

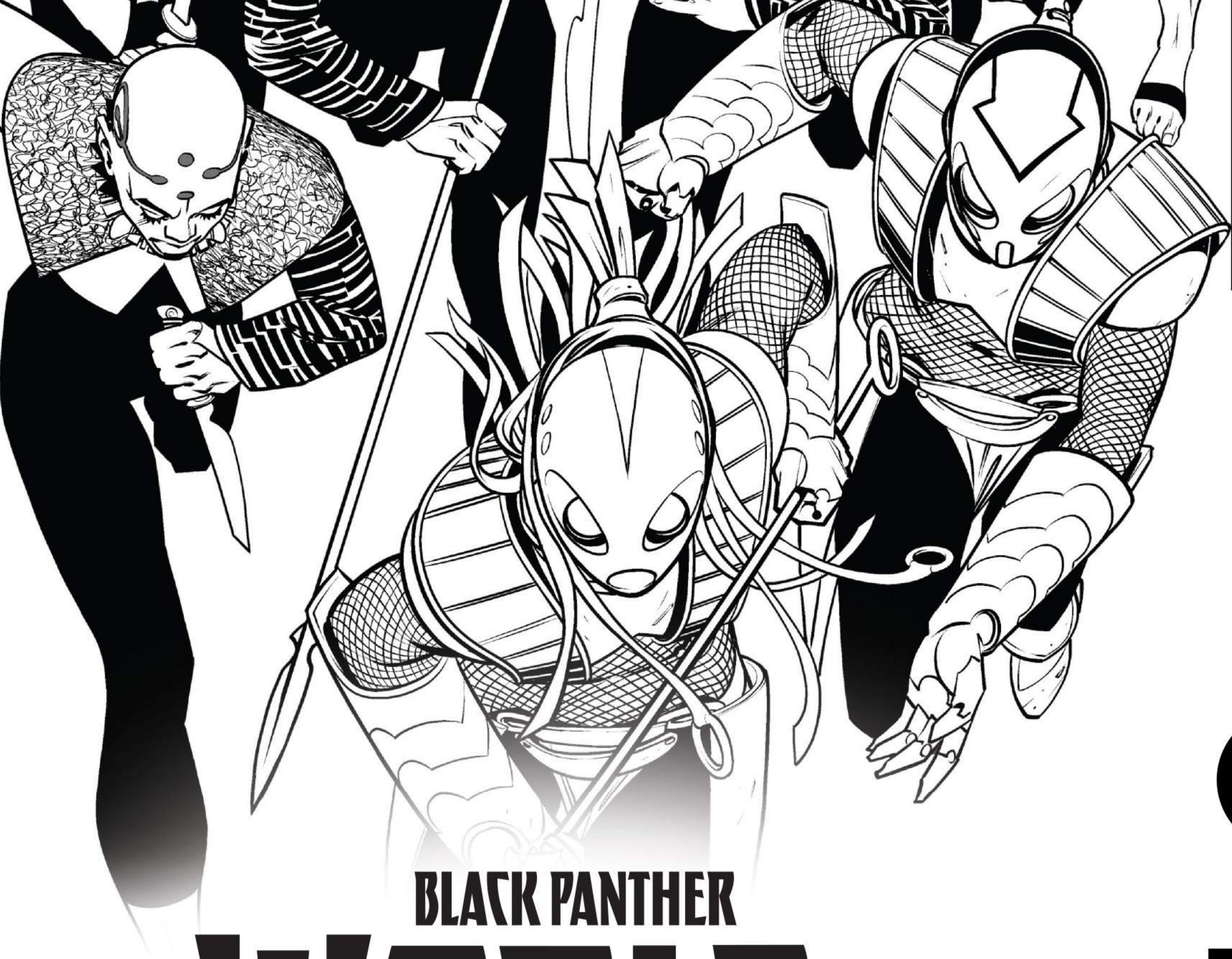
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The **Dora Milaje** (pronounced “DOR-ah muh-LAH-jay,” and which means “Adored Ones”) are the personal bodyguards of the Black Panther and the royal family, recruited from every tribe of Wakanda. An ancient tradition originally designed to help keep the peace among the rival tribes, the *Dora Milaje* used to also be potential wives-in-training for the king, but that aspect has since fallen by the wayside. And now the time has come for the *Dora Milaje* to perhaps evolve even further...

Ayo and Aneka, *Dora Milaje* assigned to serve T’Challa, have recently discovered their king fraternizing with Namor, king of Atlantis and responsible for a great flood that recently devastated Wakanda.

Deeply disturbed by this revelation, Ayo and Aneka find solace in each other as their relationship grows from professional to romantic (a secret they have kept from their fellow *Dora Milaje*)...

[This story takes place before the events of **BLACK PANTHER #1**.]

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UPANGA, DORA MILAJE TRAINING FACILITY



WHAT WE JUST DID--SEVERING OUR TIES WITH T'CHALLA--BREAKS WITH CENTURIES OF TRADITION. THIS DECISION WAS AS UNPRECEDENTED AS IT WAS NECESSARY.



--WE SERVE WAKANDA.





WE ARE
NO ONE'S
PETS!

FOLAMI, YOU HAVE NO GROUNDS
FOR QUESTIONING AYO AND
I! WE SERVE WAKANDA,
WITH FULL HEARTS.

FOLAMI,
THE ONLY
ARCHITECT OF
OUR ASSEMBLY
TODAY IS T'CHALLA.
WE WILL CONTINUE
TO SERVE
THE ROYAL
FAMILY--

--BUT WE WILL
DO SO WHILE
REMEMBERING
THAT WE ARE MORE
THAN MERE
SERVANTS--

--AND
WE WILL DO
SO WITH OUR
EYES WIDE
OPEN.

ZOLA'S EYES
ARE ONLY WIDE
OPEN TO HER PETS. I
WILL NOT FOLLOW FOOLS
DOWN THE PATH OF FOLLY.
MY FATHER TAUGHT
ME BETTER
THAN THAT.

SOON AFTER

MISTRESS ZOLA,
WE WOULD LIKE TO
REQUEST SOME TIME
OFF TO GET AWAY
FROM ALL OF THIS.

TOGETHER?



YES,
TOGETHER.

TWO FRIENDS
CAN TAKE A TRIP
TOGETHER, NO?

VERY WELL.
I CAN SPARE YOU
FOR A WHILE, BUT YOU
MUST AND COME BACK
READY TO WORK.

AND...
ANEKA.
WHY DO
YOU SHROUD
YOURSELF
IN SUCH
FICTION?

