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## VINTAGE MODELS

I look at my father in awe. The things he must've seen in his lifetime would astound me. The strength he possessed to endure all he endured while growing up young, poor, and black in the synergy of America's racist, oppressive, and Jim Crow eras.

The discipline, courage, and determination my father must have. 85 years young and still the owner of his own business for more than 45 years. In the South, no less.

There is a quote from a movie back in 2017. I don't much care for the movie, but I love the quote. I admire it. I resemble it.

It states: "You newer models are happy scraping the shit... because you've never seen a miracle."

In essence, those who came before me witnessed phenomena. Spectacles I can only dream about in my lifetime. My father is the vintage model. Telling me, the newer model, that I'm - happy - with the status quo. I stay in line, follow orders, and keep my head down.

The problem with those things is a lack of vision. I mean true vision. Success is but a measurement. What gauges life?

Is it money? Fortune? Fame?

Is it Love? Drive? Accolades?

I'd trade all that crap; Just to witness a miracle.

Some would say, "Well, there's Barack Obama."

No.

That ground work was laid for him by a miracle. One of which my father did see and was a part of.

Not to mention, Obama walked past a sleeping giant. Do you believe that could happen again in this century?

Please.

This is the age of newer models. All this strife, material-fetching and fear-mongering. From the richest to the poorest, we're all just happy scraping the shit.

What we need...is a miracle.

Thank God for Trump.

For we are about to receive such miracle.

The chickens have come home to roost. And all that awaits is the blood-bath to ensue when the Fox returns for said chickens.

# Black Panther: Wakanda Forever



By Naomi Richard | VILLAGER

(VILLAGER) - Our Black is beautiful, and especially on the big screen — and it is captured masterfully in the *Black Panther* Franchise! **Black Panther: Wakanda Forever** was released only in theaters November 11 and is now playing at a theater near you. It's the epic story of power, conflict and redemption returning to theaters with force! **Wakanda** grossed an estimated \$25.2 million on its opening Thursday night according to multiple sources, affirming the strength of the series.

The storyline portrays Queen Ramonda, Shuri, M'Baku, Okoye and the Dora Milaje as they fight to protect the kingdom of Wakanda from intervening world powers in the wake of King T'Challa's death. As the Wakandans strive to embrace their next chapter, the heroes must band together with the help of War Dog Nakia and Everett Ross and forge a new path for their nation.

At the dawn of King T'Challa's death, invading forces from around the world target Wakanda's vibranium, unleashing chaos, and it will be the duty of Shuri, M'Baku, Nakia and Okoye to defend the nation, especially when a mysterious Mexican civi-

lization emerges from the depths of the sea.

This sequel, which places the nation of Wakanda against Namor and the undersea nation of Talokan stars **Letitia Wright, Lupita Nyong'o, Danai Gurira, Winston Duke, Dominique Thorne, Florence Kasumba, Michaela Coel, Tenoch Huerta, Martin Freeman and Angela Bassett**. The film's events follow the death of King T'Challa, who was played by the late **Chadwick Boseman** in prior Marvel entries.

Actor-activist Boseman died in 2020 after a private battle with colon cancer, but he left the cast with a strong determination to carry on the powerful franchise in his honor. **Angela Bassett** commented with a strong voice and a heavy heart, "In the telling of this story, we were able to honor him **together!**"

Actress Letitia Wright spoke passionately about the production: "There is so much happening in this movie, it's amazing. So many new characters to explore. I'm so excited about the world being able to tap into Wakanda again — how each character

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