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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...
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HEADQUARTERS OF THE DORA MILAJE, SEVERAL MONTHS AGO

WELCOME TO
YOUR TRAINING AS
WOMEN AND WARRIORS
OF THE DORA
MILAJE.

WELCOME
TO UPANGA.



YOU ARE THE
BEST OF OUR PEOPLE,
BUT YOU ARE NOT YET
GOOD ENOUGH.

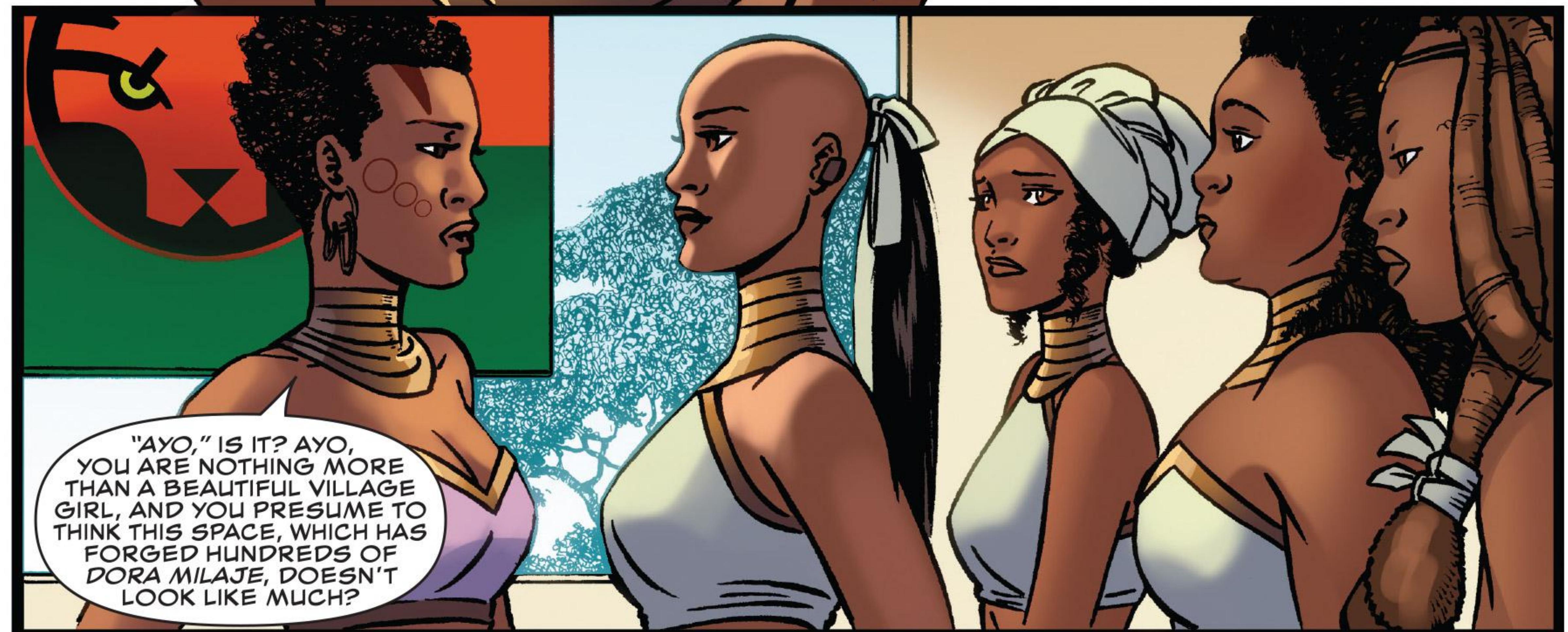
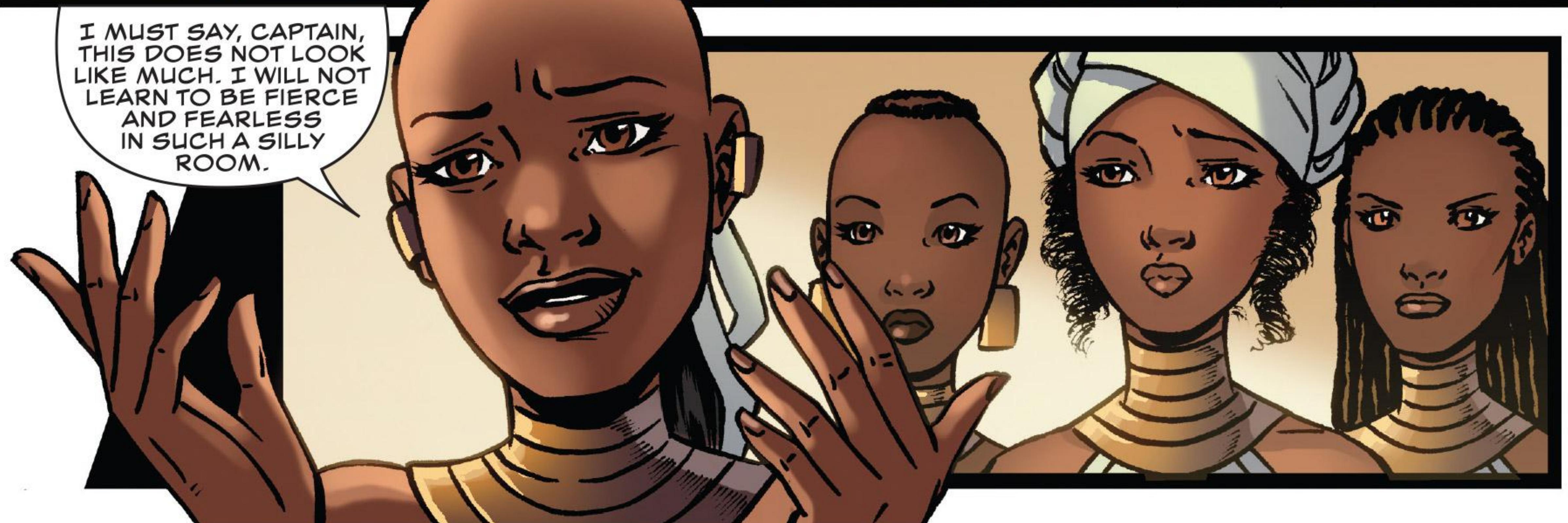
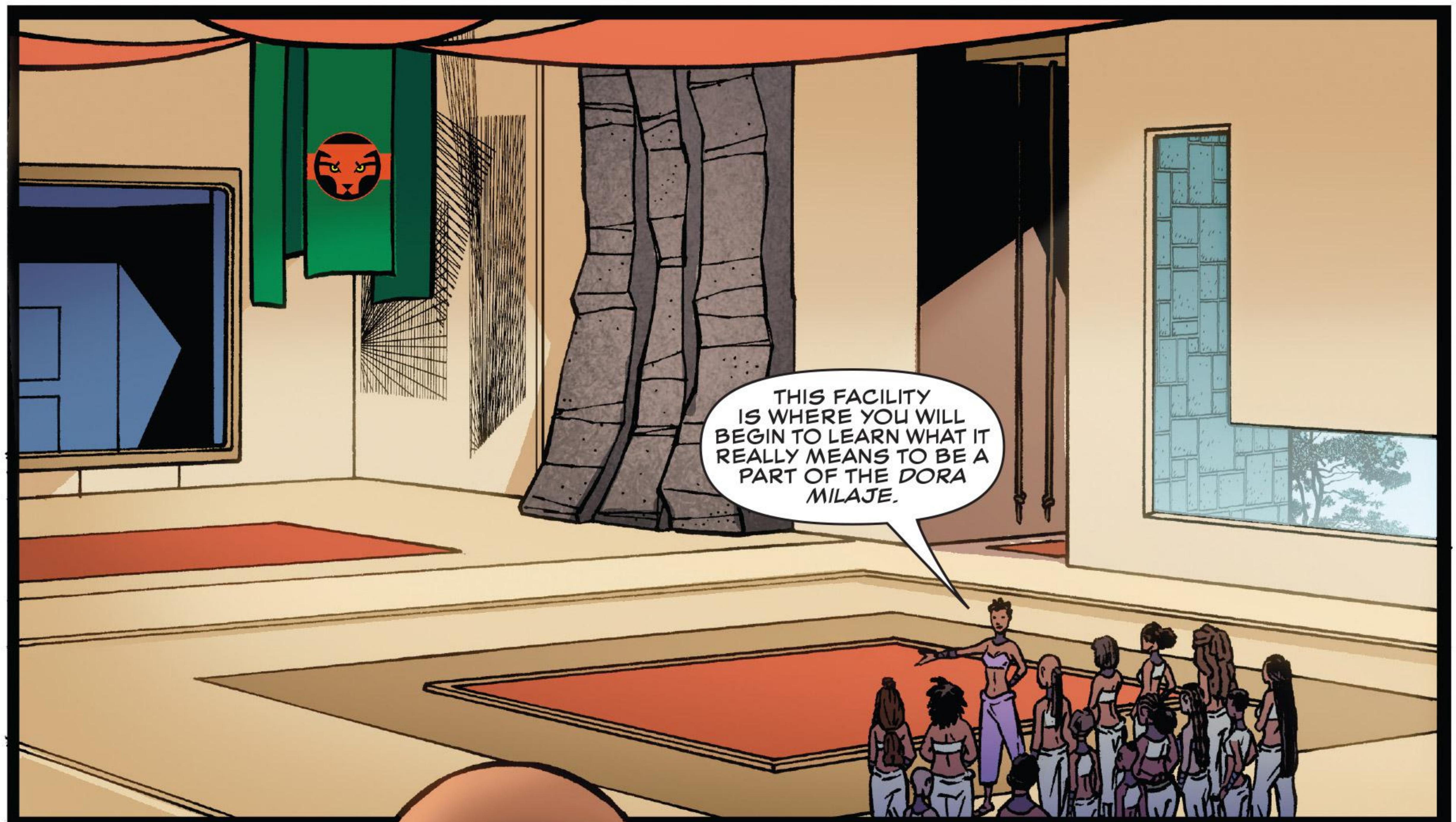
HERE, WE WILL
MAKE YOU BETTER.
IN YOUR SERVICE TO
THE BLACK PANTHER,
YOU WILL TRULY
BECOME THE
BEST.



