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Wakandan Council

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Committee Description

Welcome brothers and sisters to the Wakandan Council. This is the council that was formed to advise the current king of Wakanda, T'Challa, in decisions that impact Wakanda. In committee, we will be holding a meeting of the Wakandan Council, plus a few special guests. This will be set in the MCU, post-Killmonger, in a Wakanda that is divided over whether the lessons of Killmonger held any truth, and it is the council's job to decide on what action should be taken (for this committee's sake, the true status of Wakanda hasn't been revealed yet and isn't a part of the UN). Throughout committee, we will have representatives from each tribe, as well as our council's guest, have meaningful discussion on facts brought up during the events of the Black Panther Movie, other MCU movies, real world human rights problems, and foreign policies that relate to whether or not Wakanda should stay isolated. We encourage that everyone take their stance and elaborate in what capacity we should play on the global stage and how we, as a nation, should go about it. We hope that delegates explore all types of solutions, as they will ultimately guide the future of Wakanda. If there is little known about your character, we encourage you to follow the bloc position and think of solutions that match your tribe's stance.

Chair Introductions

Head Chair:

Hi delegates, my name is Jacob Young and I'll be your head chair for this committee in GRIFFMUN 2019. I am currently a senior attending Los Alamitos High School. This is my third year of MUN, and I am also in many other clubs like Fellowship of Christian Athletes club, CSF, Interact, NHS, and Spanish Honors Society. I have also been a part of our high school's basketball and football teams. I enjoy video games, reading, and hanging out with friends when I

am not busy with MUN or my AP classes. The thing I like about MUN is that it opens my eyes to the world around me and issues that are occurring on our planet. Throughout committee, I hope to see delegates cooperate in order to come up with well-informed and interesting solutions. My vice chairs and I will be as fair as possible, and we advise all delegates to remember to relax, try your best throughout the whole day, and enjoy it. Good luck, and I look forward to seeing you all in committee. Wakanda Forever!!

Vice Chair:

Hi, my name is Kaylie Matthews and I'll be one of your vice chairs for the Wakandan Council. I am also currently a senior at Los Al. This is my third year in MUN, but outside of MUN, I work at the Youth Center in Los Alamitos, spend time with my friends, and play around with photography. What I like about MUN is that it exposes me to what is going on around the world and gives me a chance to come up with solutions as if I was a world leader. I'm glad that I decided to join MUN three years ago because of all the fun and interesting memories it has given me. I'm excited to be able to chair such an interesting and imaginative committee, and I can't wait to hear what everyone has to say!

Vice Chair:

Background

Since the beginning of Wakanda's history, they have kept their technological advances a secret from the outside world due to their fear of their resources falling into the wrong hands. This way of life has recently come into conflict when Killmonger came to power, preaching that it was the duty of Wakanda to help others of African descent around the world. Although Killmonger was defeated and Wakanda returned to the leadership of T'Challa, there are still those questioning if Killmonger had a point. Currently, T'Challa is faced with the question of how to address the global community, if he should at all, since they only see Wakanda as an insignificant country in Africa. Being the only nation with Vibranium and such advanced sciences, Wakanda could make great strides to improve the human condition around the world, but there's potential for their work to be corrupted and even be used against them. On one hand, there are nations that may feel threatened by Wakanda's presence. But on the other hand, being the world's only source of vibranium, other nations would be more than willing to open up trade relations. Some in Wakanda want to create global relationship to better the world, others want to stay hidden, and some are hostile toward the outside world as Killmonger was. This is why T'Challa is asking the Council to decide on a stance and how to go about it in a way that would be best for the Wakandan people and the globe. The future of Wakanda now lies in the council's hands.

UN Involvement

The UN does not know too much about Wakanda besides that it is ruled by T'Challa and that it is a small and poor African nation. For the sake of this committee, we are saying that Wakanda is not a part of the UN, and they do not know that T'Challa is a powerful, panther-themed, individual. Additionally, it is important to note that the UN ratified the Sokovia Accords, which gives them the power to deploy powerful individuals, which would include the Black Panther.

