

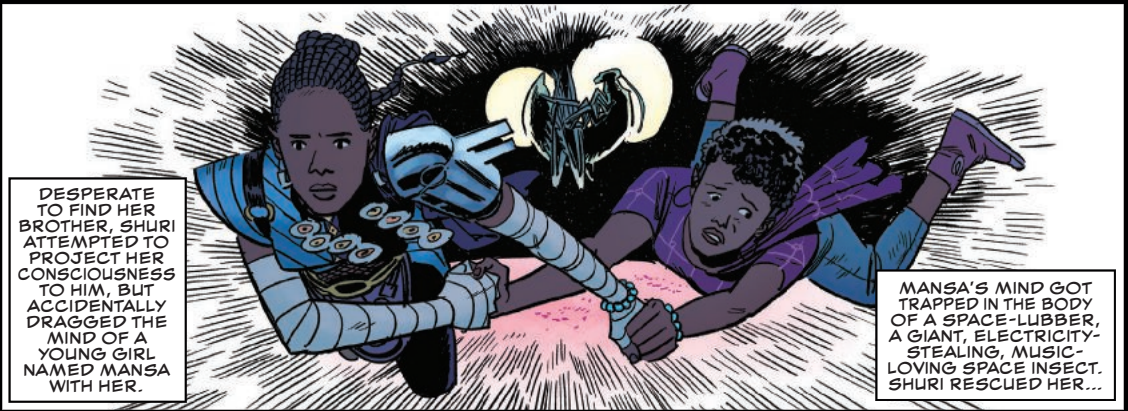


SHURI IS THE YOUNGER SISTER OF T'CHALLA--THE BLACK PANTHER AND KING OF WAKANDA.

T'CHALLA RECENTLY WENT MISSING ON A MISSION IN DEEP SPACE, AND THOUGH SHURI HAS POWERS OF HER OWN THROUGH HER CONNECTION TO WAKANDA'S ANCESTRAL PLANE, SHE IS FACING PRESSURE TO BECOME THE NEW BLACK PANTHER IN HIS ABSENCE.



BUT SHURI HAS BORNE THAT MANTLE BEFORE, AND SHE ISN'T EAGER TO WALK IN HER BROTHER'S FOOTSTEPS AGAIN.



DESPERATE TO FIND HER BROTHER, SHURI ATTEMPTED TO PROJECT HER CONSCIOUSNESS TO HIM, BUT ACCIDENTALLY DRAGGED THE MIND OF A YOUNG GIRL NAMED MANSA WITH HER.

MANSA'S MIND GOT TRAPPED IN THE BODY OF A SPACE-LUBBER, A GIANT, ELECTRICITY-STEALING, MUSIC-LOVING SPACE INSECT. SHURI RESCUED HER...



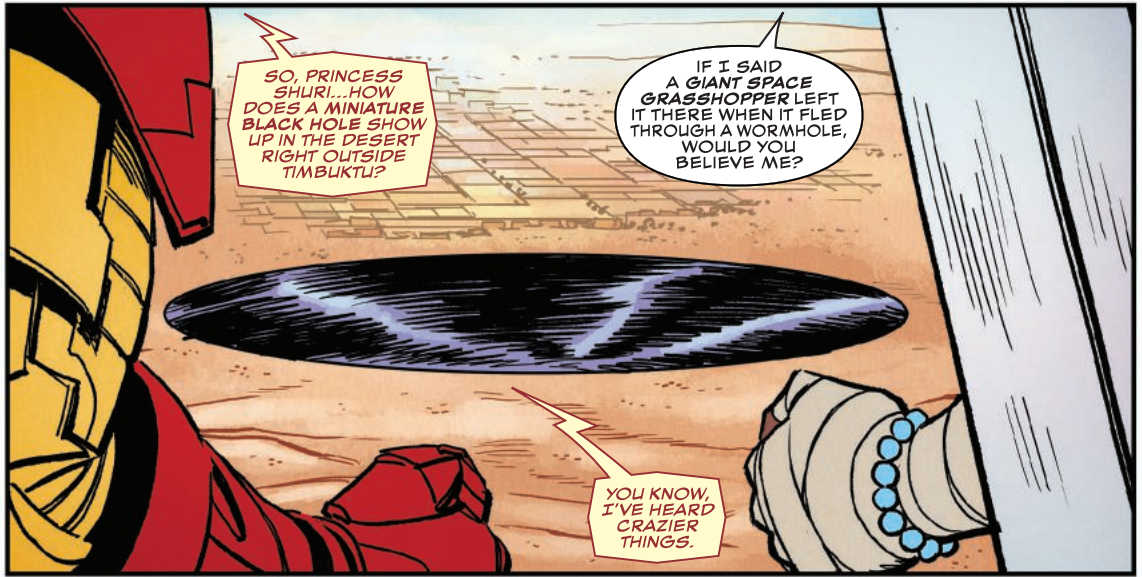
...BUT THE LUBBER FOLLOWED THEM BACK TO EARTH AND ATTACKED A CONCERT OUTSIDE TIMBUKTU, MALI.