YOUR
SERVICE WILL REQUIRE
SACRIFICE. YOUR SERVICE
WILL TAKE FROM YOU MORE
THAN YOU THINK YOU CAN
GIVE, AND YET GIVE
YOU WILL, BEYOND
ALL IMAGINING.

I LEAVE THEM
IN YOUR CAPABLE
HANDS, CAPTAIN ANEKA.
PUT THEM THROUGH
THEIR PACES. MAKE
THEM BETTER.

MY
PLEASURE,
MISTRESS
ZOLA.







YOU SHOULD KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT MY FATHER RAISED ME THE WAY HE RAISED MY BROTHERS--TO FIGHT WITHOUT MERCY.

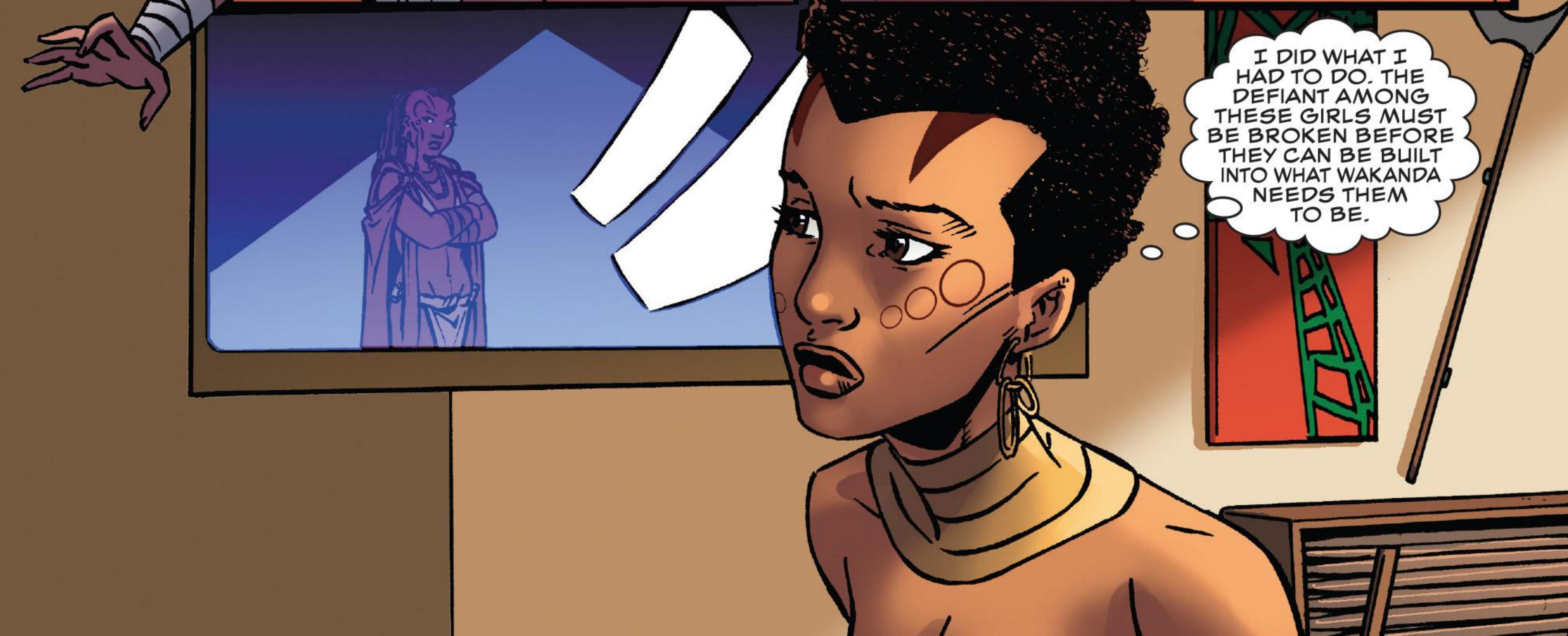


SO NO MATTER HOW THIS ENDS, I WILL HURT YOU.

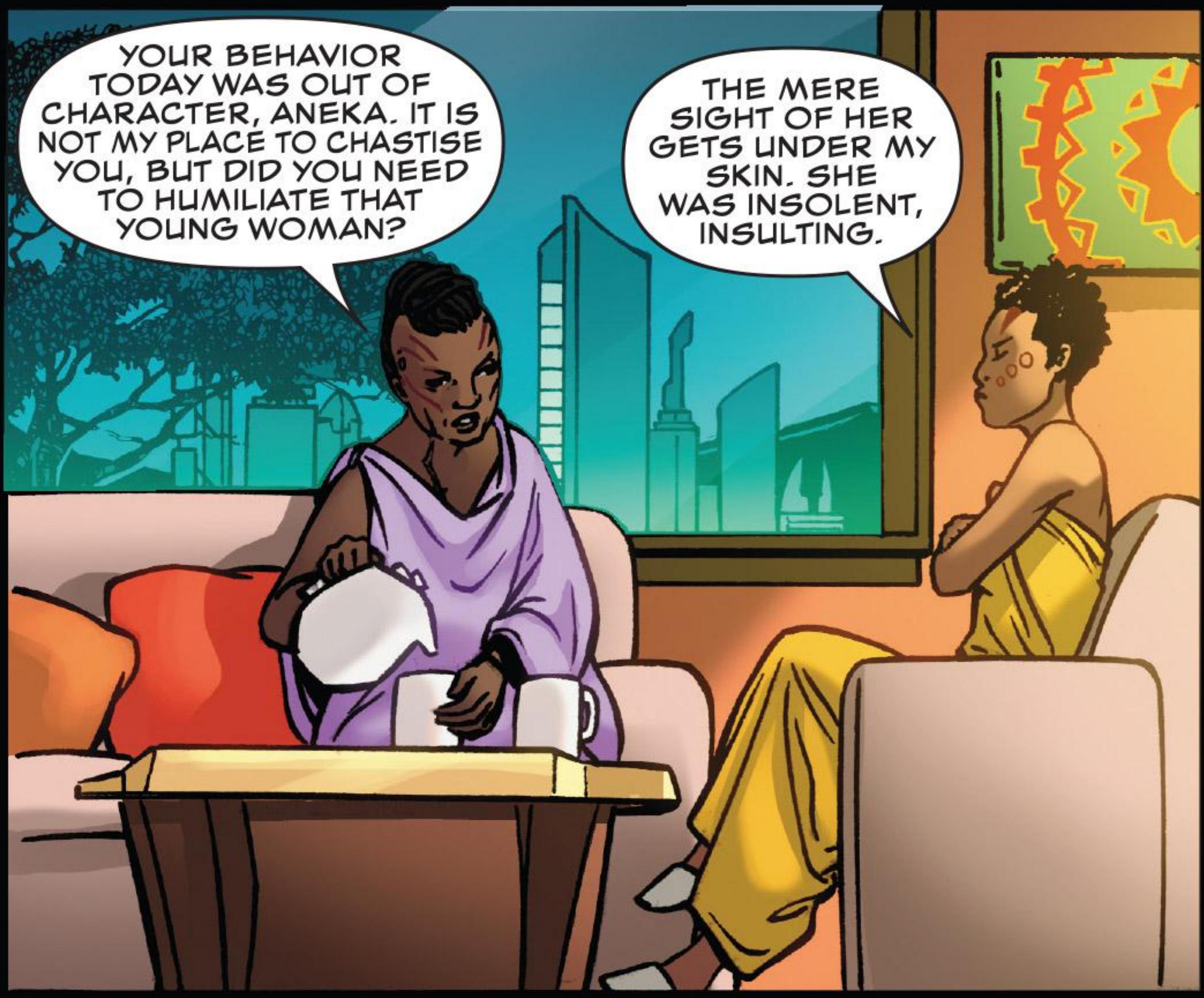
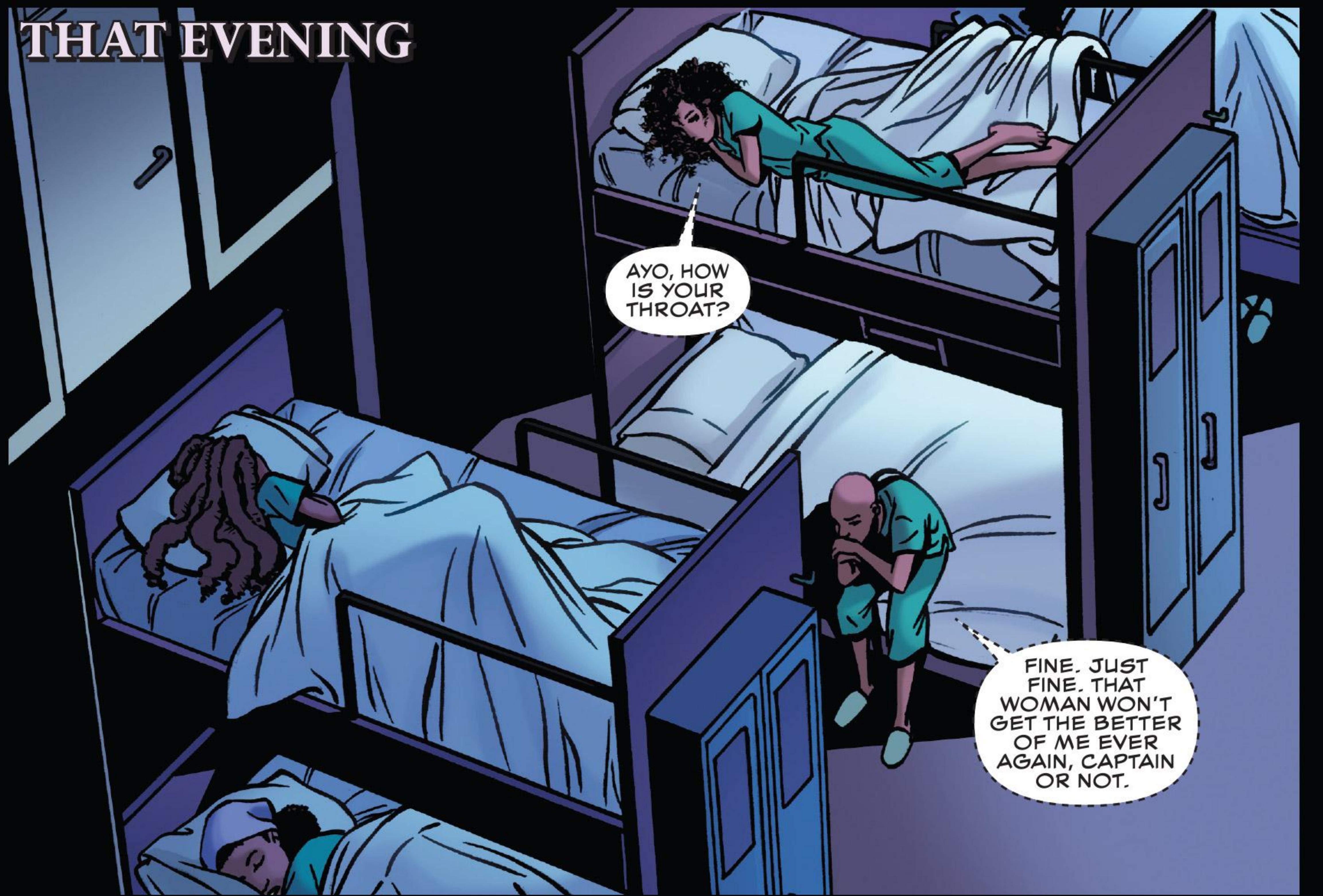


