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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, the mysterious Ras the Exhorter is leading the people to worship 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 are real. Klaw – working with Ezekiel Stane and Doctor Faustus – has been creating fake portals to distract T'Challa while he steals Vibranium to restore his lobotomized sister. And after T'Challa's forces captured rebel leader Tetu, Tetu's mind-controlling ally Zenzi joined Klaw's cause.

Asira, an old friend of T'Challa's, was recently kidnapped by these villains, and when T'Challa sent Midnight Angels Ayo and Aneka to find her, they instead found themselves in need of rescue. Now the *Dora Milaje* – gifted an army of Midnight Angel suits by the king they once sought to overthrow – have launched an assault on Klaw's base in the nearby hostile country Azania.

And T'Challa has other allies as well. With reformed villain Thunderball, Storm, Manifold, the sorcerer Zawavari, protege Kaspar Cole and young heroes Asho and N'Kano at his side, the Black Panther rode out to meet his enemy. They defeated and captured Ras the Exhorter – only to discover Asira behind the mask!

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YES,
YES. I
KNOW.



PEOPLE
WERE HURT.



MANY
PEOPLE,
ASIRA.



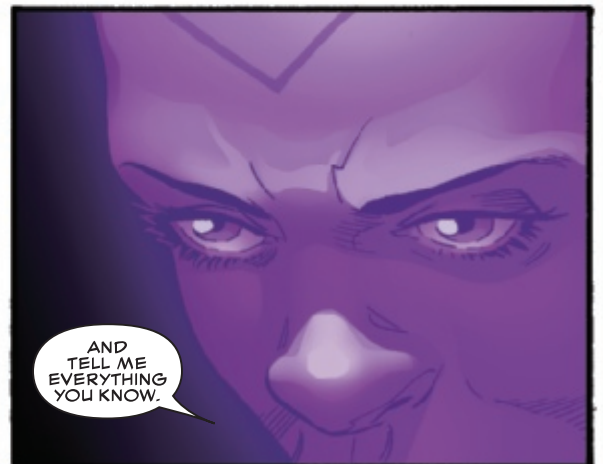
I KNOW.
I KNOW.



YOU
WISH TO
HELP, THEN. TO
MAKE THINGS
RIGHT?

YES.
MORE THAN
ANYTHING.

THEN RELAX,
BELOVED.



AND
TELL ME
EVERYTHING
YOU KNOW.



AZANIA

YOU'LL HAVE TO GET Klaw ALONE FOR THIS TO WORK.



"A FEW KLICKS NORTH OF WHERE ANEKA AND THE REST OF THE MIDNIGHT ANGELS HAVE ENGAGED HIM AND THE AZANIAN ARMY, THERE'S AN OPEN FIELD."



IT SHOULD DO JUST FINE.

EXCELLENT, DR. FRANKLIN. YOU HAVE PROVEN INVALUABLE THESE PAST FEW WEEKS.



I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT, AFTER THIS, THE UNDERSTANDING I SPOKE OF...

WELL, CONSIDER YOURSELF UNDERSTOOD.



AT LEAST "UNDERSTOOD" BY ME, DOCTOR.



THE RECKONING WITH YOURSELF, HOWEVER-- HOPEFULLY THAT CONTINUES.



THE STRUGGLE FOR YOUR NAME IS NEVER COMPLETE, DR. FRANKLIN...

"...THE STRUGGLE
IS ETERNAL."





THE
AZANIAN
REBELS ARE
WITH US,
SISTERS!

TAKE
THE SKIES,
NOW!



CARRY
THE FIGHT
RIGHT--



ZAAARRKKKK

UNH!



PARTY TIME,
"SISTERS."

WHO
WANTS TO
DANCE?



ME.