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TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO, A DETACHMENT OF WAKANDANS ESTABLISHED A SPRAWLING EMPIRE ON THE OUTER EDGES OF THE COSMOS.



AGAINST THIS ACQUISITIVE POWER, THERE ROSE A REBELLION OF EX-SLAVES.



NOW THAT REBELLION HAS LOST ITS COMMANDER-- BUT NOT BEFORE SHE PROPHESED THE COMING OF A GREAT CHAMPION.

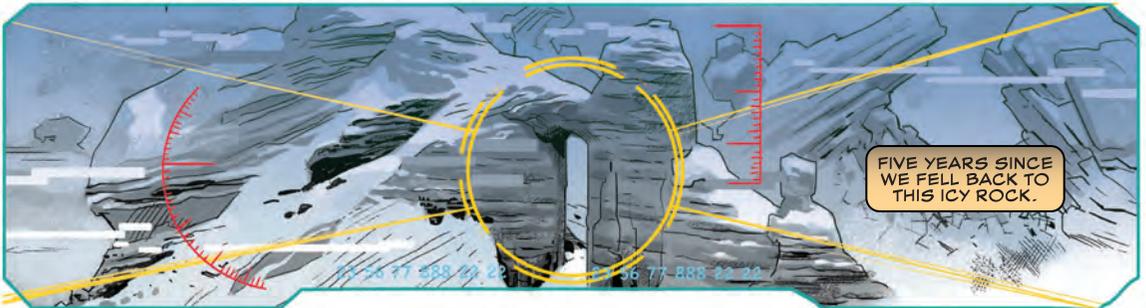
THIS IS THE STORY OF THAT CHAMPION-- A KING WHO SOUGHT TO BE A HERO, A HERO WHO WAS REDUCED TO A SLAVE, A SLAVE WHO ADVANCED INTO LEGEND.

# MAROON HIDEOUT, NEHANDA'S LATTICE.

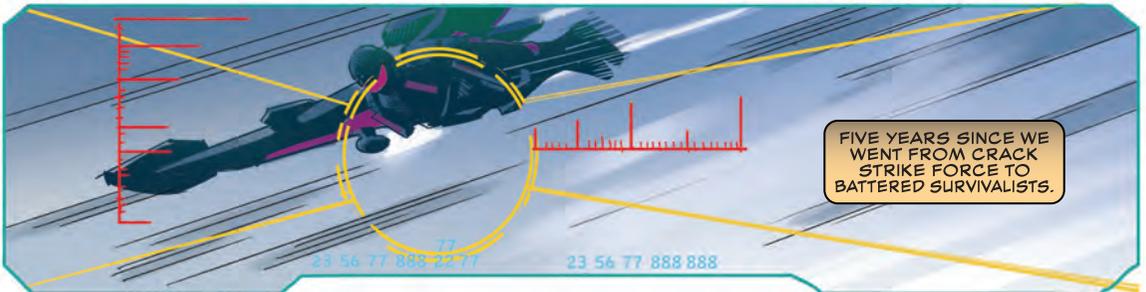
IT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS  
SINCE THE IMPERIALS  
MURDERED OUR N'YAMI.



FIVE YEARS SINCE M'BAKU  
WAS GIVEN COMMAND OF  
THE MAROON REBELLION.



FIVE YEARS SINCE  
WE FELL BACK TO  
THIS ICY ROCK.



FIVE YEARS SINCE WE  
WENT FROM CRACK  
STRIKE FORCE TO  
BATTERED SURVIVALISTS.



THAT  
PASSAGEWAY  
IS TOO  
NARROW.

T'CHALLA...  
WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING?



SOME OF US ARE  
HANDLING IT BETTER  
THAN OTHERS.

WROOOOMM

I CAN'T SAY I BLAME  
T'CHALLA, GIVEN WHAT HE  
HAD BEEN PROMISED.



THE MEMORIES  
THE EMPIRE  
STOLE FROM  
HIM.



STOLE FROM  
ALL THE  
NAMELESS.



AND RIGHT WHEN WE  
HAD THE POWER TO  
RETRIEVE THOSE  
MEMORIES...



...WE WERE  
THWARTED.





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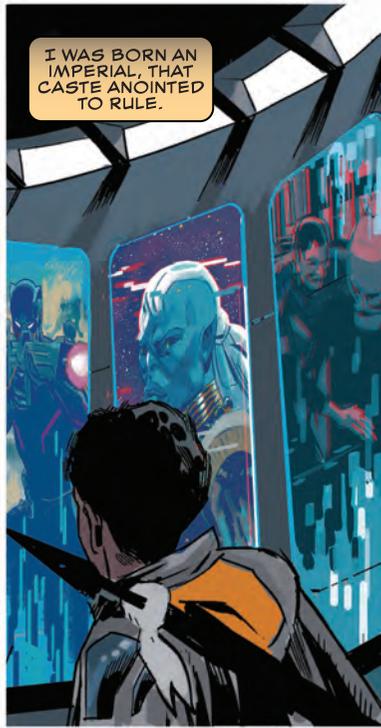
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THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME HOME.

MY NAME IS NAKIA.



I WAS BORN AN IMPERIAL, THAT CASTE ANOINTED TO RULE.



N'YAMI TAUGHT ME THAT I WAS MORE THAN THAT. MORE THAN I EVER COULD HAVE KNOWN.



NOW IT FALLS TO ME TO DISPENSE THE SAME LESSON.



TO CONVINCING A GREAT CHAMPION OF HIS QUALITY.



OF HIS DESTINY.



THAT WAS A GIFT, YOU KNOW...

