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Just as Wakanda is transitioning into a constitutional monarchy, something from its ancient past now threatens to upend everything.

Claiming that the Orisha – the gods of Wakanda – are dead, a sorcerer named Ras the Exhorter spread rumors of a new god called Sefako. In the gods' absence, mystical portals have been releasing the once-banished original inhabitants of Wakanda.

But not all the portals were real. Ulysses Klaw planted fakes, distractions for his true goal of stealing Vibranium. And to confuse T'Challa further, Klaw kidnapped Asira, an old friend of T'Challa's. Midnight Angels Ayo and Aneka attempted a rescue, but wound up captured themselves. Gifted an army of Midnight Angel suits by the king they once sought to overthrow, the *Dora Milaje* staged an assault on Klaw's base and freed Ayo and Aneka while the Panther took down Klaw.

But the real portals remained a threat. Joined by Thunderball, Storm, Manifold, the sorcerer Zawavari, and young heroes Asho and N'Kano, T'Challa captured Ras the Exhorter – only to find Asira behind the mask.

Freed from Klaw's associates' mind control, Asira warns of a terrible threat. Of Sefako – no rumor, but a true enemy. And known to Storm by another name...

The Adversary has entered Wakanda.

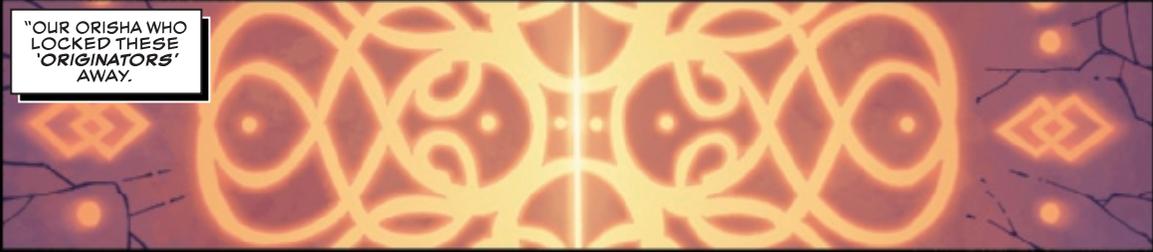


"WE ARE STILL NOT EXACTLY SURE WHETHER OUR GODS ARE DEAD."

"BUT WHAT WE DO KNOW IS THIS:



"IT WAS OUR GODS, OUR ORISHA WHO BANISHED THE VANYAN, THE ANANSI, THE SIMBI."



"OUR ORISHA WHO LOCKED THESE 'ORIGINATORS' AWAY."



"UNTIL THE ADVERSARY FREED THEM..."



"...AND, SOMEHOW, IN DOING SO..."

"...ALSO FREED
HIMSELF."





IS THIS REALLY THE DEMON WHO PLAGUED WAKANDA, DESTROYED THE ORISHA, AND BROUGHT FORTH THE ORIGINATORS?



YEAAAARRGGGG!!!



I AM UNIMPRESSED.



T'CHALLA DID NOT TELL US IT WOULD BE THIS EASY!



N'KANO, THIS IS THE ADVERSARY I HAVE FACED HIM BEFORE.*

*SEE THE X-MEN: FALL OF THE MUTANTS TPB!
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NOTHING ABOUT THIS WILL BE EASY.