JUST WHEN SHURI AND HER ALLIES HAD IT ON THE ROPES, THE CREATURE RIPPED A HOLE IN SPACE-TIME AND FLED, LEAVING BEHIND A GROWING BLACK HOLE.



SOLVING THIS PROBLEM WILL REQUIRE A TEAM OF SUPER-POWERED SMARTS. AND WHO BETTER TO CALL THAN HER BROTHER'S AVENGING ALLY IRON MAN?

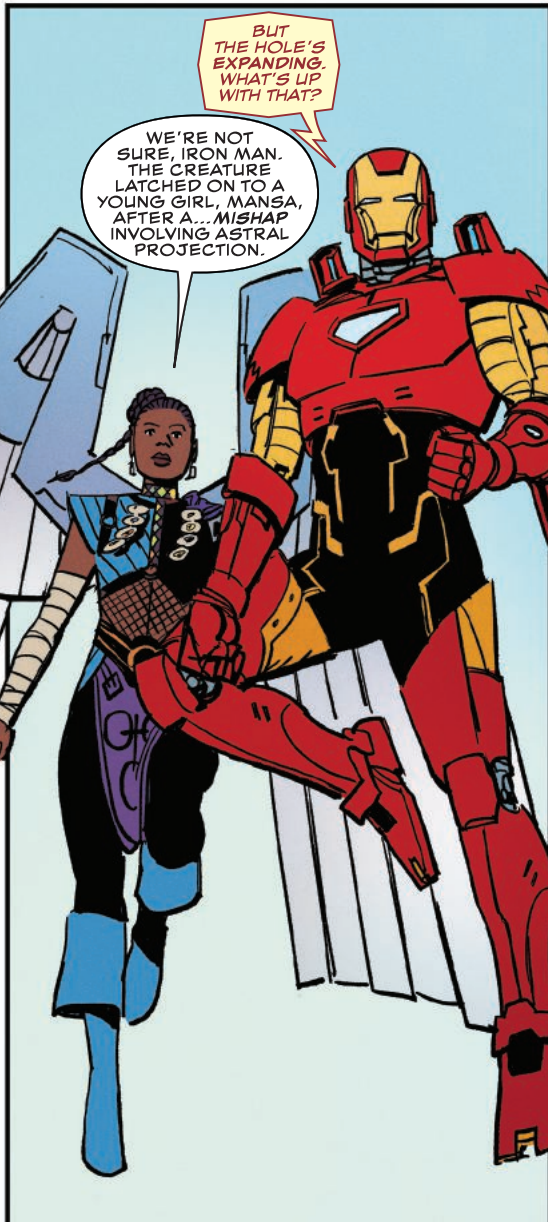




SO, PRINCESS SHURI...HOW DOES A MINIATURE BLACK HOLE SHOW UP IN THE DESERT RIGHT OUTSIDE TIMBUKTU?

IF I SAID A GIANT SPACE GRASSHOPPER LEFT IT THERE WHEN IT FLED THROUGH A WORMHOLE, WOULD YOU BELIEVE ME?

YOU KNOW, I'VE HEARD CRAZIER THINGS.