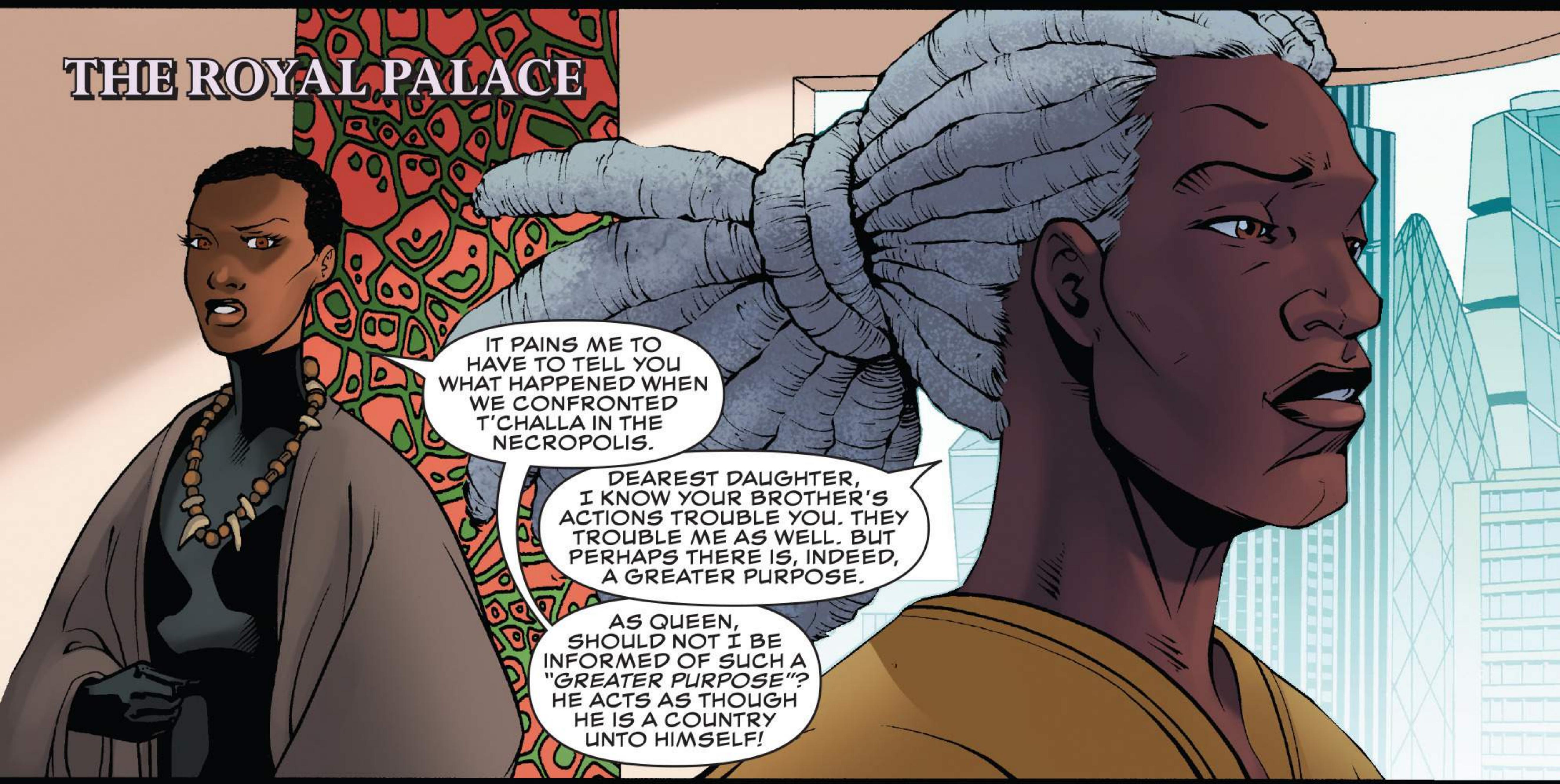
I HAVE NO
IDEA WHAT YOU
MEAN, MISTRESS,
BUT I THANK YOU
FOR GRANTING
US THIS TIME
AWAY.

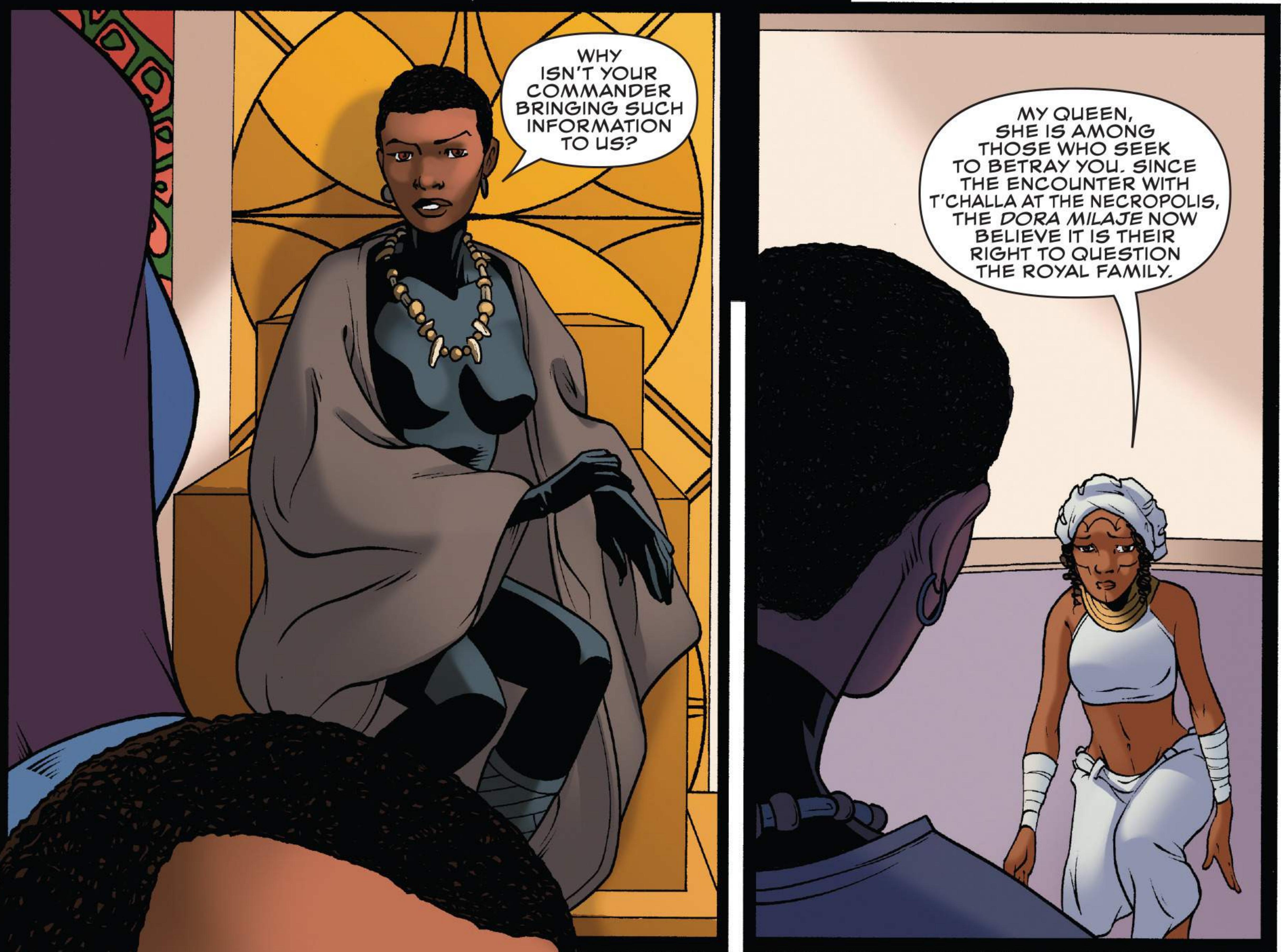


WHATEVER
DO I HAVE TO BE
ANGRY ABOUT,
"FRIEND"?



