



# BLACK PANTHER

In the aftermath of a rebellion that set change against tradition, the nation against their king, and even the living against the dead...Wakanda must now rebuild.

The forces of rebellion have quieted with the arrest of Tetu, one of the rebel leaders, while the other, Zenzi, remains at large. The royal family and the people of Wakanda are attempting to move forward together. T'Challa began this process by calling together a council of representatives from each region to write a new constitution and enact a new government. In discussions with his mother Ramonda and sister Shuri, T'Challa has expressed both trepidation and hope for this new era in Wakandan history.

But just as T'Challa moves forward, he keeps one eye on his past...

# AVENGERS OF THE NEW WORLD

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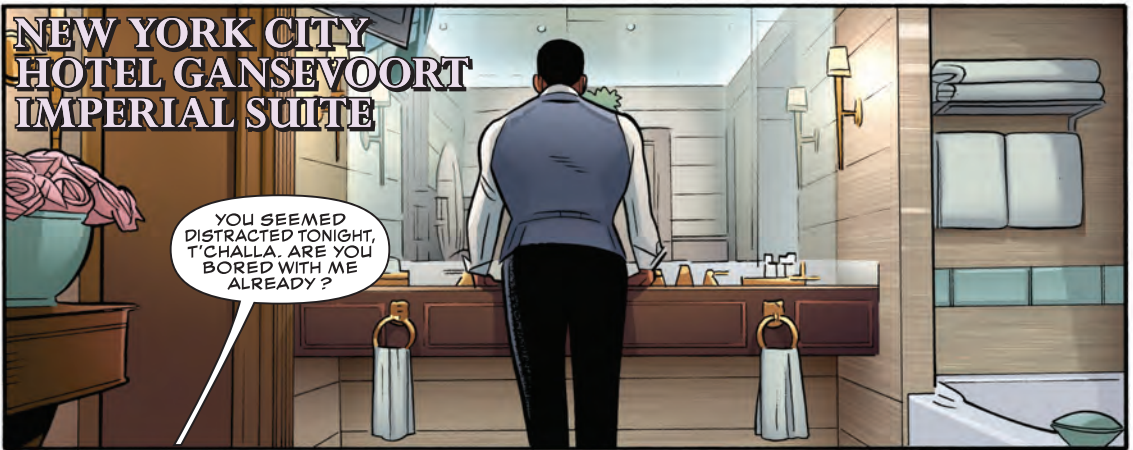
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YOU SEEMED DISTRACTED TONIGHT, T'CHALLA. ARE YOU BORED WITH ME ALREADY?



NOT AT ALL. IF ANYTHING, I AM MUCH TOO ENCHANTED WITH YOU.

I DON'T THINK THAT'S POSSIBLE.

PERHAPS NOT. BUT THIS EVENING I HAVE THOUGHT OF NOTHING ELSE. IN FACT, I HAVE BEEN DYING TO ASK A QUESTION...

OH?



ARE YOU REALLY A GODDESS?