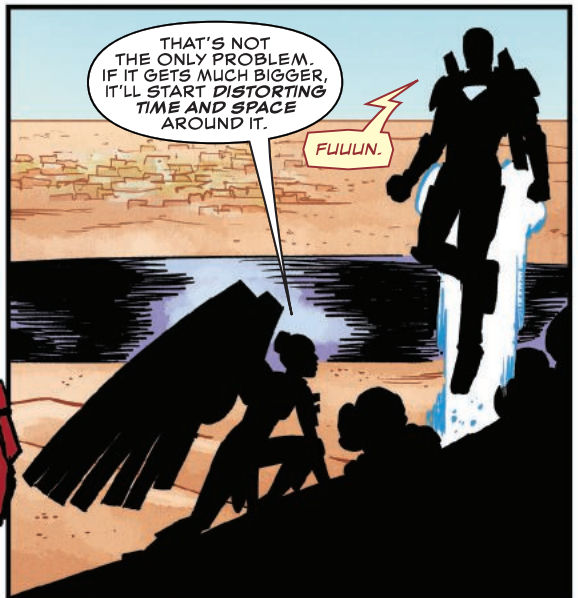
BUT THE HOLE'S EXPANDING. WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?

WE'RE NOT SURE, IRON MAN. THE CREATURE LATCHED ON TO A YOUNG GIRL, MANSA, AFTER A...MISHAP INVOLVING ASTRAL PROJECTION.



IT SEEMS TO USE BLACK HOLES TO TRAVEL, BUT WE DON'T KNOW THE MECHANICS. YET.

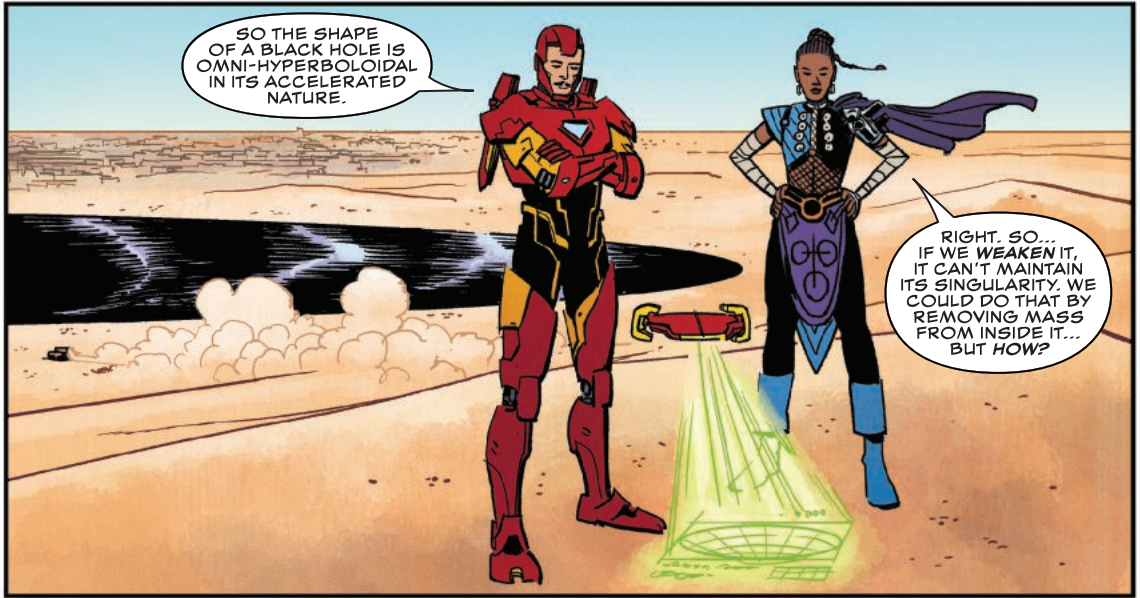
WELL, ONE THING'S CLEAR: THE MORE IT CONSUMES, THE BIGGER IT GETS. IT'S NEARLY REACHED THE CITY NOW!



THAT'S NOT THE ONLY PROBLEM. IF IT GETS MUCH BIGGER, IT'LL START DISTORTING TIME AND SPACE AROUND IT.

FUUUN.





SO THE SHAPE OF A BLACK HOLE IS OMNI-HYPERBOLOIDAL IN ITS ACCELERATED NATURE.

