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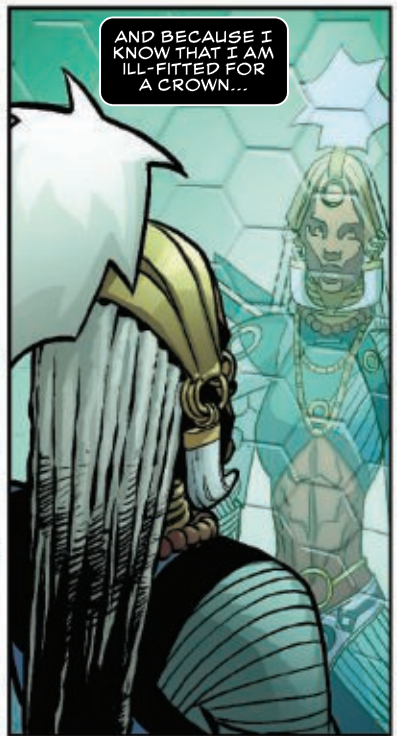
SHURI, I CONFESS,
I TOO AM DIVIDED.



AND I CONFESS THAT I SEARCHED
FOR YOU, NOT SIMPLY BECAUSE THE
TIES OF BLOOD COMMANDED IT.



BUT BECAUSE I STILL
BELIEVE WAKANDA
NEEDS ITS ROYALTY.



AND BECAUSE I
KNOW THAT I AM
ILL-FITTED FOR
A CROWN...



...WHILE YOU FOUND
MEANING IN THE
SCEPTER.



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THE ROOTS OF CHANGAMIRE'S THINKING ARE OLD. INDEED, UNDER THE TWELFTH DYNASTY, WAKANDAN KINGS BELIEVED THAT THEIR PRIMARY DUTY WAS TO MAKE THEMSELVES OBSOLETE.



HAILING THIS TRADITION, WHATEVER ITS VINTAGE, INVITES CERTAIN COMPLICATIONS, "WAKANDA THE INVINCIBLE" DOES NOT.

THIS IS ALL SOUND AND WISE. BUT A GOVERNMENT WHICH CONFUSES ITS OWN SPECTACLE FOR INTELLIGENCE IS SOON OVERAWED.



MY QUEEN, FORGIVE ME. WE CAN ONLY IMAGINE WHAT YOU ENDURED ON BEHALF OF US ALL.

BUT DO YOU NOW PROPOSE TO EXCUSE THIS MAN'S APOSTASY? WAS IT NOT HIS RHETORIC THAT CRIPPLED AND NEARLY KILLED QUEEN MOTHER RAMONDA?



THAT IS CERTAINLY POSSIBLE, BUT IT IS NOT WHAT CONCERNS ME NOW.

I HAVE NOT COME TO WEIGH VENGEANCE, AKILI. I HAVE COME TO SAVE MY COUNTRY.



SHURI, PLEASE CONTINUE.

WE BELIEVED OUR OWN MYTHS. THIS WAS OUR FIRST MISTAKE.

IF YOU CAN'T SEE A WORLD CLEARLY, THEN YOU HAVE NO HOPE FOR MASTERING IT.



SEEN CLEARLY, CHANGAMIRE IS NO APOSTATE. INDEED, HE IS THE BEARER OF A TRADITION AS OLD, AND AS WAKANDAN, AS OUR OWN.



WHAT GOOD IS THIS, MY QUEEN? WE ARE AT WAR! A REGIMENT OF HATLIT ZERAZE ARE IMPRISONED IN THE NORTH. TETU AMASSES FORCES TO THE SOUTH. HOW CAN WE SIT HERE IN CONFERENCE WITH OUR NATION, OUR HONOR, ON THE BRINK?



BE SILENT, AKILI.

NO, T'CHALLA. HIS QUESTION IS FAIR, AND THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE--IT IS THE GOSPEL OF CHANGAMIRE THAT I HEAR CITED ON THE STREET. IT IS HIS TEACHINGS WHICH MY PEOPLE NOW HAIL AS PROPHECY.

HE IS NOT THE HAND OF REBELLION, BUT HE IS ITS HEART. I PROPOSE TO CUT OUT THE HEART.



THIS WILL NOT BE HARD. CHANGAMIRE IS NOW BEING FORCED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WHICH ALWAYS FOLLOWS REVOLUTION.

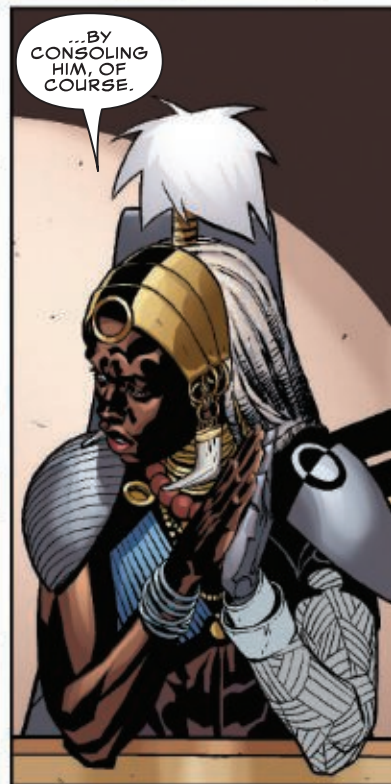
HE TOO BELIEVED HIS OWN MYTHS. AND NOW ALL HIS PHILOSOPHY IS CRACKING UNDER THE WEIGHT OF REALITY.

CHANGAMIRE IS NOT REBELLING. HE IS MOURNING.



I UNDERSTAND, BUT HOW THEN DO YOU SUGGEST WE HANDLE THIS MOURNER?

IN THE SAME WAY YOU WOULD HANDLE ANY OTHER MAN IN MOURNING...



...BY CONSOLING HIM, OF COURSE.