HA!

I HOPE YOUR BROTHERS ARE NOT AS HOPELESS AS YOU.



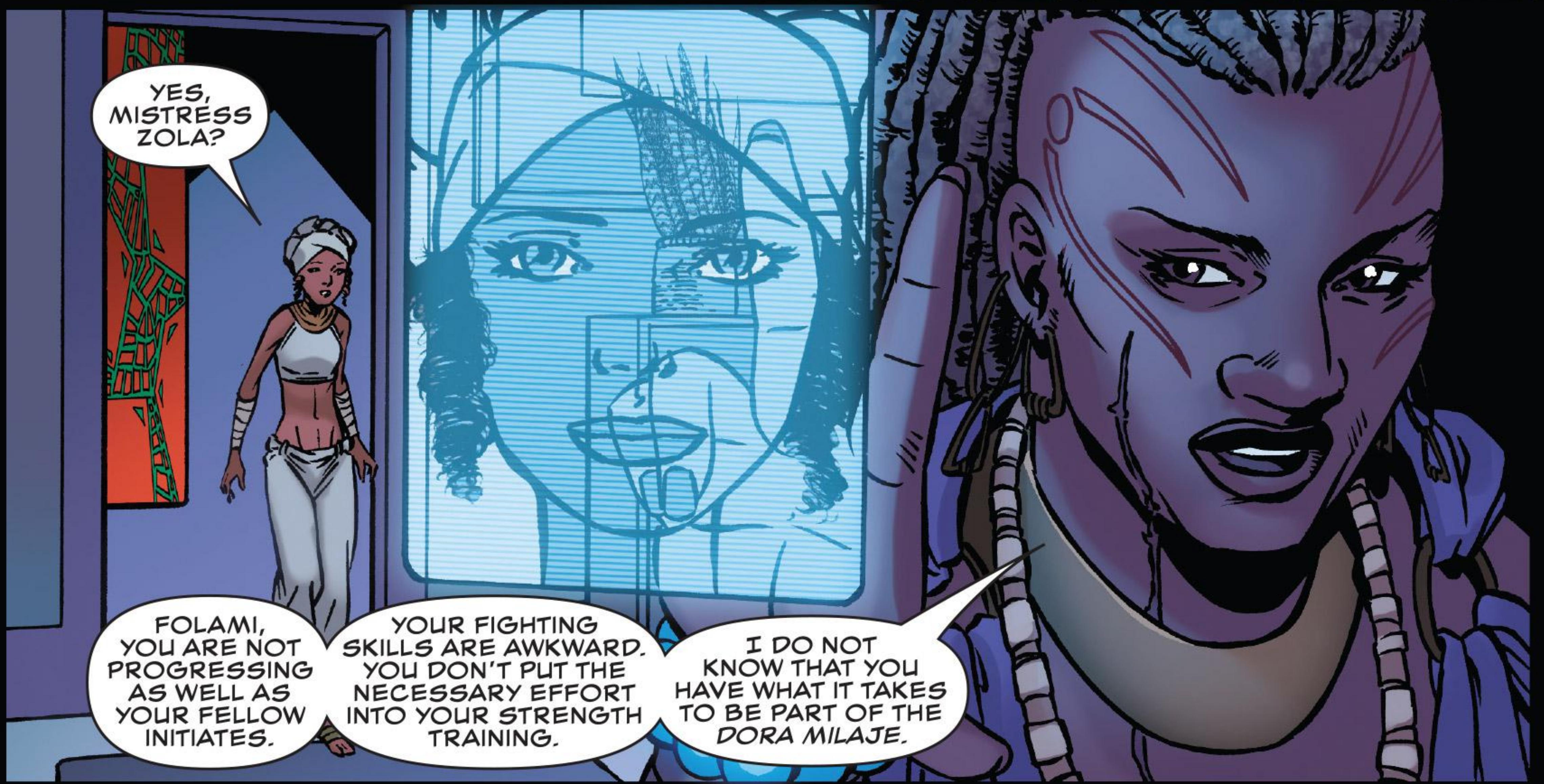
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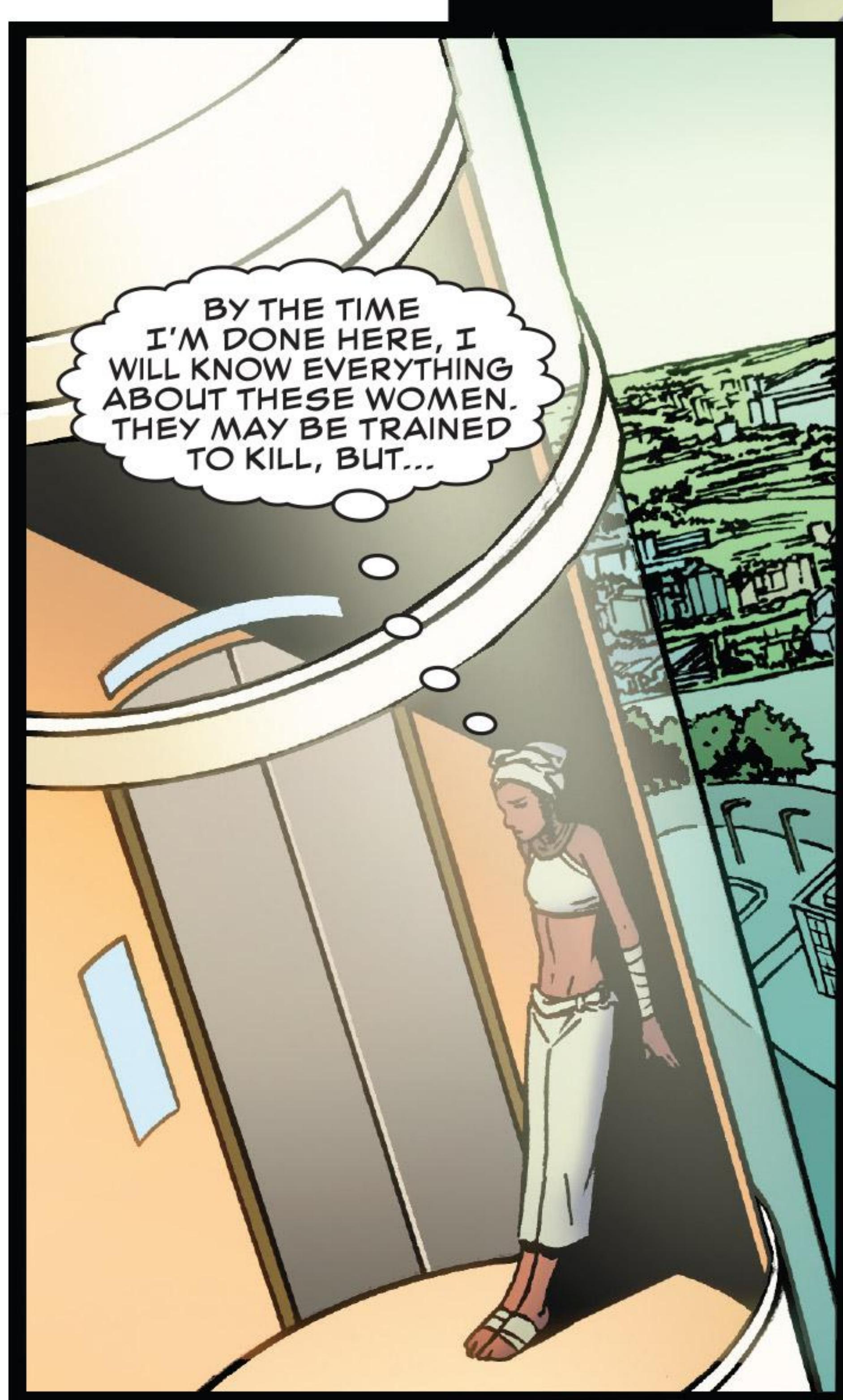