RIGHT. SO... IF WE WEAKEN IT, IT CAN'T MAINTAIN ITS SINGULARITY. WE COULD DO THAT BY REMOVING MASS FROM INSIDE IT... BUT HOW?

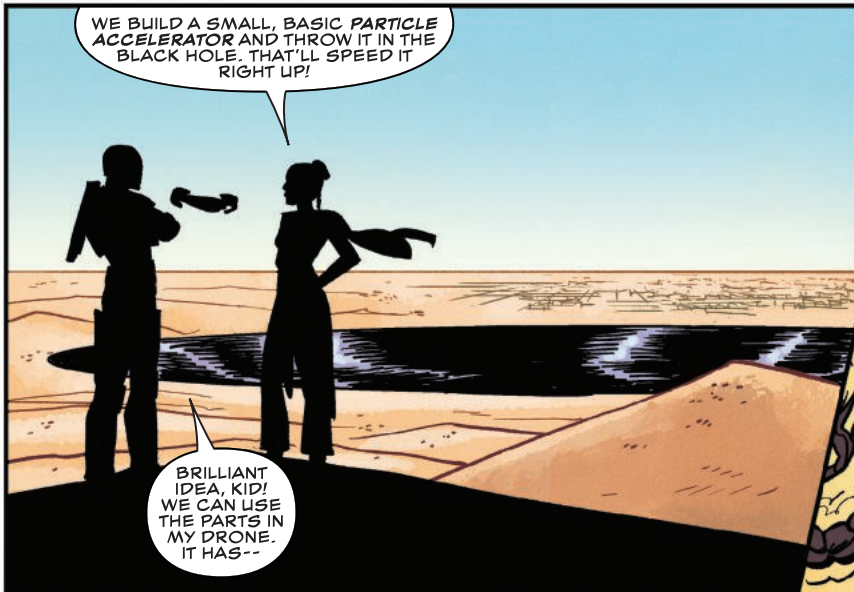


WELL, NOTHING COMES OUT OF A BLACK HOLE THE WAY IT WENT IN...

WE COULD TRY BREAKING ITS SINGULARITY BY ACCELERATING THE HOLE'S SPEED...?



I HAVE AN IDEA!



WE BUILD A SMALL, BASIC PARTICLE ACCELERATOR AND THROW IT IN THE BLACK HOLE. THAT'LL SPEED IT RIGHT UP!

BRILLIANT IDEA, KID! WE CAN USE THE PARTS IN MY DRONE. IT HAS--



WHOA! WHAT NOW?!





SEISMIC ACTIVITY DETECTED.

THIS JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER.

THE HOLE DIDN'T CAUSE THAT. WHAT--



OH...



IRON MAN IN MALI? LIGH, ANOTHER WESTERNER MEDDLING IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS. PRINCESS SHURI, YOU NEED MORE FRIENDS FROM HOME.

MY QUAKE WILL SHAKE YOU BOTH UP.



-SIGH-



WHO IS THAT?!

MOSES MAGNUM. TERRORIST WITH SEISMIC POWERS. REAL CHARMER, AS YOU CAN SEE.

"MOSES MAGNUM'S WHAT KIND OF NAME IS THAT? TRYING TO BE PIOUS AND A GANGSTA. RIDICULOUS.

ANYWAY, AS I WAS SAYING, THERE'S A PLASMA DEVICE IN THE DRONE.

I'LL PULL IT OUT AND REWIRE IT. YOU DISTRACT THIS FOOL.



MEANWHILE,  
IN BIRNIN ZANA...



DO YOU SENSE ANYTHING, ORORO?

NOT A SPARK, LET ALONE A SPACE CREATURE ELECTRICALLY RIPPING THROUGH SPACE AND TIME.



GOOD. MANGA STILL THINKS THE CREATURE IS FOLLOWING HER, BUT AT LEAST IT HASN'T FOUND WAKANDA YET.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?



:-SIGH:- I'M... FINE, OKOYE.

I JUST MISS T'CHALLA. BUT I CAN MISS HIM AND WATCH FOR SPACE MONSTERS AT THE SAME TIME.

