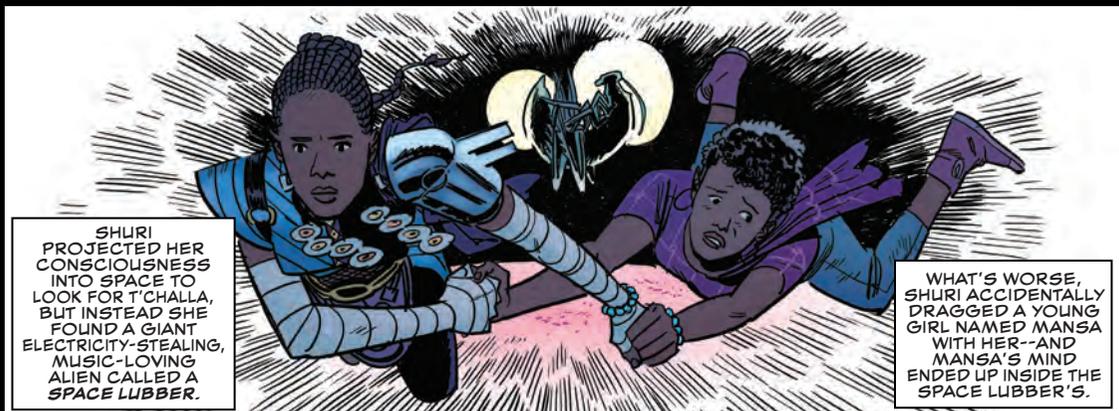




SHURI IS THE YOUNGER SISTER OF T'CHALLA--THE BLACK PANTHER AND KING OF WAKANDA.

T'CHALLA RECENTLY WENT MISSING ON A MISSION IN DEEP SPACE, AND DURING HIS ABSENCE, WAKANDA HAS COME UNDER ATTACK.



SHURI PROJECTED HER CONSCIOUSNESS INTO SPACE TO LOOK FOR T'CHALLA, BUT INSTEAD SHE FOUND A GIANT ELECTRICITY-STEALING, MUSIC-LOVING ALIEN CALLED A SPACE LUBBER.

WHAT'S WORSE, SHURI ACCIDENTALLY DRAGGED A YOUNG GIRL NAMED MANSA WITH HER--AND MANSA'S MIND ENDED UP INSIDE THE SPACE LUBBER'S.



SHURI RESCUED MANSA, BUT THE LUBBER--NOW OBSESSED WITH MANSA AND EARTH MUSIC--FOLLOWED THEM BACK TO AFRICA.

WITH SOME HELP, SHURI FOUGHT IT OFF, BUT IT ESCAPED, AND AS IT DISAPPEARED, SO DID HER ABILITY TO CHANNEL THE POWERS OF WAKANDA'S LEGENDARY WARRIORS.



SHURI IS POSITIVE THE LUBBER WILL RETURN. BUT EVEN WITHOUT HER POWERS, SHE'LL BE PREPARED FOR IT--AS THE NEW BLACK PANTHER!



I'M GLAD I'VE MADE YOU PROUD, MOTHER.



YOU'VE FOUND YOUR OWN WAY BACK TO THE MANTLE. THAT IS POWERFUL, MY DAUGHTER.

THE WAKANDAN BAOBAB TREE KNOWN AS GROOTBOOM II.



THOUGH MY SON, KING T'CHALLA, REMAINS ON HIS SPACE MISSION, WAKANDA HAS STABILIZED--AND ONCE AGAIN HAS A BLACK PANTHER.

THEREFORE I PRONOUNCE THE ELEPHANT'S TRUNK, THIS SECRET SOCIETY OF WAKANDAN WOMEN, DISBANDED. THANK YOU ALL.

THIS IS RIGHT.

GLAD YOU CHOSE TO STEP UP, PRINCESS SHURI.

THANK YOU, TIWA. I WON'T LET YOU ALL DOWN.



BUT MANSA ISN'T HERE. CAN WE DISBAND WHEN WE'RE NOT ALL PRESENT?



IT'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR MANSA TO RETURN TO THE BAOBAB TREE. THE SPACE LUBBER CONNECTED WITH HER HERE ONCE ALREADY....

WE CAN BEND THE RULES TO AVOID THE RISK.



BIRNIN ZANA.

I'M EXCITED TO STEP INTO THE ROLE OF BLACK PANTHER AGAIN... BUT I NEED TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON WITH ME.

WHY CAN'T I SHAPE-SHIFT OR MAKE MY FLESH LIKE STONE? HAVE I LOST ALL MY ANCIENT FUTURE POWERS?

PRINCESS, SHOULDN'T YOU BE PREPARING FOR TONIGHT?

I WILL. BUT FIRST I NEED TO TEST A THEORY...