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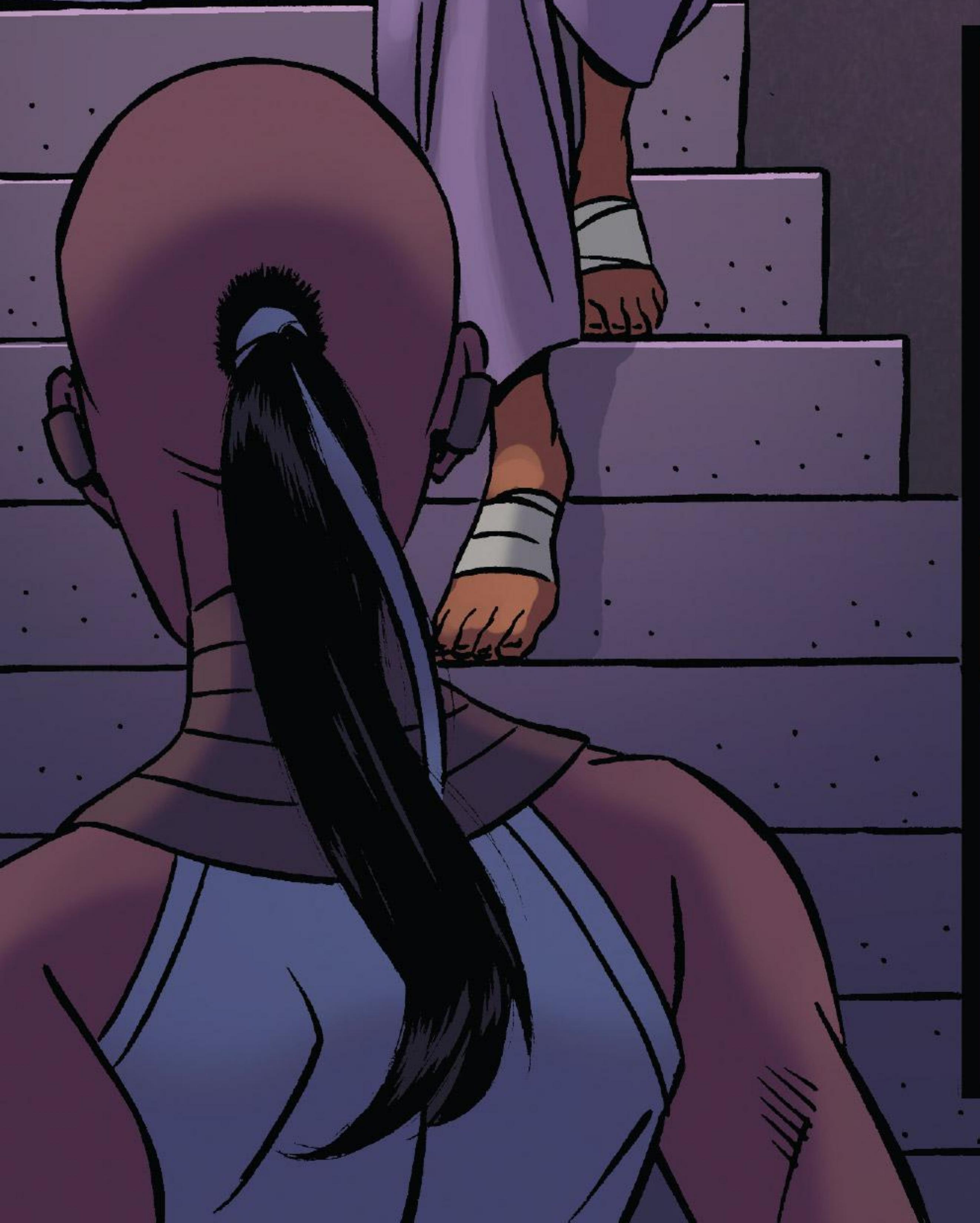
