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**WAKANDA PRIME.**

THERE IS AN ETHIC AMONG SOLDIERS AT WAR-- FIGHT FIRST, GRIEVE LATER.

THE IDEA BEING THAT ONE MUST FOCUS ON THE TASK AT HAND, UNBURDENED BY ANGUISH AND DESPAIR.

I HAVE NEVER LIKED THIS ETHIC.

OUR WAR DEAD DO NOT SIMPLY FILL US WITH ANGUISH AND DESPAIR.

AND I AM NEVER BURDENED BY THOSE HEROES WHO ARE NOW ANCESTORS. ON THE CONTRARY...



...I AM AWED.







HER NAME WAS NAKIA. VERY FEW OF YOU KNEW HER. BUT IN NAKIA'S TIME, WAKANDA WAS PERVERTED INTO AN IDEAL OF CONQUEST.

YET SHE HEARD STORIES, LEGENDS OF ANOTHER WAY. SHE LOOKED INTO THE PAST AND FOUND THE BEST VERSION OF US.



WAKANDA THE STOIC AND STRONG.



WAKANDA THE BRILLIANT AND ILLUSTRIOUS.



WAKANDA THE UNFATHOMABLE.



WAKANDA THE GOOD.





NAKIA WAS NOT BORN INTO THE OPPRESSED OF THIS PERVERSED WAKANDA, BUT INTO ITS ARISTOCRACY.

SHE COULD HAVE LIVED CAREFREE. BUT ACROSS LIGHT-YEARS AND MILLENNIA, SHE SAW A BEACON--A SIGN OF WHAT HAD BEEN AND WHAT YET MIGHT BE.

IT IS THAT BEACON WHICH CALLS TO YOU NOW.

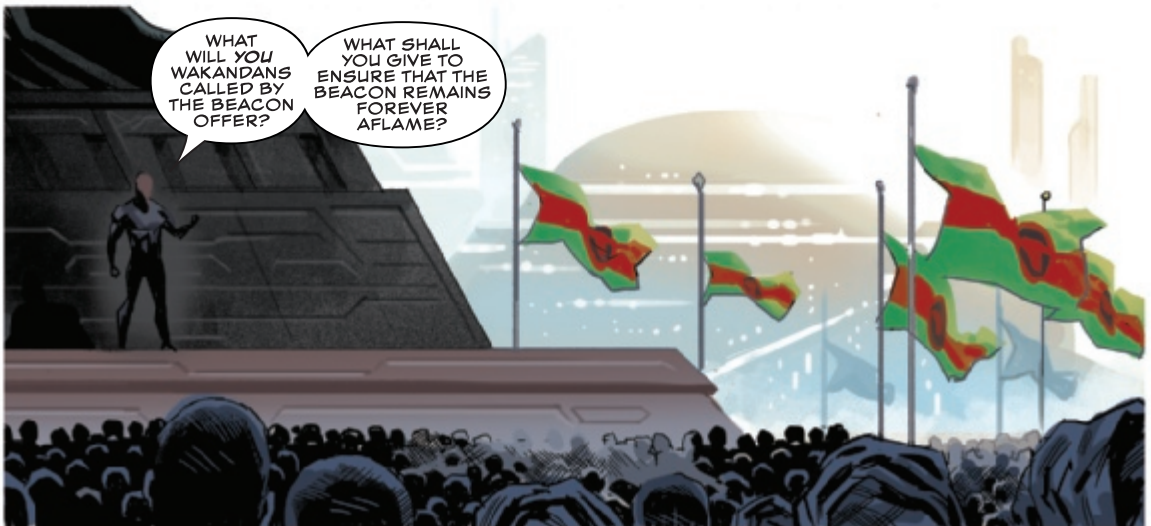
HERE, ON THIS SOIL, WE HAVE A SAYING: "WAKANDA FOR WAKANDANS." I STILL BELIEVE THAT.



BUT I ALSO BELIEVE "WAKANDA" IS MORE THAN ITS SOIL. AND IN THIS WORLD, AND MANY OTHERS, "WAKANDANS" ARE LEGION.



AND SO I SAY TO YOU, IF THIS WAKANDAN, BORN AND BRED SO FAR FROM THE GOLDEN CITY, WOULD GIVE HER LIFE SO THAT IT WOULD NOT FALL...



WHAT WILL YOU WAKANDANS CALLED BY THE BEACON OFFER?

WHAT SHALL YOU GIVE TO ENSURE THAT THE BEACON REMAINS FOREVER AFLAME?