



# BLACK PANTHER WORLD 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...

Ayo and Aneka, *Dora Milaje* assigned to serve T’Challa, have recently discovered their king fraternizing with Namor, king of Atlantis and responsible for a great flood that recently devastated Wakanda.

Deeply disturbed by this revelation, Ayo and Aneka find solace in each other as their relationship grows from professional to romantic (a secret they have kept from their fellow *Dora Milaje*)...

[This story takes place before the events of **BLACK PANTHER #1**.]

# DAWN OF THE MIDNIGHT ANGELS

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# UPANGA, *DORA MILAJE* TRAINING FACILITY

WHAT WE JUST DID--SEVERING OUR TIES WITH T'CHALLA-- BREAKS WITH CENTURIES OF TRADITION. THIS DECISION WAS AS UNPRECEDENTED AS IT WAS NECESSARY.

WE ARE IN A DIFFICULT PLACE, YOU WHO ARE THE FIERCEST WOMEN OF WAKANDA. I WILL NOT OFFER YOU EASY, EMPTY WORDS. BUT I WILL SAY THAT AS DORA MILAJE WE ARE MORE THAN SERVANTS TO ANY ONE MAN OR WOMAN--







AND LET US NOT FORGET, WE ALSO SERVE EACH OTHER. TOGETHER WE WILL ALWAYS RISE.



BUT IN OUR TRAINING, MISTRESS ZOLA, YOU SAID WE ARE LOYAL FIRST AND FOREMOST TO THE **BLACK PANTHER**. THAT WE ARE SUPPOSED TO TRUST HIS JUDGMENT.



YES, BUT NOT BLINDLY.

WAKANDA IS MORE THAN THOSE WHO LEAD US, FOLAMI. AS OF LATE, T'CHALLA HAS NOT SHOWN US THAT HIS JUDGMENT CAN BE TRUSTED--IT HAS LED TO TOO MUCH SENSELESS DEATH.



MY SISTERS! DO ALL OF YOU AGREE WITH MISTRESS ZOLA AND WITH HER PETS, ANEKA AND AYO? THEY WHO ARE THE ARCHITECTS OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED HERE TODAY?





WE ARE  
NO ONE'S  
PETS!

FOLAMI, YOU HAVE NO GROUNDS  
FOR QUESTIONING AYO AND  
I! WE SERVE WAKANDA,  
WITH FULL HEARTS.

FOLAMI,  
THE ONLY  
ARCHITECT OF  
OUR ASSEMBLY  
TODAY IS T'CHALLA.  
WE WILL CONTINUE  
TO SERVE  
THE ROYAL  
FAMILY--



--BUT WE WILL  
DO SO WHILE  
REMEMBERING  
THAT WE ARE MORE  
THAN MERE  
SERVANTS--



--AND  
WE WILL DO  
SO WITH OUR  
EYES WIDE  
OPEN.



ZOLA'S EYES  
ARE ONLY WIDE  
OPEN TO HER PETS. I  
WILL NOT FOLLOW FOOLS  
DOWN THE PATH OF FOLLY.  
MY FATHER TAUGHT  
ME BETTER  
THAN THAT.



## SOON AFTER