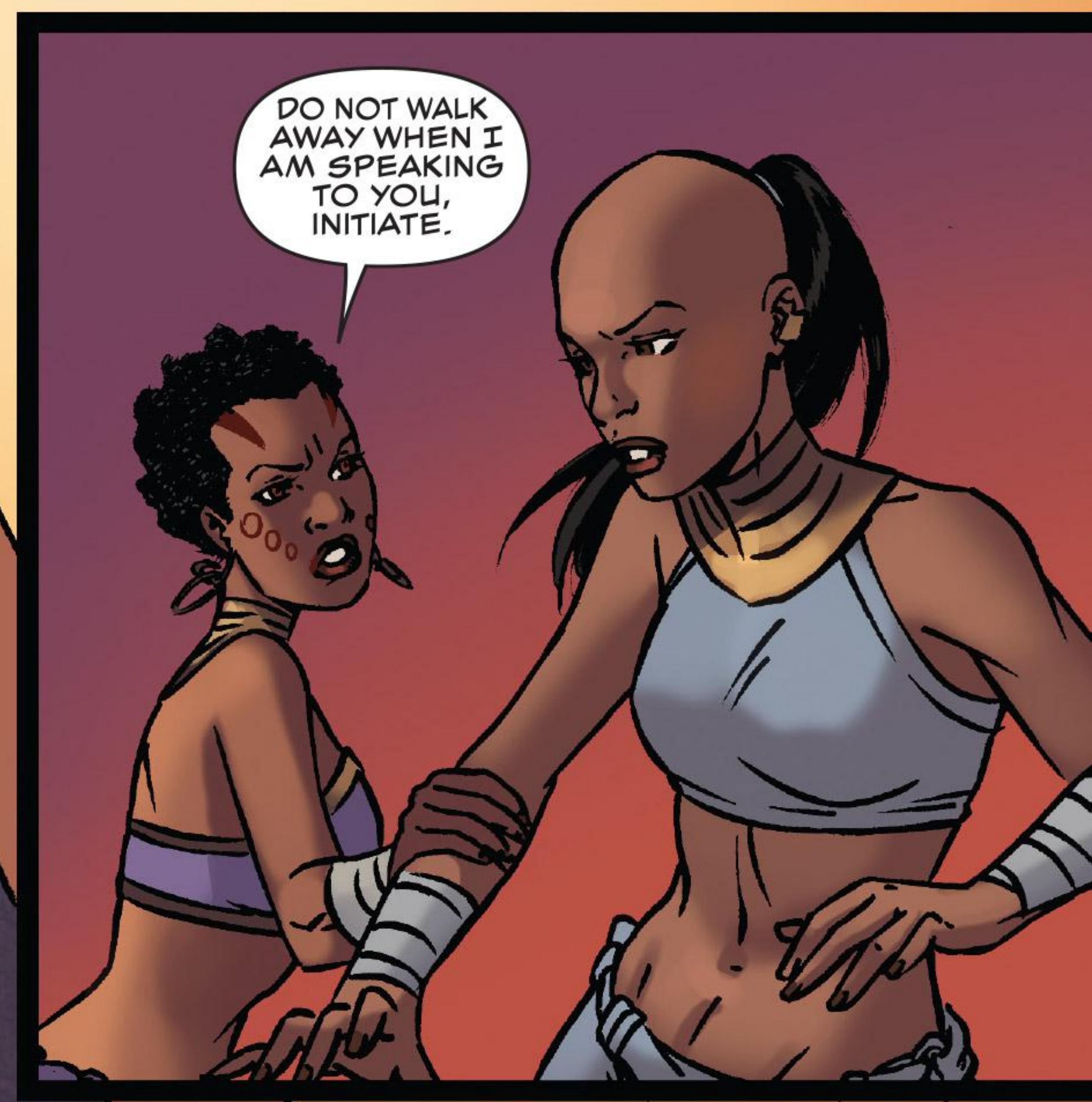
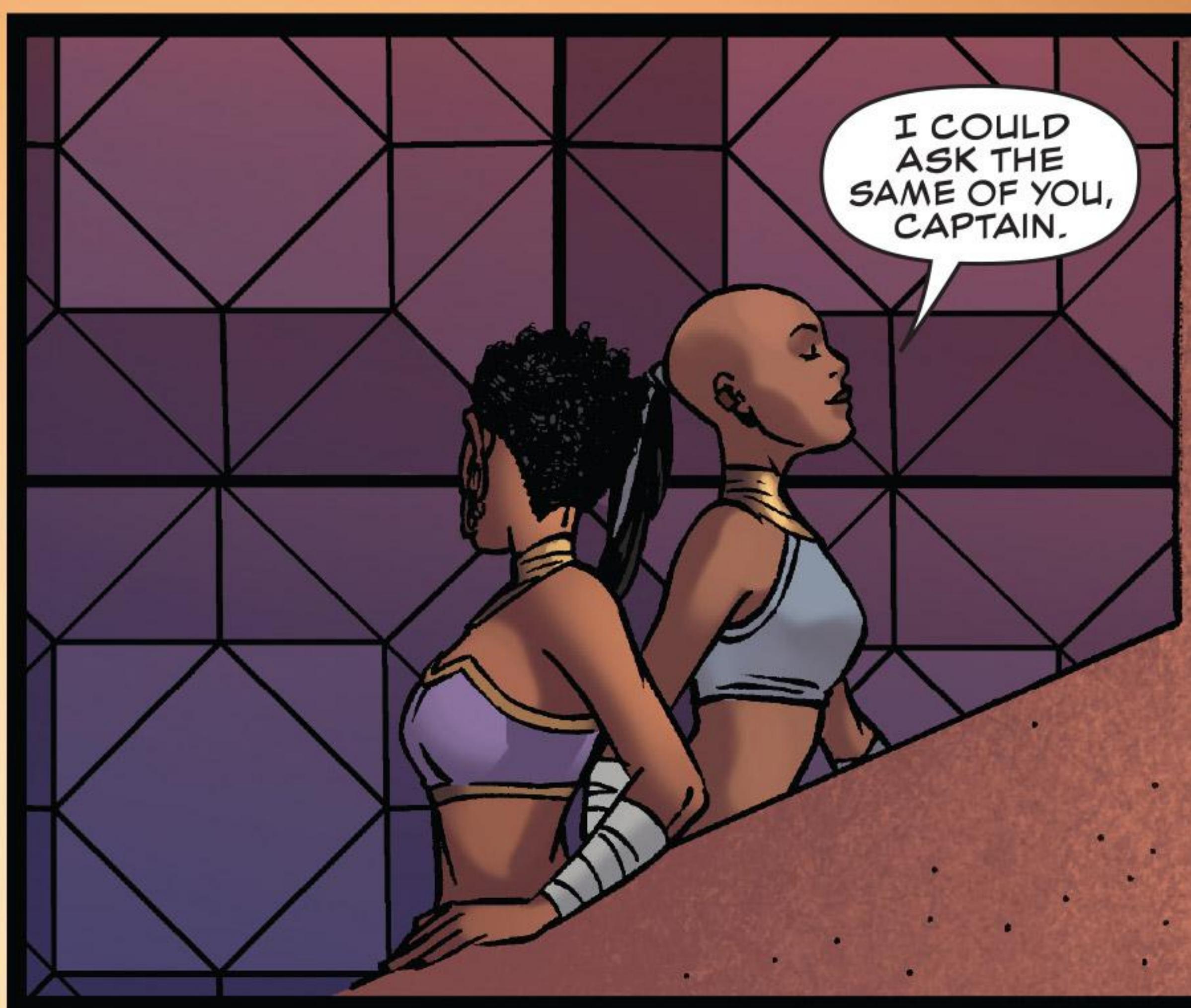
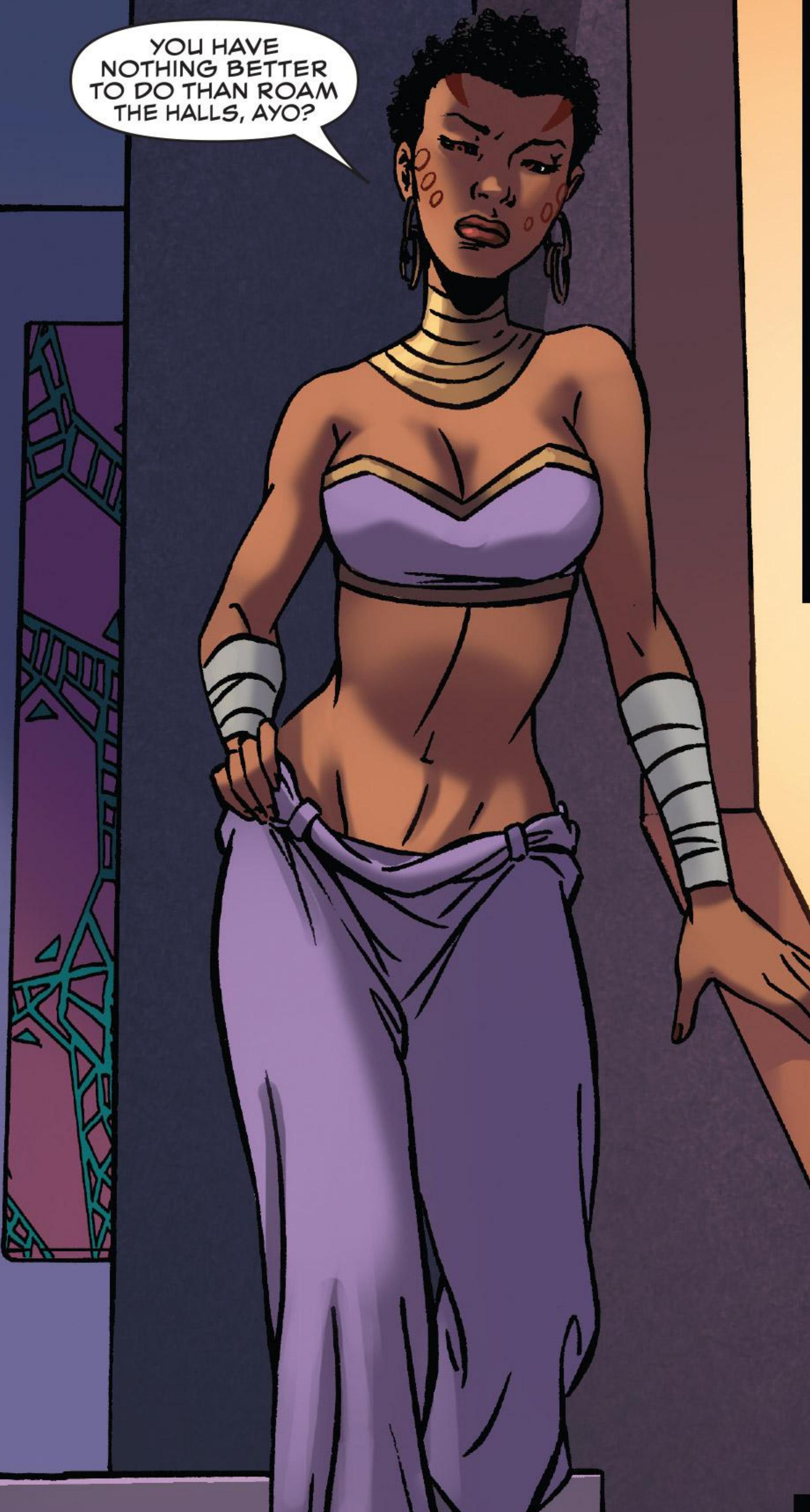