THE ROYAL PALACE

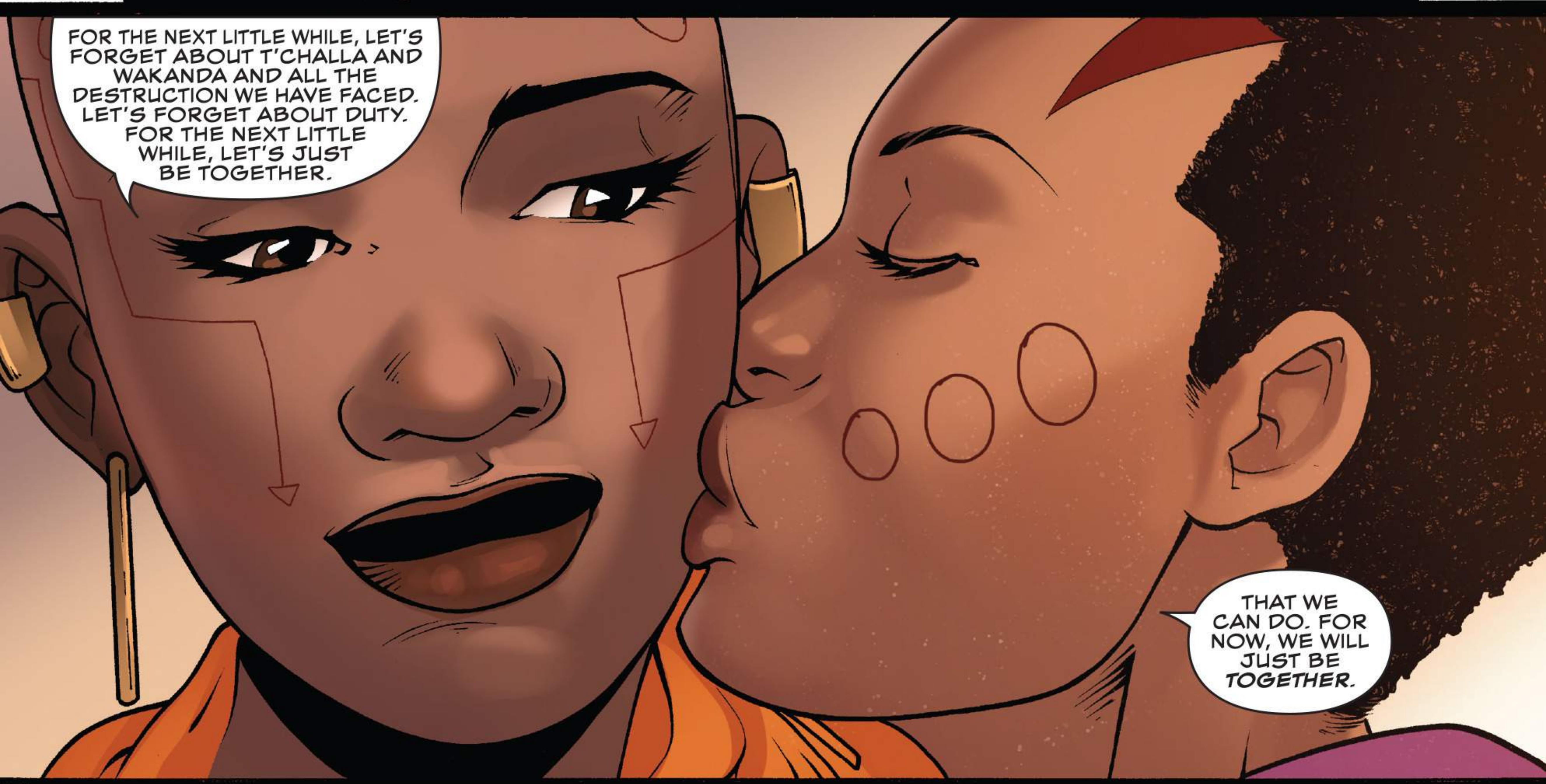
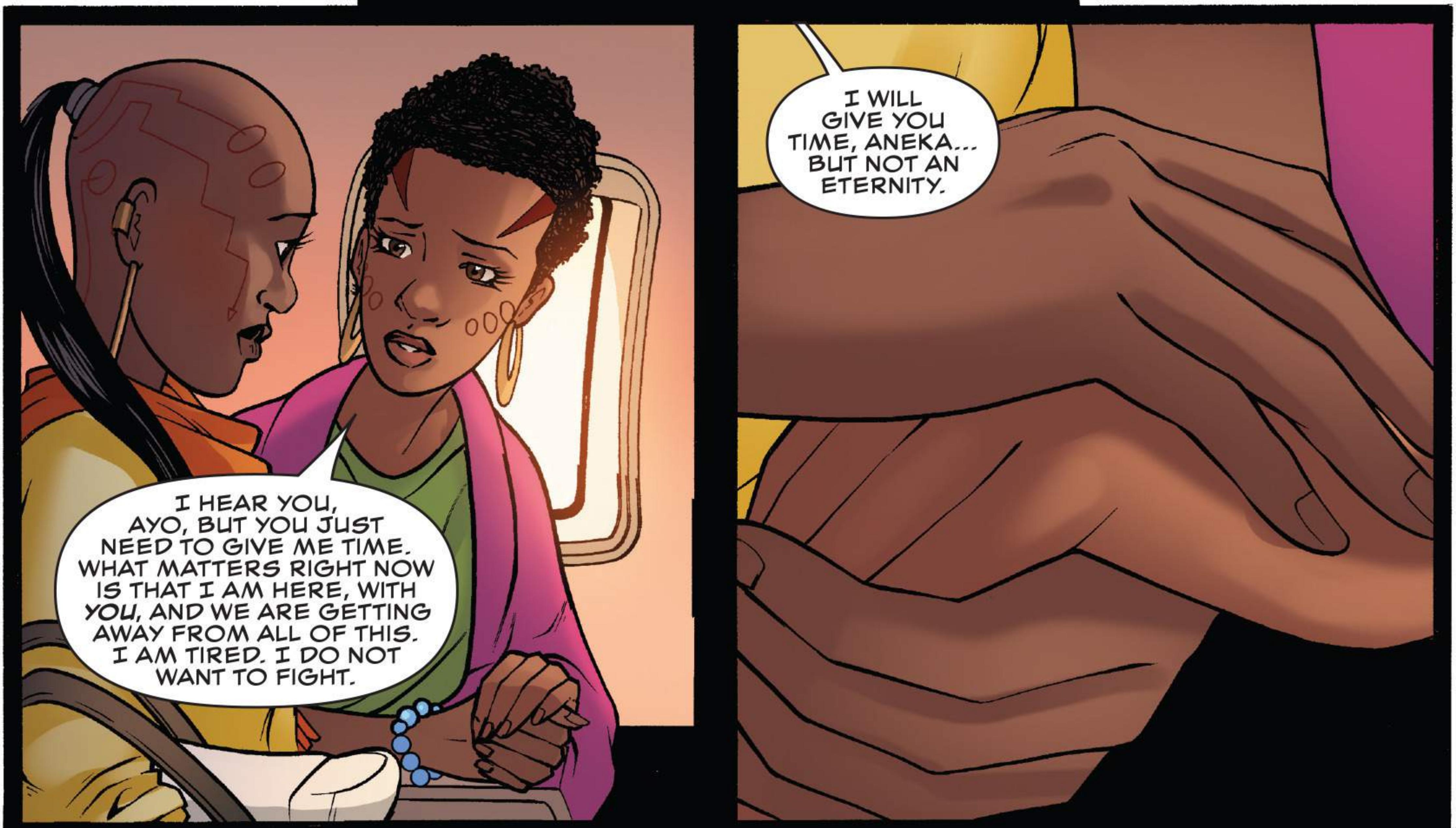






THE WAKANDAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT





THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE GOLDEN CITY

THIS BETTER BE WORTH MY TIME, OR SOMEONE IS GOING TO PAY A DEAR PRICE.