YOU SHOULD DO THIS AFTER THE CEREMONY.

NO, ANCESTORS. THIS CAN'T WAIT.

OH, I THINK I KNOW YOUR THEORY, SHURI.

ME TOO. AND I HOPE IT'S WRONG.

JUST HELP ME GET THERE.

I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...

THE DJALIA: PLANE OF WAKANDAN MEMORY.

WHOO!
I NEVER
GET USED
TO COMING
HERE.

EVEN YOU,
THE AJA-ADANNA,*
SHOULD ALWAYS
FIND COMING HERE
A JOURNEY.

*SHURI'S TITLE AS THE KEEPER
OF WAKANDAN MEMORY.
--WIL

FOLLOW
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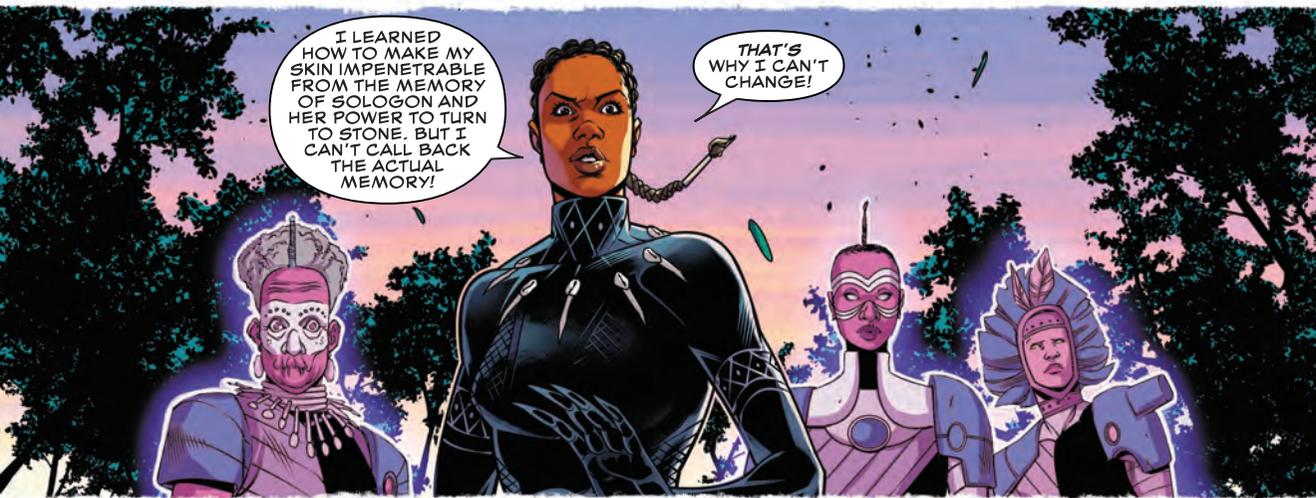
I DISCOVERED
THIS PLACE WHEN
I WAS LAST HERE.
OR SHALL I SAY,
IT DISCOVERED
ME.

AH, YES,
THE ROAD TO
SOLOGON'S
VILLAGE.*

*FOR THE BUFFALO WOMAN'S
FULL STORY, CHECK OUT
BLACK PANTHER (2016) #8!
--WIL

GREAT BAST--
IT'S GONE!
THE VILLAGE, THE
SPIRIT OF SOLOGON
HERSELF...A SUPER-
IMPORTANT MEMORY
IS SUPPOSED TO BE
HERE, AND IT'S JUST
DISAPPEARED!

HOW...HOW
COULD THIS
HAPPEN?!



I LEARNED HOW TO MAKE MY SKIN IMPENETRABLE FROM THE MEMORY OF SOLOGON AND HER POWER TO TURN TO STONE. BUT I CAN'T CALL BACK THE ACTUAL MEMORY!

THAT'S WHY I CAN'T CHANGE!

THIS--THIS IS MONSTROUS. I MUST RETURN AND TAKE ACTION!



IT'LL NO DOUBT BE THE SAME WITH MY OTHER MISSING ABILITIES.

MY THEORY: THE SPACE LUBBER MUST HAVE GAINED ACCESS TO THE DJALIA WHEN MANSO ENTERED ITS MIND.* IT LOVES AND CONSUMES MUSIC-- AND MEMORIES ARE THE SWEETEST MUSIC.

THERE'S ALWAYS A GIVE AND TAKE.

SOMETHING WAS DEFINITELY TAKEN.

*BACK IN ISSUE #3!
--WIL



WE NEED TO FIND AND EXTERMINATE THAT SPACE BUG ASAP. ONCE A STORY IS WRITTEN, IT CAN NEVER BE UNWRITTEN. THOSE MEMORIES ARE SOMEWHERE.