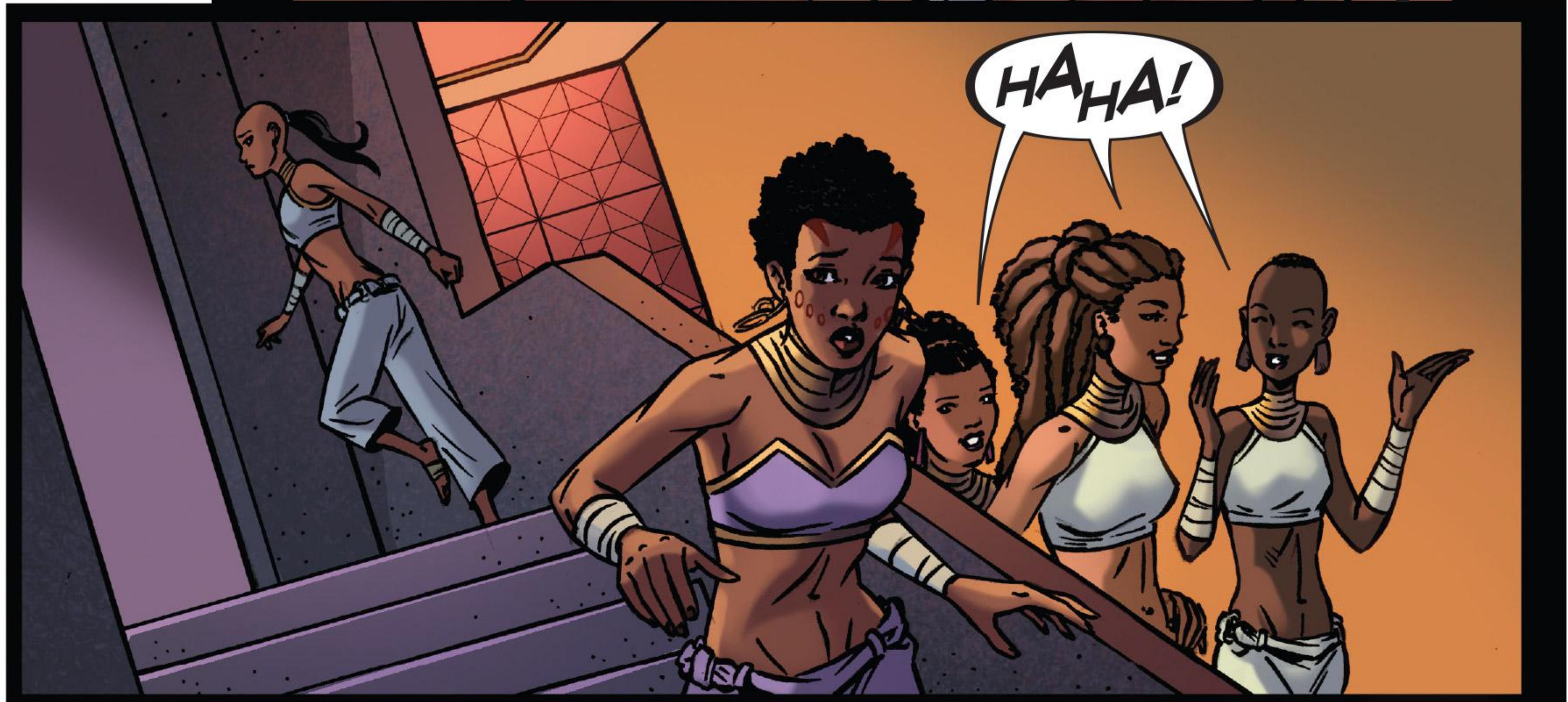
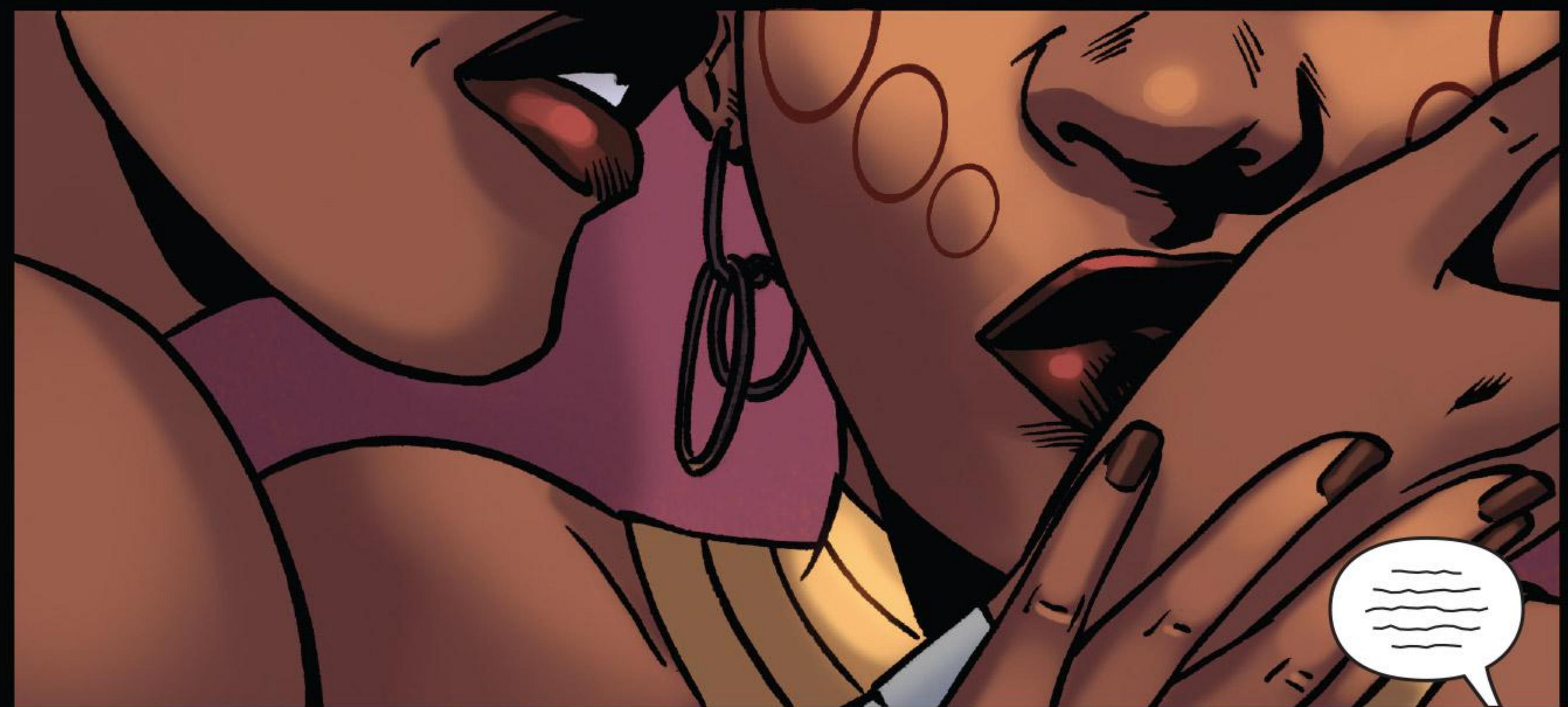
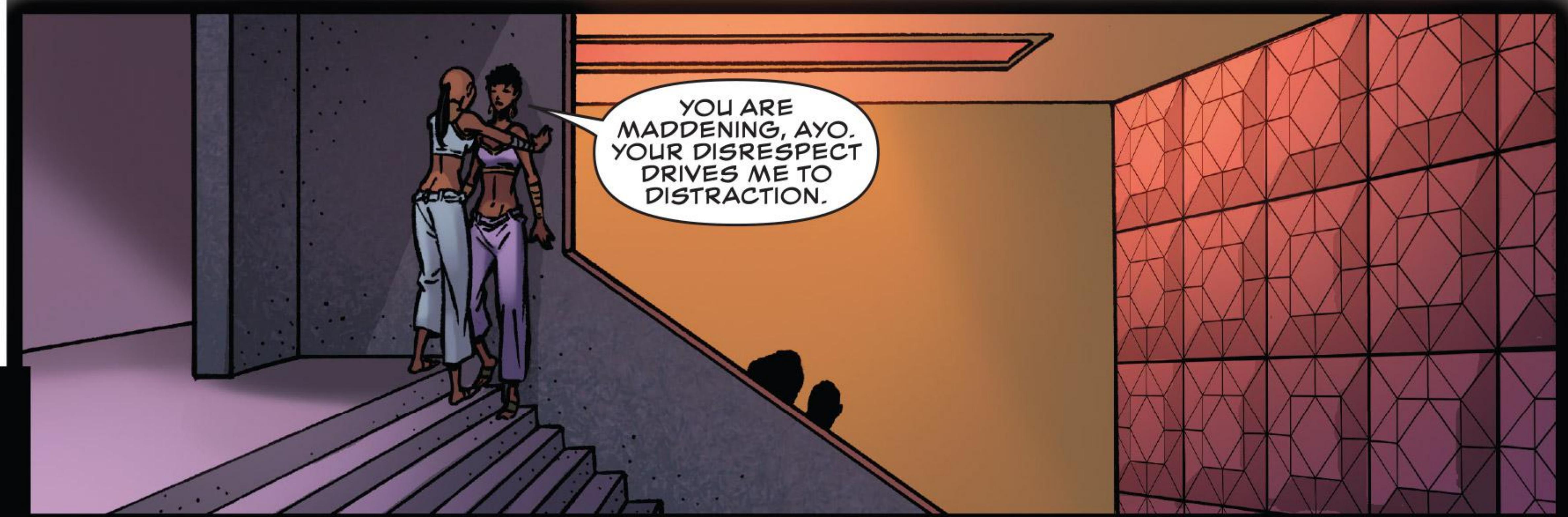




