



BLACK PANTHER WORLD OF WAKANDA

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.

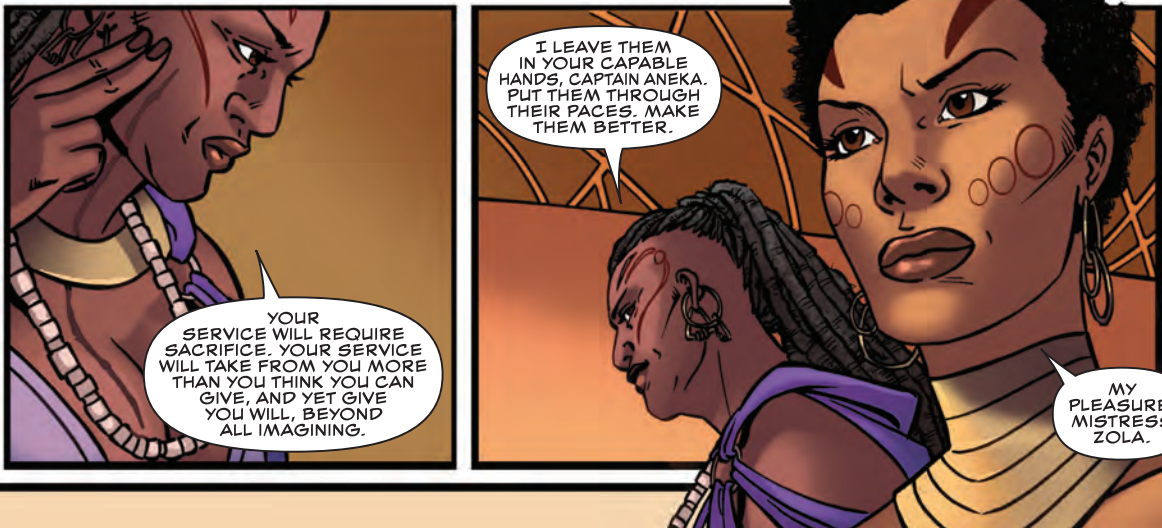
HERE, WE WILL MAKE YOU BETTER. IN YOUR SERVICE TO THE BLACK PANTHER, YOU WILL TRULY BECOME THE BEST.



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

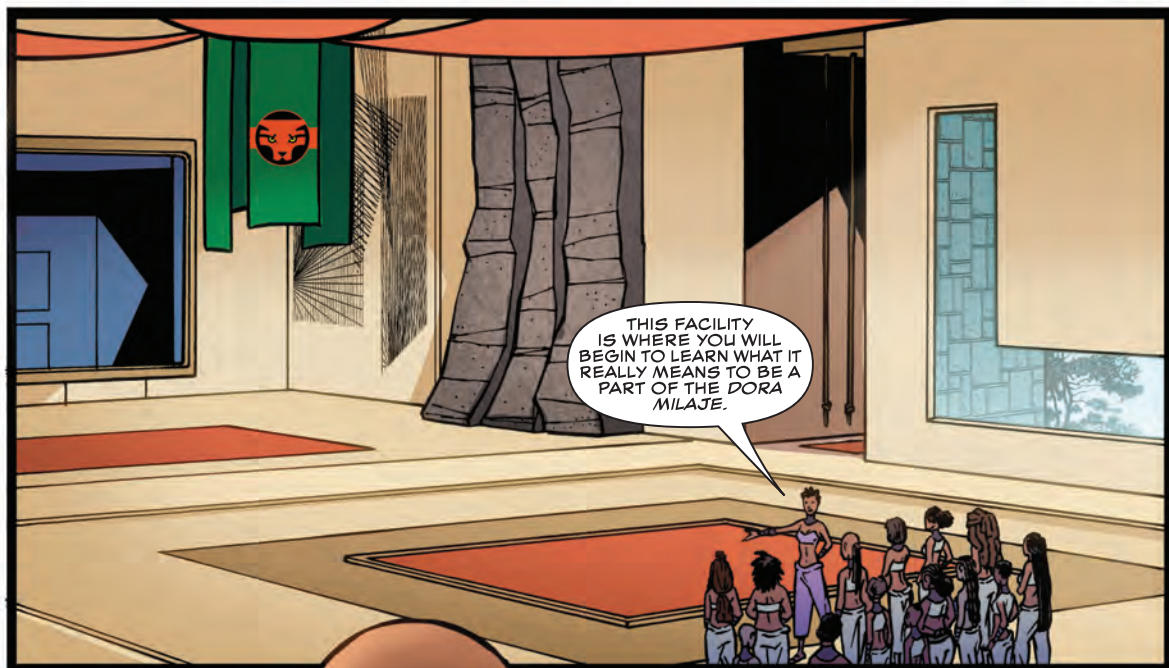
YOUR SERVICE WILL REQUIRE SACRIFICE. YOUR SERVICE WILL TAKE FROM YOU MORE THAN YOU THINK YOU CAN GIVE, AND YET GIVE YOU WILL, BEYOND ALL IMAGINING.