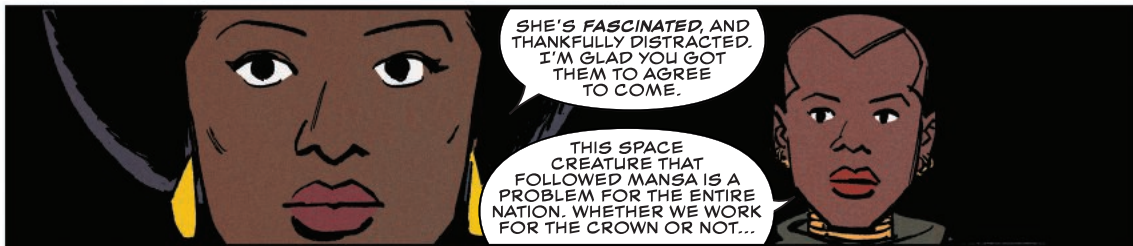
I BELIEVE YOU. JUST FEEL BETTER, ORORO.





YOU COULDN'T GET HER TO STOP BLOWING THINGS AROUND WITH THOSE CRAZY WEATHER POWERS OF HERS?

GIVE HER A BREAK, IKOKO. SHE'S RELIEVING STRESS WHILE KEEPING AN EYE OUT FOR THAT SPACE INSECT. HOW'S MANSА?



SHE'S FASCINATED, AND THANKFULLY DISTRACTED. I'M GLAD YOU GOT THEM TO AGREE TO COME.

THIS SPACE CREATURE THAT FOLLOWED MANSА IS A PROBLEM FOR THE ENTIRE NATION. WHETHER WE WORK FOR THE CROWN OR NOT...

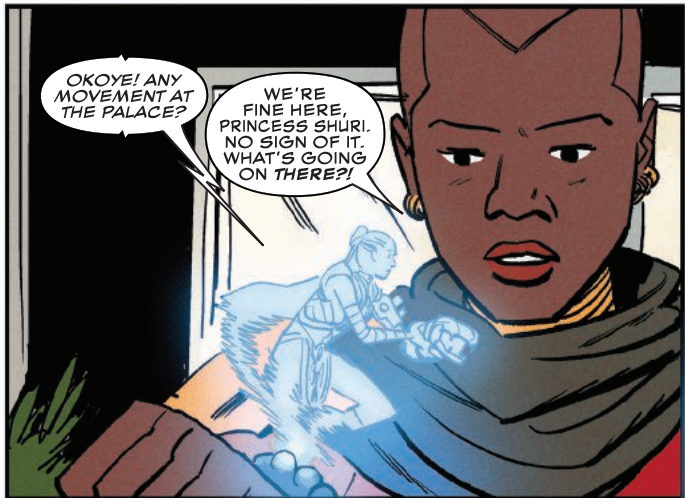


...THE DORA MILAJE WILL ALWAYS DO OUR PART.

SO IF I MOVE TO THE JABARI-LANDS, ANEKA, YOU THINK I COULD TRAIN TO BE A DORA MILAJE?

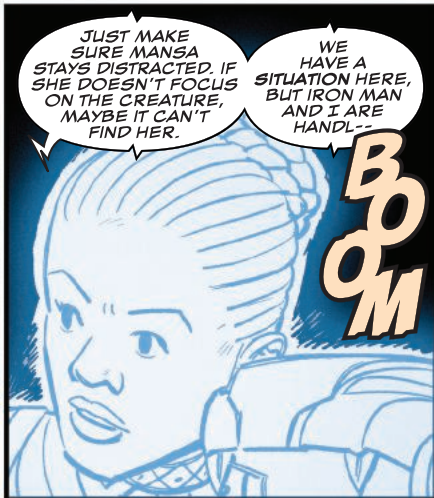
I THINK YOU'D MAKE A BETTER POLITICIAN.

YOU SOUND LIKE MY MOTHER. TEACH ME SOME MOVES, THOUGH! PLEEEASE!



OKOYE! ANY MOVEMENT AT THE PALACE?

WE'RE FINE HERE, PRINCESS SHURI. NO SIGN OF IT. WHAT'S GOING ON THERE?!



JUST MAKE SURE MANSА STAYS DISTRACTED. IF SHE DOESN'T FOCUS ON THE CREATURE, MAYBE IT CAN'T FIND HER.

WE HAVE A SITUATION HERE, BUT IRON MAN AND I ARE HANDL--