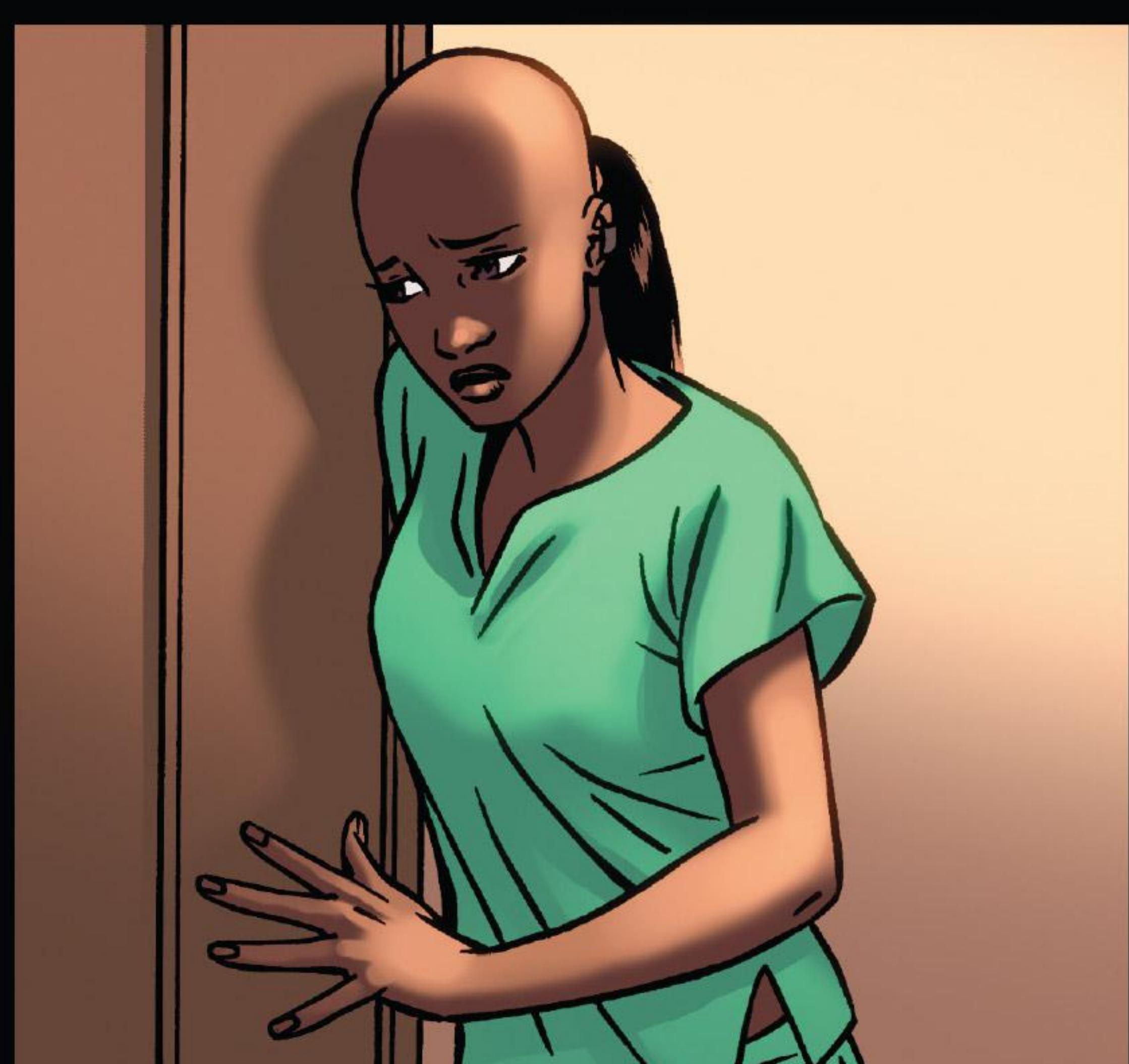


LOWER LEVELS





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MONTHS LATER, DURING THE WAR BETWEEN
THE AVENGERS AND THE X-MEN,
OUTSKIRTS OF THE GOLDEN CITY



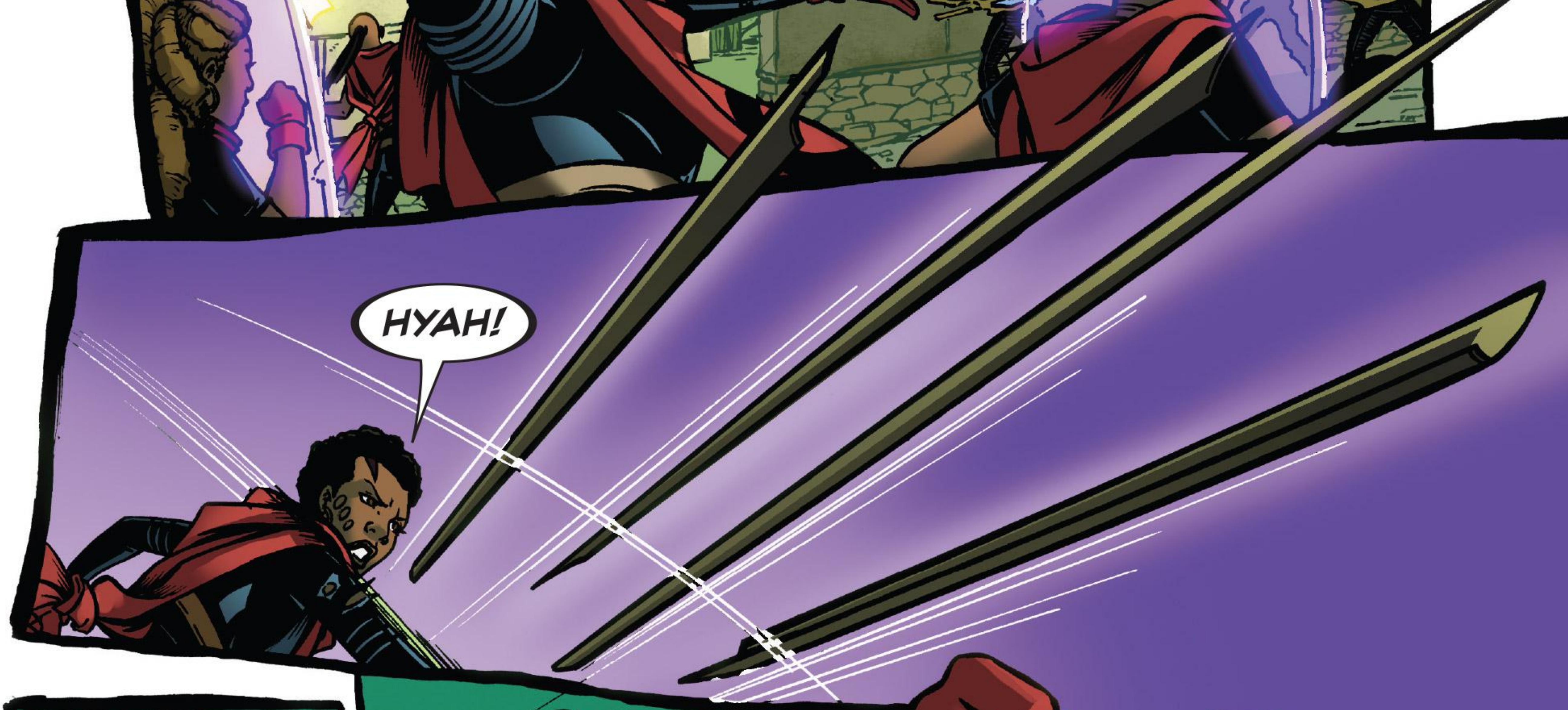
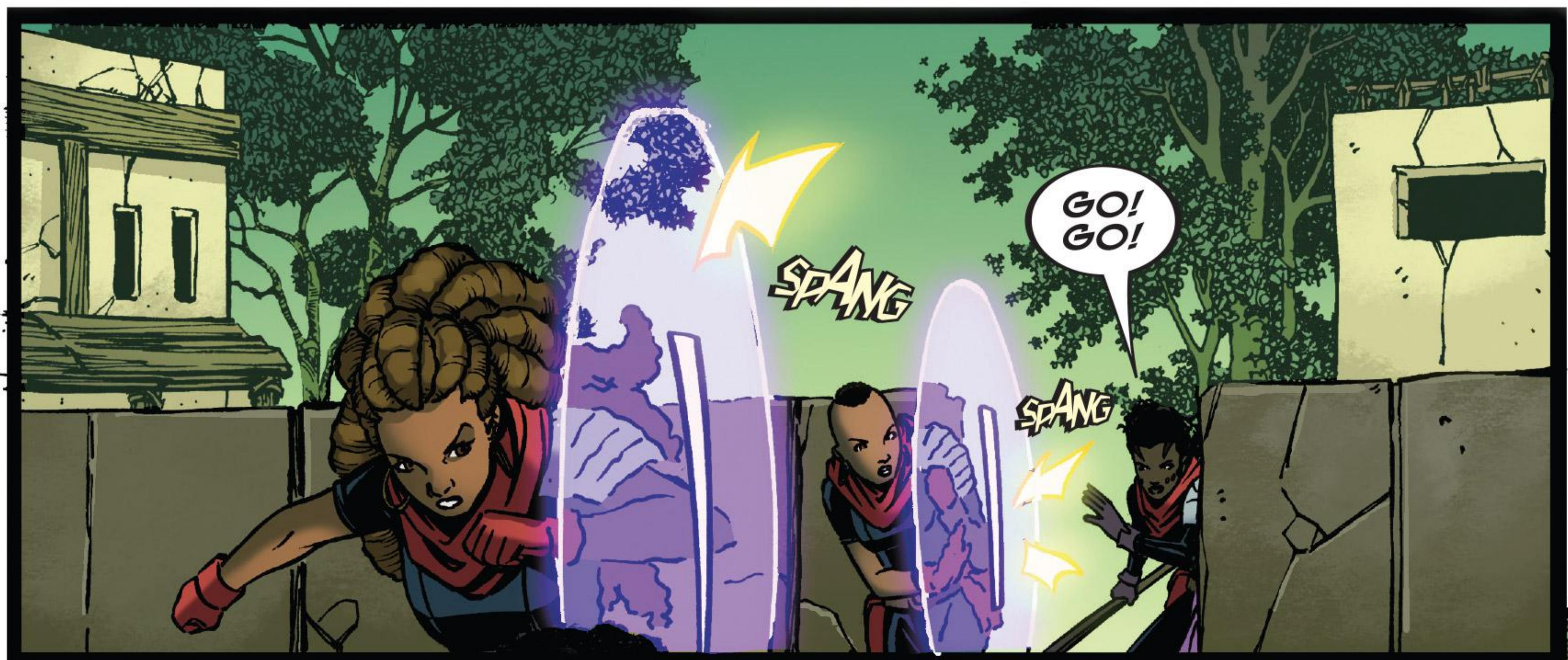
YOU POOR LAMBS HAVE BEEN LED TO THE SLAUGHTER. THERE IS SO, SO MUCH YOU DON'T KNOW. KING NAMOR IS ABOUT TO CHANGE YOUR WORLD IN WAYS YOU CANNOT IMAGINE. I AM HERE WITH TWO OTHERS, BUT MORE ARE COMING. MANY, MANY MORE...