"TELL ME, MISTRESS ZOLA--"

--WERE YOU AWARE THAT ONE OF YOUR DORA MILAJE CAME TO SEE MY DAUGHTER AND I AT THE PALACE RECENTLY?

LET ME GUESS-- FOLAMI?

YES, AND SHE HAD SOME QUITE INTERESTING THINGS TO SAY...



"QUEEN-MOTHER, KING T'CHALLA'S ACTIONS HAVE TROUBLED MANY OF THE DORA MILAJE. THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES FOR SUCH BREACHES OF TRUST."

"BUT WHATEVER FOLAMI MAY HAVE TOLD YOU, WE ARE STILL YOUR PROTECTORS, AND HIS."

JUST KNOW THAT--AS I TOLD THESE WOMEN WITH WHOM I SERVE-- OUR EYES ARE OPEN.

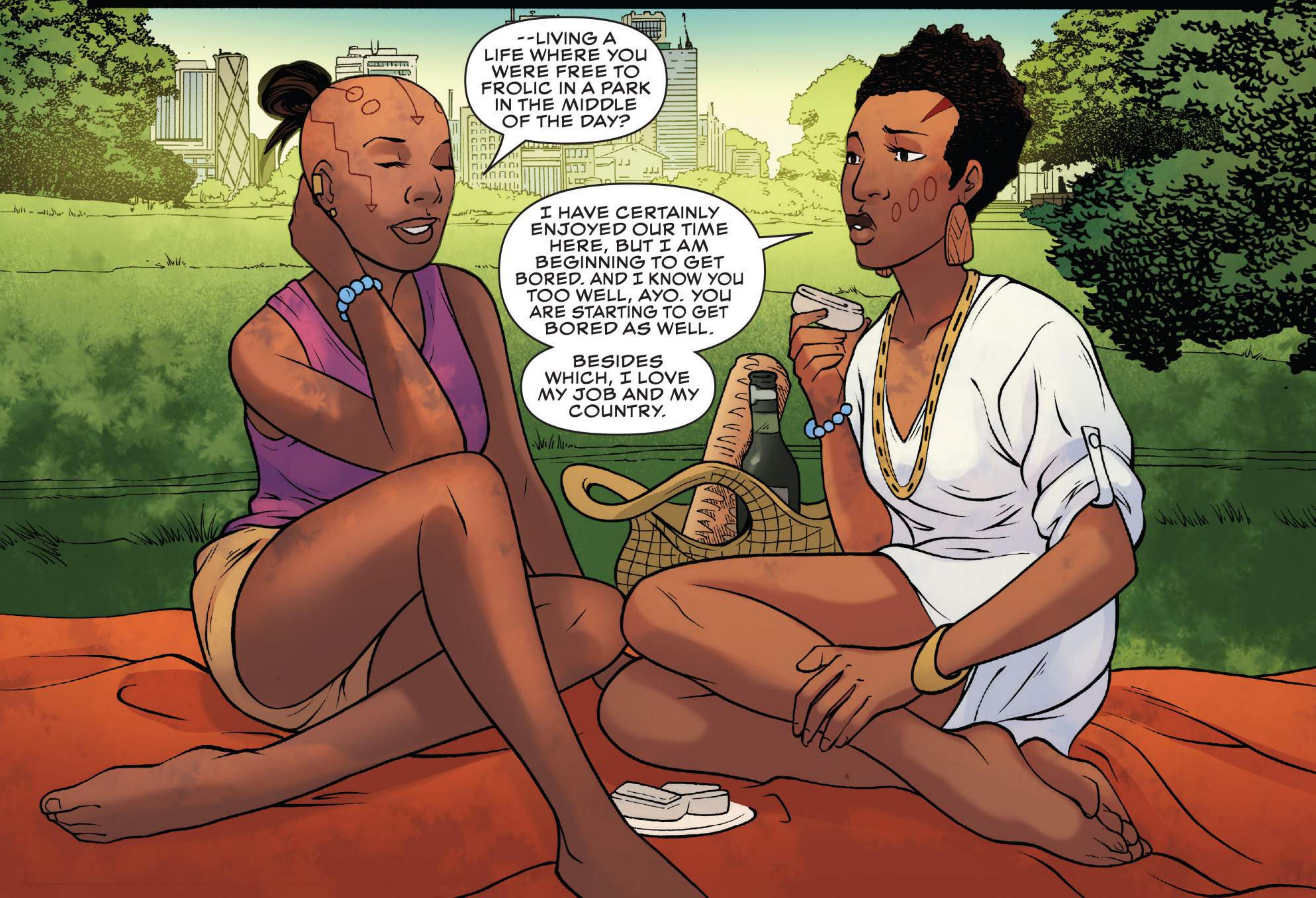
I DO NOT DOUBT YOU, MISTRESS ZOLA. BUT YOU DO HAVE AT LEAST ONE PROBLEM IN YOUR RANKS.