MY PLEASURE, MISTRESS ZOLA.

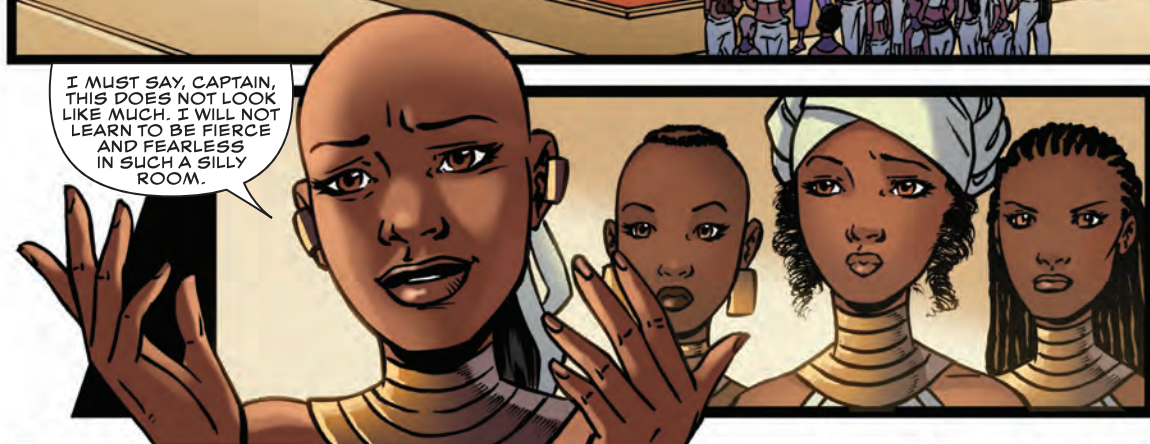




SISTERS, YOU ARE HERE TO LEARN TO SERVE, TO FIGHT, TO BE FIERCE, TO BE FEARLESS. FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, EXCELLENCE IS YOUR ONLY OPTION. LET US BEGIN. GO CHANGE AND THEN COME JOIN ME.



THIS FACILITY IS WHERE YOU WILL BEGIN TO LEARN WHAT IT REALLY MEANS TO BE A PART OF THE DORA MILAJE.



I MUST SAY, CAPTAIN, THIS DOES NOT LOOK LIKE MUCH. I WILL NOT LEARN TO BE FIERCE AND FEARLESS IN SUCH A SILLY ROOM.



"AYO," IS IT? AYO, YOU ARE NOTHING MORE THAN A BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE GIRL, AND YOU PRESUME TO THINK THIS SPACE, WHICH HAS FORGED HUNDREDS OF DORA MILAJE, DOESN'T LOOK LIKE MUCH?



Alongside Tetu, the mysterious **Zenzi** leads The People, a group currently trying to topple the Wakandan monarchy. An experimental treatment in her native country of Niganda gave Zenzi the ability to control and amplify people's emotions, a power she has used to great effect in stirring up the citizens of Wakanda. But who was Zenzi before the experiment? And how did she go from lab rat to revolutionary?

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THE NIGANDAN BORDER REGION

EVEN IN THEIR FINAL HOURS, MY PARENTS HAD HOPE.

WE'VE FAILED THE LEADER, AND NOW WE MUST CLEAN UP THIS MESS.

YES. BUT AT LEAST THESE ARE THE LAST OF THEM.

ONCE, THEY HAD PUT THEIR HOPE IN WAKANDA. NOW, THEY PUT THEIR HOPE IN KILLMONGER WHO WOULD MAKE NIGANDA GREAT, GREATER THAN EVEN WAKANDA.

HE PROMISED THEM POWER AND A COUNTRY GREATER THAN ANY COUNTRY IN AFRICA. THEY WERE BLINDED BY THEIR DESPERATE FAITH.

BLINDED BY THEIR HOPE.

THEY DO NOT KNOW...



...WE'RE GOING TO DIE HERE.



DO NOT QUESTION MY AUTHORITY. THE POWER-TRANSFERENCE FAILED. THESE PEOPLE ARE OF NO USE. MAKE HASTE AND GET RID OF THEM.

YES, SIR. WE ARE TAKING CARE OF THE SITUATION.



THIS PLACE HAS BECOME THEIR BURIAL GROUND...

CEASE YOUR STRUGGLES, YOUR TIME HAS COME.



...BUT NOT MINE.