NAMOR WILL FIND NOTHING BUT REGRET IF HE INTERFERES, IN ANY WAY, WITH WAKANDA. YOU UNDERESTIMATE THE ROYAL FAMILY, THE WAKANDAN PEOPLE, AND THE WOMAN HOLDING HER BLADE TO YOUR BODY.



MMMM. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU THINKING SOUNDLY IN SUCH UNSOUND CIRCUMSTANCES.

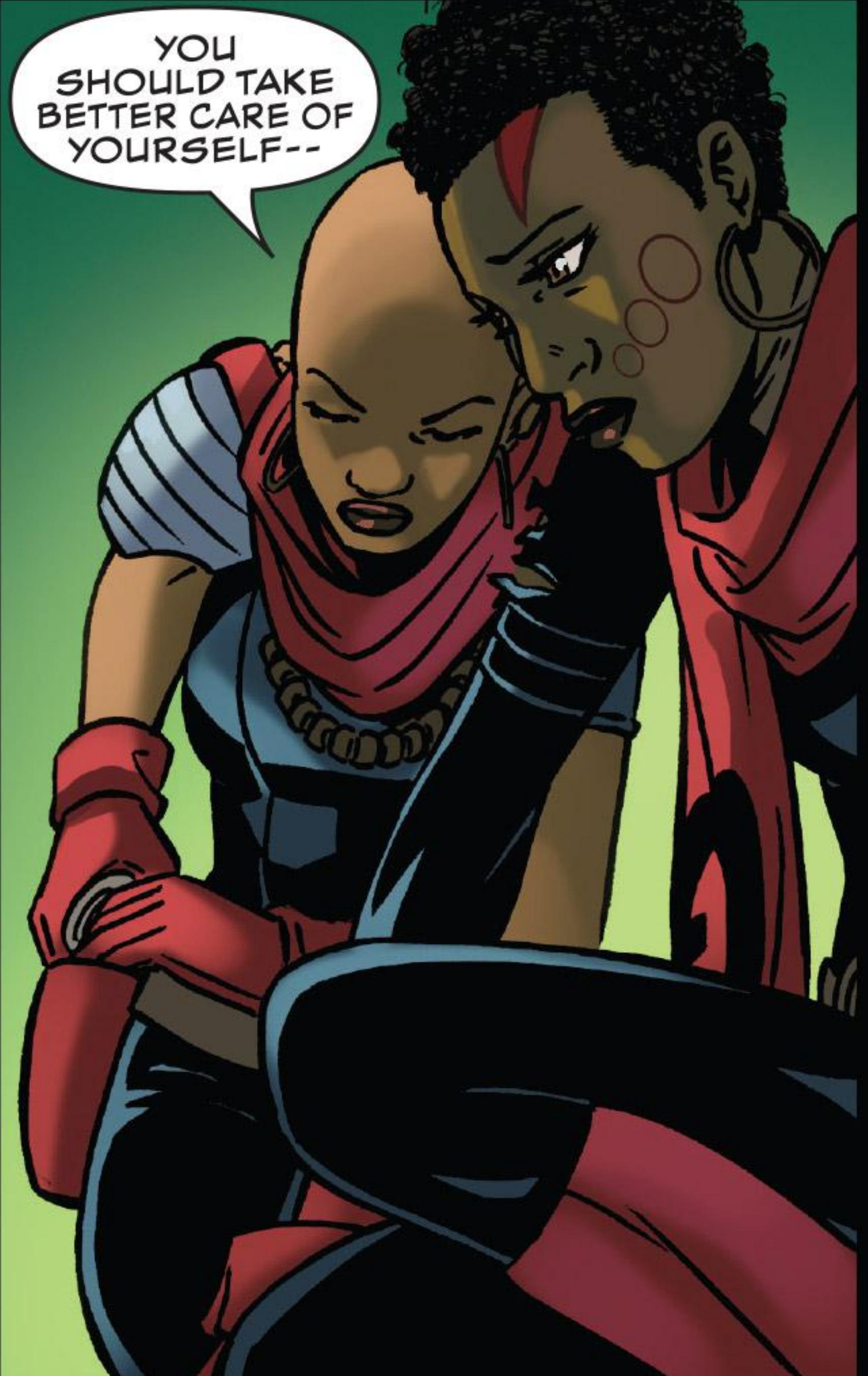
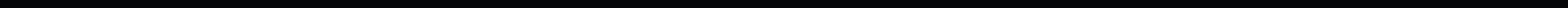




THIS IS A PETTY VICTORY. THERE ARE SO MANY MORE OF MY BROTHERS THROUGHOUT YOUR BELOVED COUNTRY AND WE WILL FIND WHERE T'CHALLA AND THE AVENGERS ARE HIDING. WE WILL END THEM AND ALL OF YOU.

WE SHOULD BE ON OUR WAY BEFORE ANY MORE OF HIS INCOMPETENT FRIENDS SHOW UP. WE WILL DEAL WITH WHATEVER IS GOING ON BACK AT UPANG--

--GAHH!



--WE CAN
ILL AFFORD TO
LOSE OUR
CAPTAIN.

I DIDN'T
KNOW YOU
CARED.

THERE IS A
LOT YOU DO
NOT YET KNOW
ABOUT ME.

"YET"?



SOON AFTER, INITIATION CEREMONY

WHEN WE FIRST MET, I SAID YOU ALL WERE NOT YET GOOD ENOUGH. NOW, YOU HAVE BEEN MADE BETTER, THROUGH OUR TRAINING, THROUGH YOUR STRENGTH OF WILL.

MAY BOTH BE WITH YOU AS YOU SERVE WAKANDA AND THE ROYAL FAMILY.

THOUGH IT MAY NOT ALWAYS FEEL THAT WAY, THE JOURNEY UPON WHICH YOU NOW EMBARK WILL BE THE GREATEST HONOR OF YOUR LIFE.

BEFORE QUEEN SHURI SPEAKS, THERE IS ONLY ONE THING LEFT FOR ME TO SAY: RISE TO THE OCCASION.

NOW YOU WILL BE MARKED, FOREVER, AS WOMEN WARRIOR OF THE DORA MILAJE. YOU HONOR YOUR COUNTRY, YOUR PEOPLE WITH YOUR SERVICE.

YOU ARE MARKED SO THAT ALL YOU ENCOUNTER, FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIVES, WILL KNOW OF YOUR HONOR.

ASSIGNMENT FOR AYO:
QUEEN SHURI'S PERSONAL GUARD

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