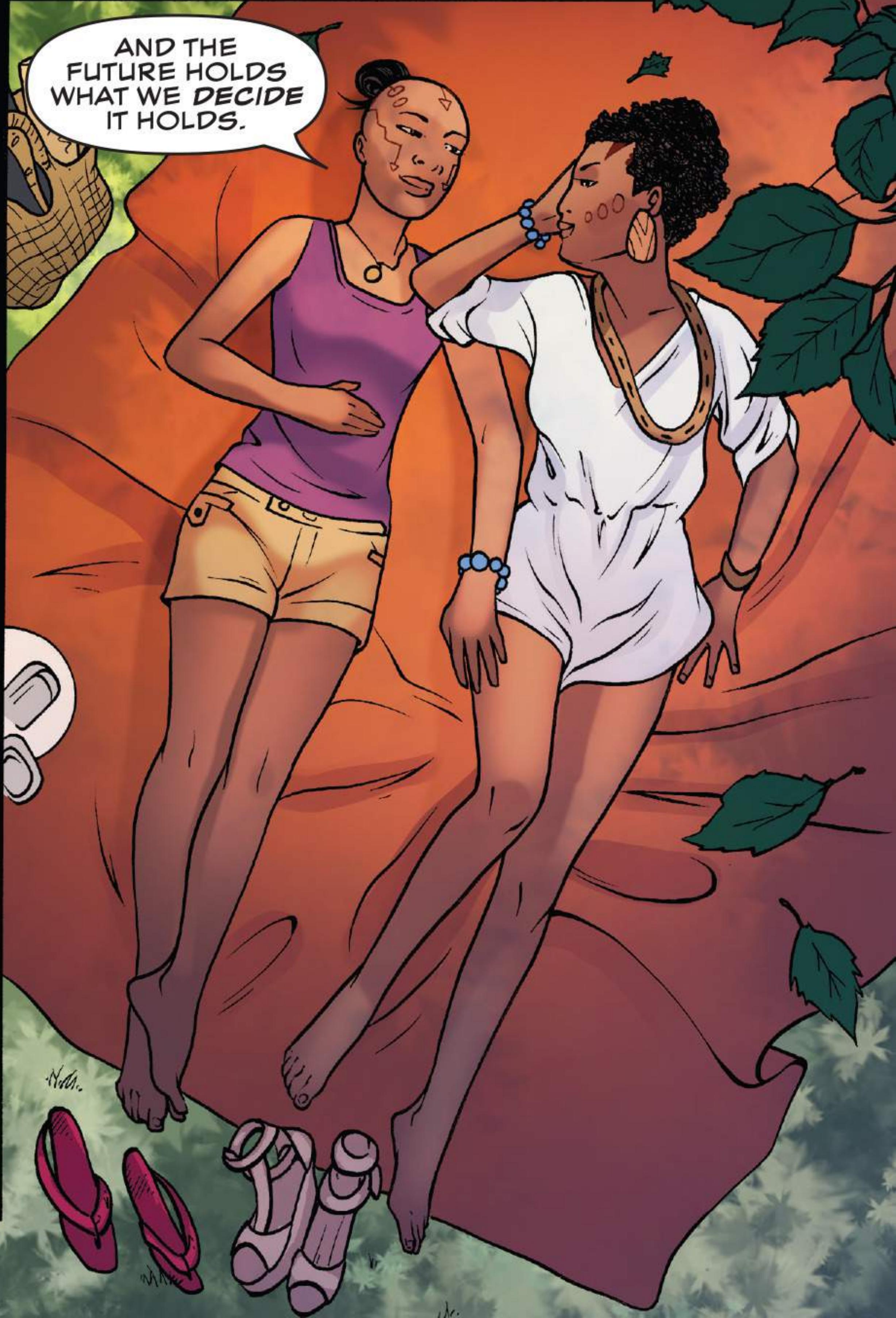
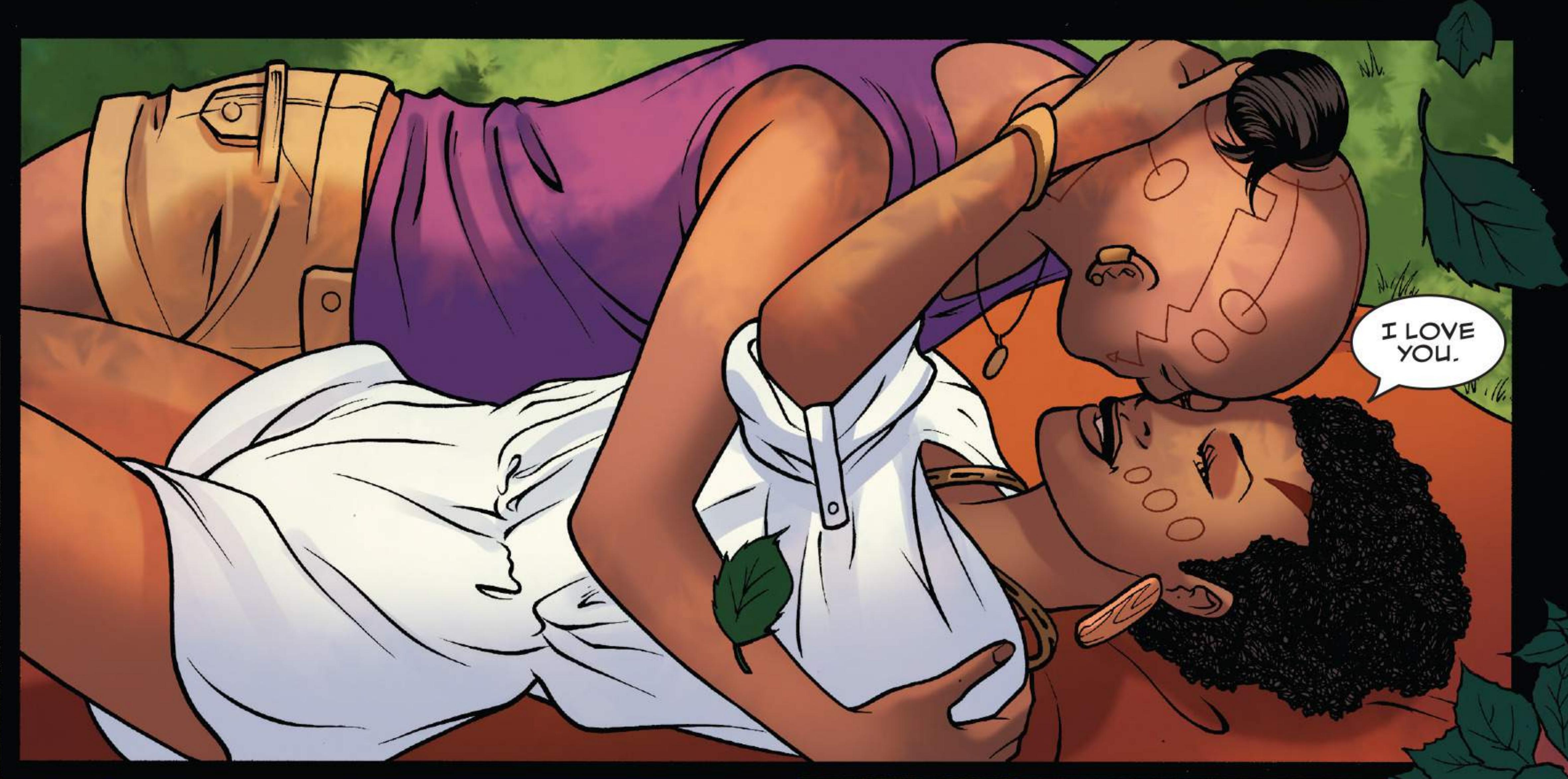
INDEED, I DO.

"I WILL DEAL WITH THIS..."

"...BEFORE THINGS GO TOO FAR."

CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK





THAT
NIGHT





I STILL DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE RETURN. CERTAINLY, ZOLA WILL GIVE US GUIDANCE AND WE WILL DO WHAT WE HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO DO.

AS FOR YOU AND I...WE WILL TAKE THINGS ONE DAY AT A TIME.



I TOO WANT MORE THAN ONE DAY AT A TIME, JUST SO YOU KNOW.

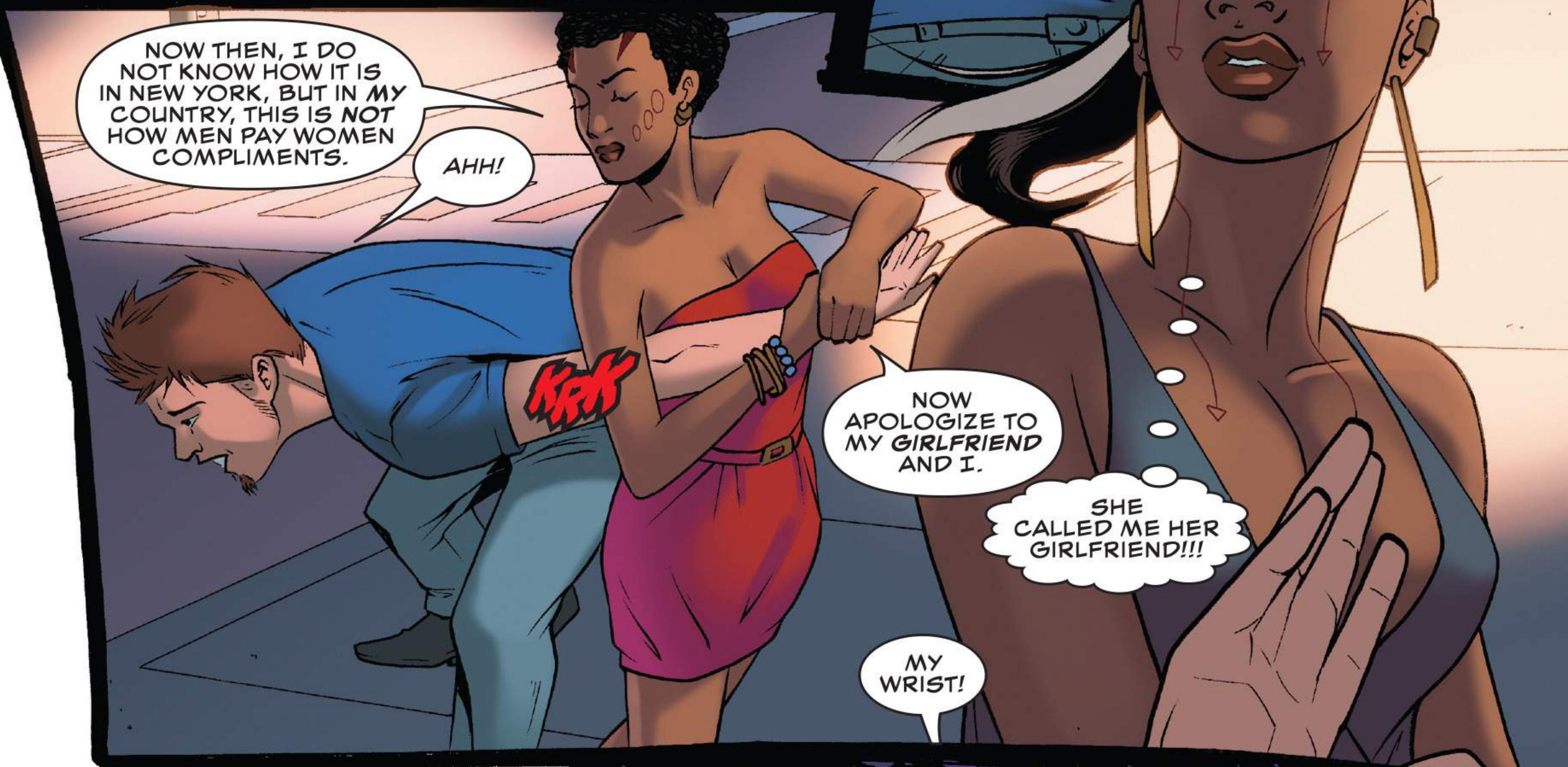
WHAT IF I WANT MORE THAN ONE DAY AT A TIME?