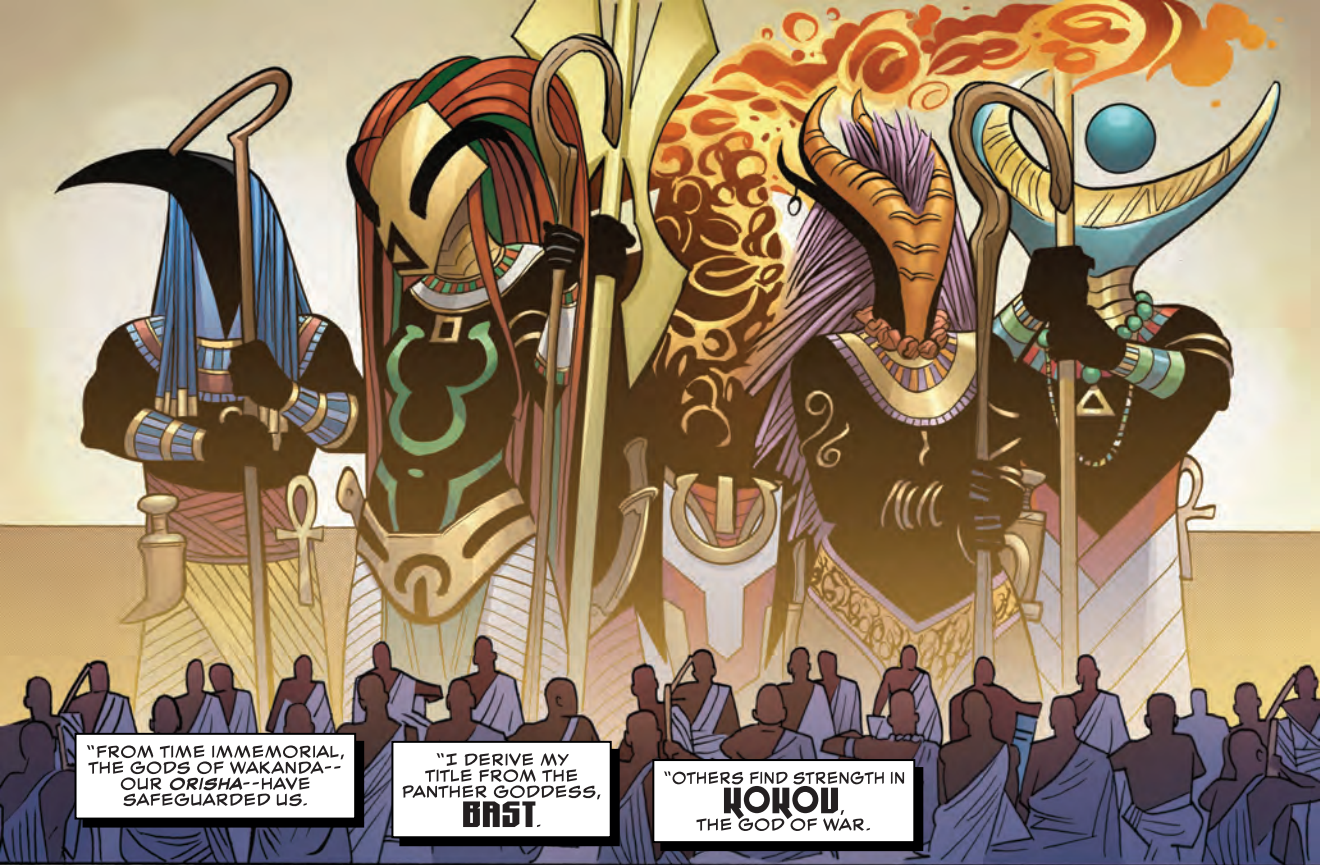


HMMM. LET'S JUST SAY...









"FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL,  
THE GODS OF WAKANDA--  
OUR **ORISHA**--HAVE  
SAFEGUARDED US.

"I DERIVE MY  
TITLE FROM THE  
PANTHER GODDESS,  
**BAST**.

"OTHERS FIND STRENGTH IN  
**HOHOU**,  
THE GOD OF WAR.



"IN TIMES OF HUNGER,  
MEN BESECHED  
**MUJAJI**,  
WHO FED US.



"WHEN IGNORANCE  
DESCENDED,  
**THOTH**  
LIT THE WAY.

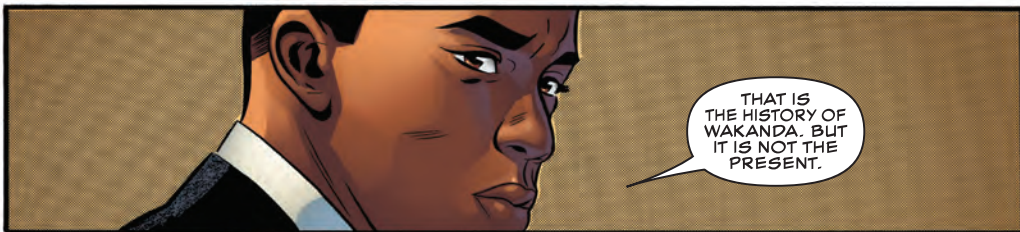


"WHEN ALLOYS WERE NEEDED  
TO BREAK THE GROUND,  
**PTAH THE SHAPER**  
PROVIDED.



"AND WHEN INVADERS DARKENED  
OUR DOORSTEP, BAST PUT THE  
ALLOY--OUR PRECIOUS **VIBRANIUM**--  
TO DEADLY USE."





THAT IS THE HISTORY OF WAKANDA. BUT IT IS NOT THE PRESENT.



"WHEN TETU'S ARMY PUSHED BIRNIN ZANA TO THE BRINK..."



"...IT WAS OUR ANCESTORS WHO SAVED US, NOT THE ORISHA."



THE QUESTIONS THAT AROSE FROM THIS WERE BLASPHEMY, BUT I COULD NOT ESCAPE THEM.

IN THE TIME OF TROUBLES, WHERE WERE THE ORISHA? WHERE WERE OUR GODS?