Tribe Positions (Bloc Positions)

- ***Royal Family/Golden Tribe***

The royal family, as well as T'Challa, are a part of the golden tribe. This means that they are in support of the wishes of the king, and are therefore in favor of opening up Wakanda to the world in order to better humanity and their fellow Wakandans. They are also concerned with the safety of Wakanda and its king and look for ways to keep their advances safe from being corrupted or used for harm.

- Includes Shuri and Okoye

- ***War Dogs***

The War Dogs are a Wakandan covert spy network around the world. This particular group of Wakandans have seen the outside world and how cruel it can be. This group was in support of Killmonger and tried to carry out his plan. They wish to see action done by the military to swiftly end human rights issues and inequality like Killmonger wanted.

- Includes Hunter, AKA White Wolf

- ***Border Tribe***

The Border Tribe is the tribe that is in charge of maintaining the protection of Wakanda's perimeter. They have defended against many would-be attacks and see how the outside world could be a danger. If people knew the truth about Wakanda, they think more danger would be present for the nation. At the same time, the older members of the tribe think that their oppressed brothers around the globe should be helped through Wakandan intervention. While the heads of security want whatever is best for the protection of the nation, the tribe is split on what to do, leaving the decision in the council members' hands.

- Including Zakar, Chief of Border Security, and M'Kathu, tribal elder.

- ***Mining Tribe***

The Mining Tribe is the tribe of Wakanda that is in charge of caring and distributing vibranium. They use vibranium for scientific advances and experimentation to help further Wakandan technology. Since the mining tribe knows the capability of vibranium, they see how it can help the planet, but also its potential danger and how it would let the rest of the world catch up to them. While the elders may want to stick to the tradition of isolation, the rest of the mining tribe is concerned with helping the globe through means that minimize the possible security risks that involve vibranium.

- Including Kutame, tribal elder, and Gyeam, Head of Vibranium Distribution and Security.

- ***River Tribe***

The River Tribe is the least violent of all of the tribes in Wakanda. They are in charge of the waterways and their security within Wakanda. They are looking to open up Wakanda to the rest of the world in order to help expand their trading influence through the sea, but the elders do not want to cause any violence or hostility with any international bodies.

- Including Dino, tribal elder, and the king's close confidant, Nakia.

- ***Merchant Tribe***

The Merchant Tribe is the tribe of Wakanda that handles all the finances. They are in charge of all currency and banks in the nation. They allow for all internal economic transactions between the people and tribes. This tribe will try whatever they can to open up the nation in order to advance their trade with the rest of the world, thus allowing them to gain more wealth and power within Wakanda.

- Includes N'Toiye, tribal elder, and Fatume, Head Banker.

- ***Jabari Tribe***

The Jabari are known as the outsiders of Wakanda who do not approve of Wakanda's current reliance on technology. Because of this, they do not always agree with the Golden Tribe's rule. However, they respect T'Challa. Most in the Jabari think that it is important to stick to tradition and stay isolated, in order to keep vibranium from spreading.

- Including M'Baku, Tribal Leader.

- ***Priest***

The priest of Wakanda likes to stick to tradition. They are interested in the use of magic and voodoo, not technology, and shun its use. Obviously, the priest supports the king, but their objective in the long run is to help reduce the role of technology however they can.

- Including Zawavari, the new Head Priest.

- ***Outsiders***

With discussion about Wakanda's role internationally, T'Challa has asked three outsiders who know the true Wakanda to give a say. The superhero community, including Captain America do not want Wakanda to open up, in order to keep their precious resources out of the hands of anyone who would want to inflict harm. On the other hand, covert operatives, like Nick Fury, only want Wakanda to act to help the world in secret, which contrasts with Everett Ross's wish for Wakanda to fully open up and be recognized by the world, since he speaks on the behalf of the US.

Questions to Consider

- What aspects of society would be affected by Wakanda opening up?
- What solutions would benefit both Wakanda and the world, and how would this be accomplished?
- Is it more beneficial if Wakanda stays isolated?
- What possible applications could vibranium play in order to improve just Wakanda and maybe the global community?
- What are some creative solutions that will help to please others on the council who hold an opposing stance? Think of what the others in the committee want.

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