BUT I STILL ASK FOR YOUR PATIENCE TO ALLOW ME TO BETTER WRAP MY MIND AROUND ALL OF THIS.

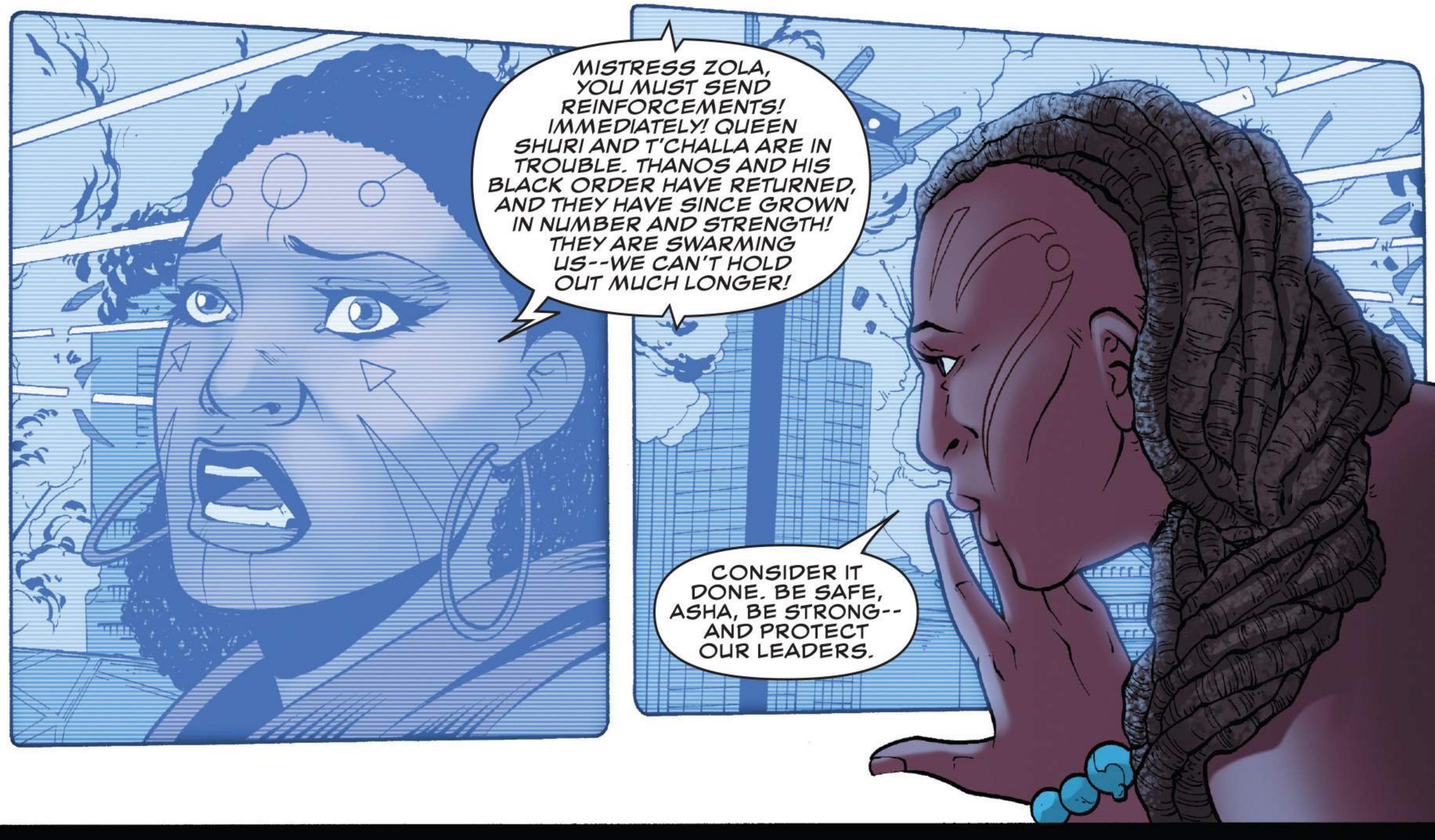
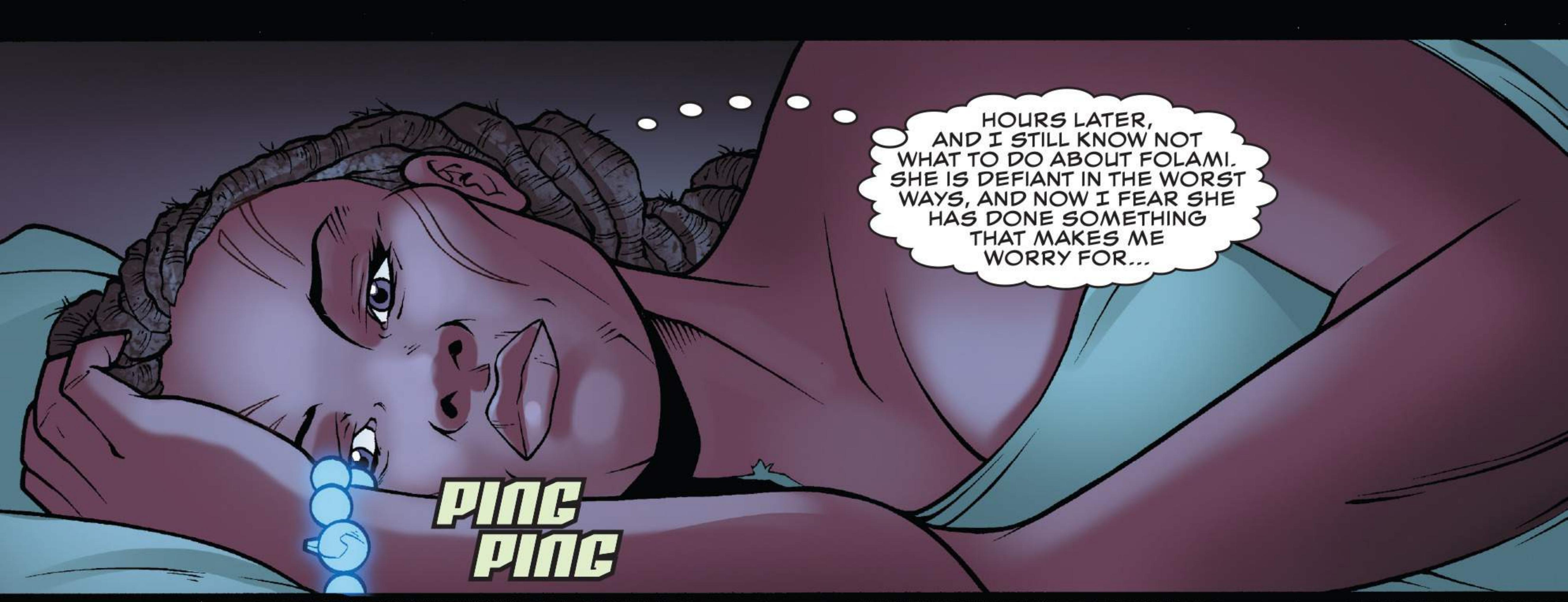
YOU'RE LUCKY YOU'RE SO BEAUTIFUL, ANEKA. I CANNOT HELP BUT GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED.

