Before the Mayflower*

## WHEN DID THE BLACK HOLOCAUST BEGIN?

It began with the Arab slave trade of around 700 AD, with Europeans (Portuguese) entering the picture around 1442.



## WHEN DID IT END?

On December 31, 1911, a treaty was signed by the Arab slave traders and the British colonial rulers of Zanzibar so that they—the British Colonizers—could create a more profitable colonial rule over East Africa. (NOTE: The export of enslaved Africans to the Americas ended around 1870-75.) But the enslavement of Africans by Arab-Africans and others within the Arab world persists till this day. On July 5, 1980, Mauritania officially abolished slavery—yet, some 200,000 Africans a year *still* are captured and enslaved there and in the Sudan. We don't see it on CNN or NBC news because Western media treats it as something that occurs *naturally* in "wild" Africa.



## "THE AFRICAN SLAVE TRADE: 1995"

African Americans...are comforted only by the assurance that the buying and selling of Black Africans ended in the distant past. But such a belief is myth.

It has become clear that the enslavement of Black Africans did not stop with the demise of the Atlantic Slave Trade. That on this very day and hour, as you read this, there are Black people being bought and sold in two North African countries [Mauritania & Sudan].

"Routine punishments for the slightest fault include beatings, denial of food and prolonged exposure to the sun, with hands and feet tied together. Serious infringement of the master's rule can mean prolonged tortures, as documented in a report by *Africa Watch*. These include:

**The 'camel treatment,'** where a human being is wrapped around the belly of a dehydrated camel and tied there. The camel is then given water to drink until its belly expands enough to tear the slave apart.

**The 'insect treatment,'** where insects are put into a person's ears. The ears are waxed shut. The arms and legs are bound. The person goes insane from the bugs running around in his head.

**The 'burning coals,'** where the victim is sealed flat, with his legs spread out. He is then buried in sand up to his waist until he cannot move. Coals are placed between his legs and are burnt slowly. After a while, the legs, thighs, and sex of the victim are burnt. There are other gruesome tortures—none of which is fit to describe in a family newspaper" states *Africa Watch*."

—Samuel Cotton, *The City SUN* [Feb.7,1995]



How many Africans were enslaved?

20 – 40 million.

Did they go passively or did they resist?

Despite the great odds against them, they fought their captors at every turn.

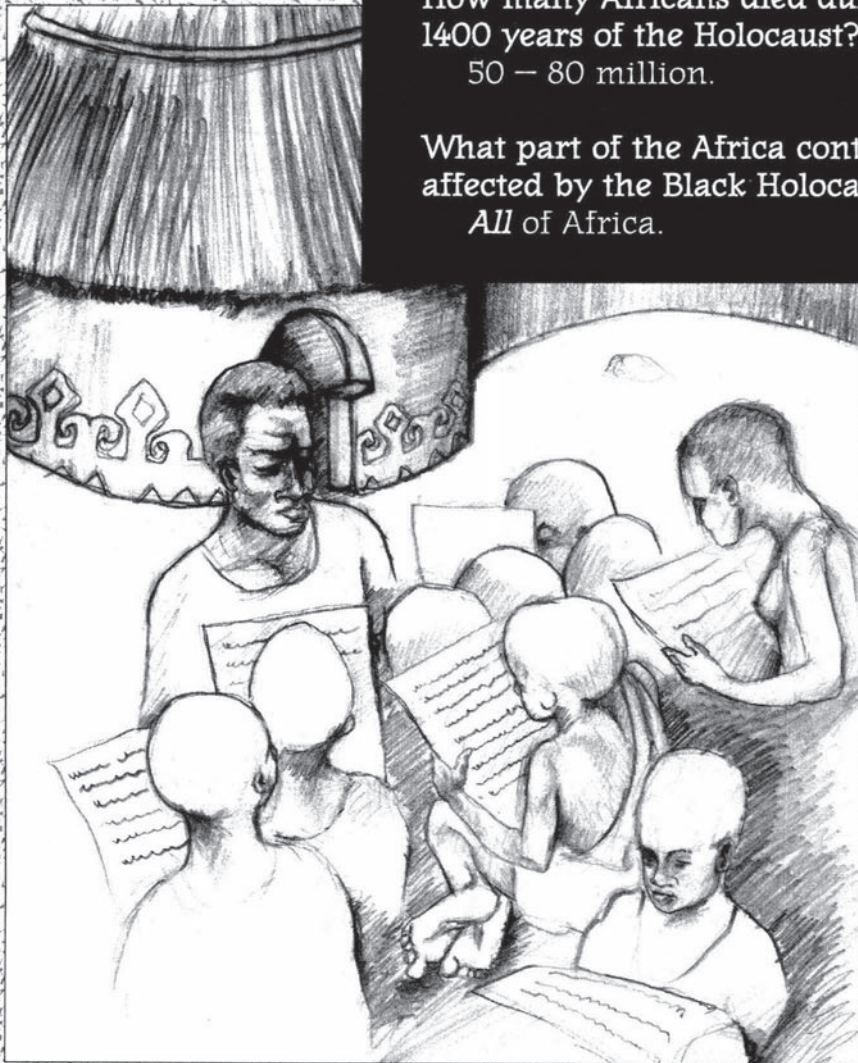
That is why so many of them died.

How many Africans died during the 1400 years of the Holocaust?

50 – 80 million.

What part of the Africa continent was affected by the Black Holocaust?

*All* of Africa.



Were Africans always enslaved by whites  
and Arabs?

NO!

Were and are people of African descent less  
intelligent than white folks?

Of course not!

Did white Europeans "discover" Africans  
swinging from trees in the "jungles" of Africa  
and bring them "civilization?"

Of course not! (Unless virtual genocide is  
your idea of "civilization.")

Were Africans steeped in superstition and  
ignorant of Science & Technology?

Of course not!



# FACT

Humanity had its beginnings in Africa more than 3 million years ago with the first beings to walk upright and have opposable thumbs to grab and control sticks and stones as extensions of the hand. In other words, Africans invented tools and weapons to help themselves not only survive but thrive as well. To this date, the earliest bones of human beings were and are still being found in the Olduvai Gorge in east Africa, a region covering an area almost as big as the United States.

