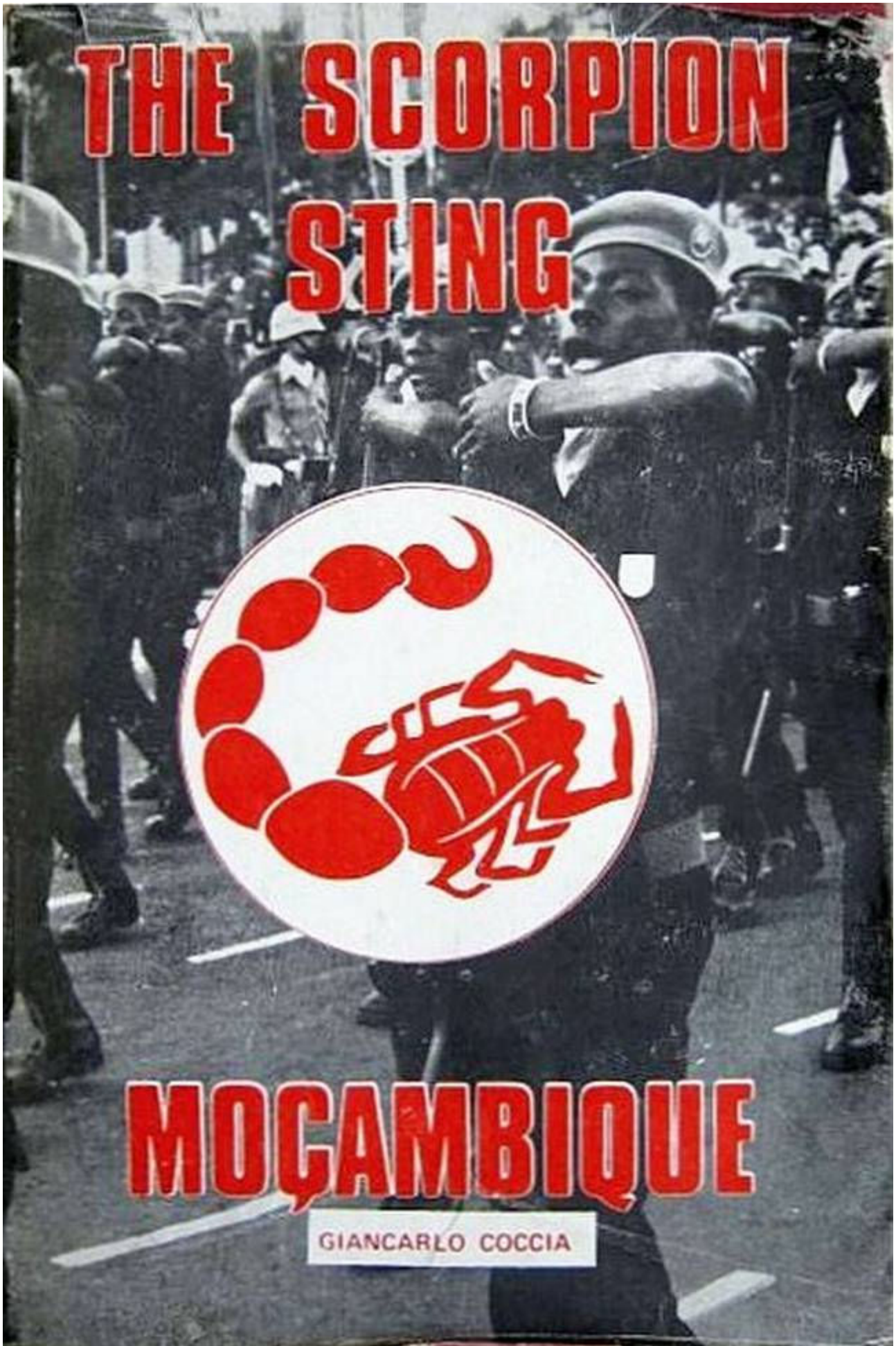


# THE SCORPION STING – MOÇAMBIQUE

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Moçambique: April to September, 1974.

Within the historically minute space of six chaotic and shocking months Portuguese rule in Moçambique collapsed entirely, and Frelimo took power to establish a rigid Mao-Communist regime.

How, and above all why, did it happen?

Giancarlo Coccia was the only Western journalist to travel freely throughout Moçambique during the transitional period. In the war-torn north he was able to witness the day-by-day collapse of Portuguese rule and the intimate reasons for it at remarkably close quarters.

This book is the end result of his on-the-spot observations and months of later research, a graphic personal account of the political and personal forces which together made for disaster in Moçambique.

It gives an accurate blow-by-blow account of just how and why things went wrong, including details of:

The massacre at Wiryamu.

Jorge Jardim's attempt to deal with Frelimo.

Lisbon's amazing orders to hamstring the Portuguese war effort.

The purging of the Officers' ranks.

The attempted assassination of Communist Chief Saraiva de Carvalho in Nampula.

The Big Business effort to create a non-Communist Black Government.

The Armed Forces Movement's secret meeting with Frelimo.

The hidden political parties behind the September uprising, and Frelimo's quoted designs on South Africa and Rhodesia.

This is undoubtedly the first major book to emerge from Moçambique within the last decade.



A moment of rest for the Commando of the 2043 - the "Justicinos".



A group of Harvard T6 aircraft of the Portuguese Airforce take off from Munda.



Captain Belchior at the head of the 2043 Commando; one minute silence for the dead.



The ceremony for the dead of the 2043 Commando Company.

Crane landing, daughter of Jorge Jardim, being presented with the "wing" by General Moura de Araujo.



A jeep Bellini was crippled on a bush track after detaching a Soviet made anti-tank mine. Like thousands of other articles it was wrecked by one of the terrorist's atrocious weapons.



An army driver, injured in a latrine explosion received first aid from a colleague. He later lost the use of his right eye altogether.



In January 1974 Frelimo opened a new offensive at the Inharrim area to win the area line which ran from Inharrim to Mutarara. Here casualties are being treated in a hospital while the detailed train lies crippled in the background.



1974-75  
 The 1974-75 season, with its  
 heavy rain and often violent  
 winds, was a very wet one.  
 Frelimo's offensive was  
 against the Portuguese  
 in the Inharrim area, and  
 the 1974-75 season was  
 very successful.

At the Inharrim area, the  
 Frelimo has a large  
 percentage of Black and  
 White Portuguese  
 soldiers who died during  
 the six years of war  
 against Frelimo. This  
 Black soldier died two  
 hours after one such  
 man took his right foot,  
 and the lower half of  
 his leg off.



Black and White soldiers like small treatment after being injured in an attack.