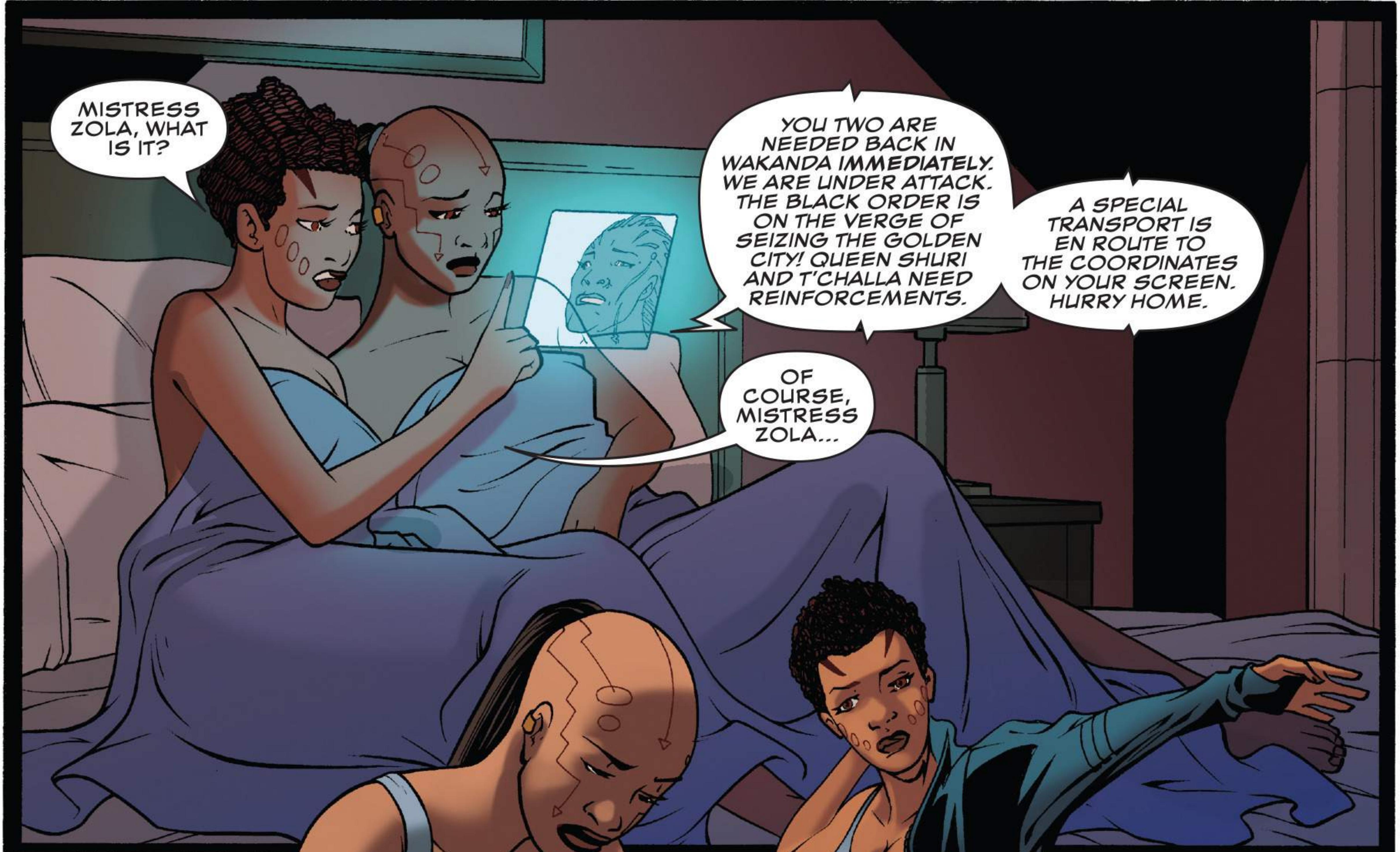




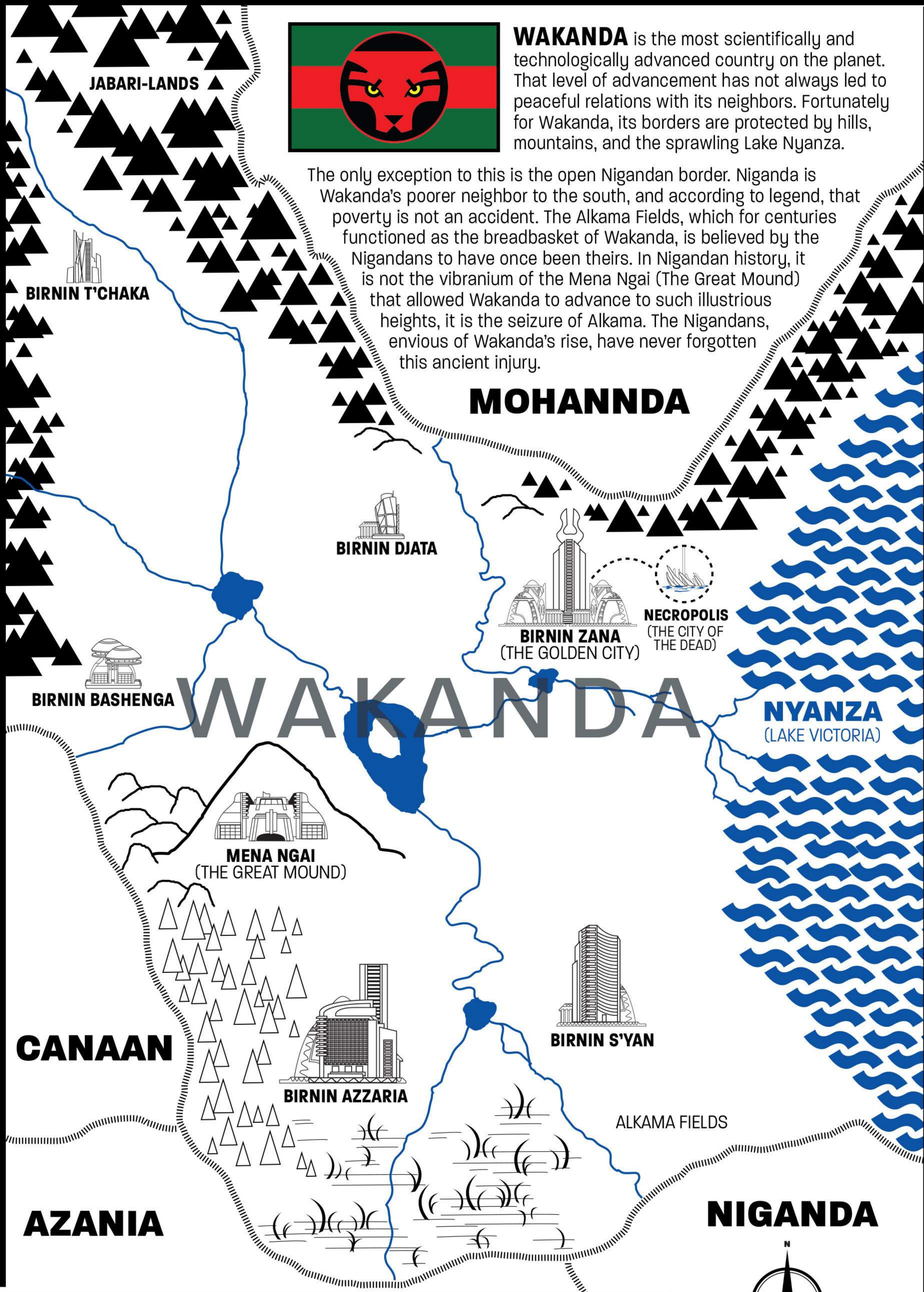
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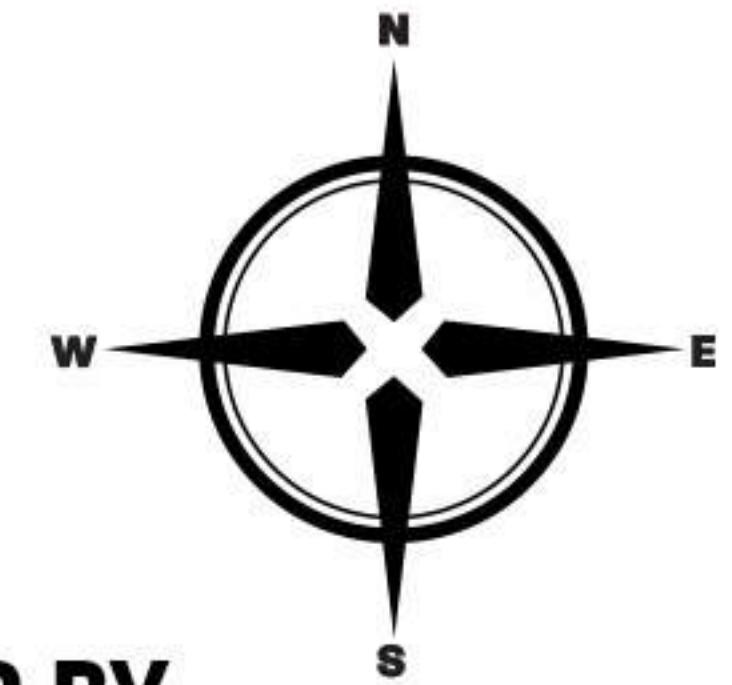


TO BE CONTINUED



On this map are various cities beginning with the appellation "Birnin" -- Wakandan for "city." Each city on this map is named after a famous Black Panther, and each is actually more like a fortress than a city, protecting the entryways into Wakanda.

Wakanda was navigable mostly by a system of rivers, and the political geography of the country is still dominated by this fact.

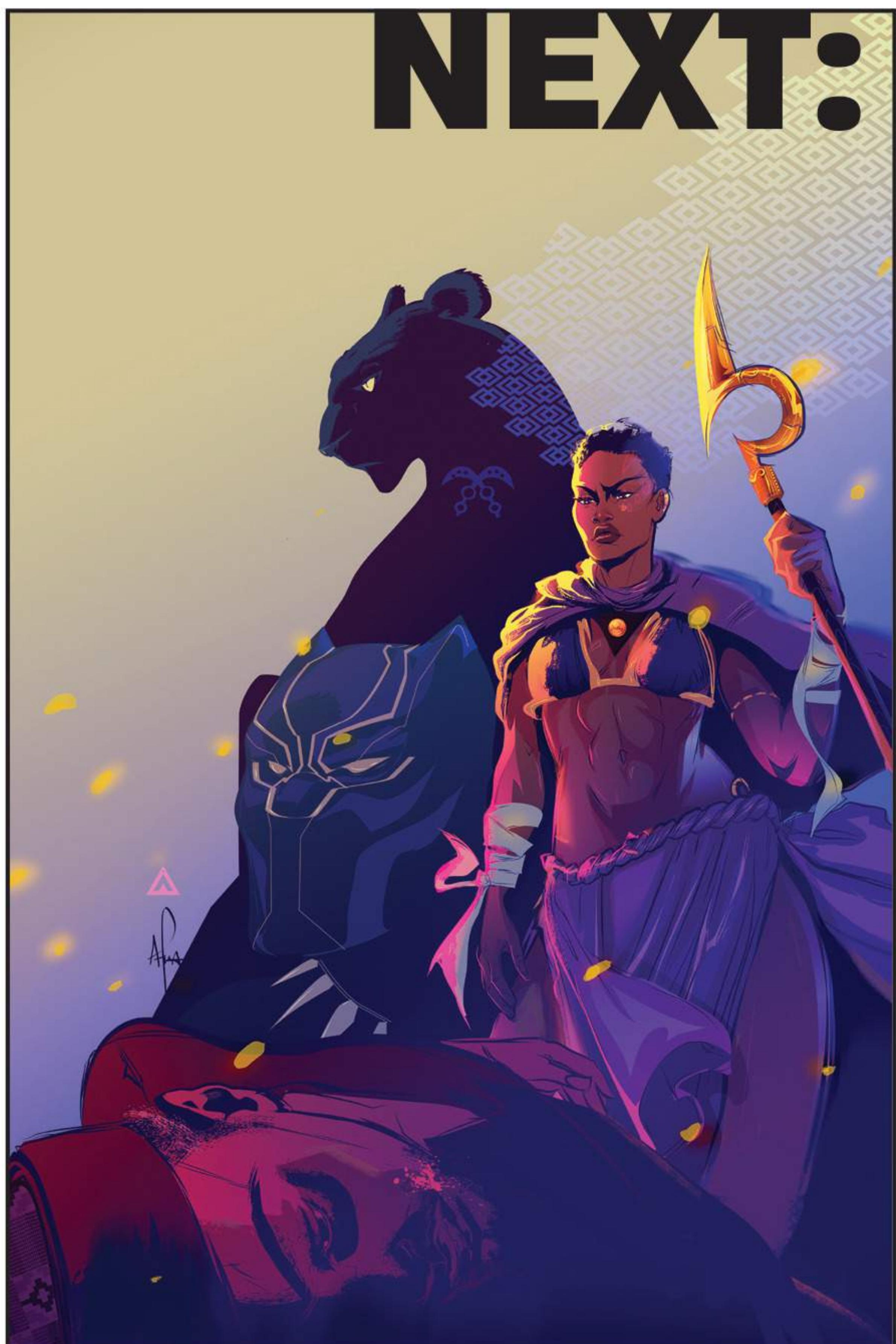


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