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For centuries, generations of fierce warrior monarchs have held the title of Black Panther, a mantle of spiritual and political leadership in the African country of Wakanda. Thanks to the lineage of Black Panthers, the country has remained secluded and unconquered. Wakanda is home to secret technological advancements and also the Great Sacred Mound of Vibranium, the source of a rare, ultra-durable metal that absorbs energy and vibration.

Ever since T'Challa's father T'Chaka died defending Wakanda from an attack by an outsider named Ulysses Klaw, T'Challa has waited and trained for the day he becomes king of Wakanda. His uncle S'Yan has ruled as regent until T'Challa can ascend to the throne.

This is the story of T'Challa beginning to learn what it means to be the Black Panther...

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THESE MEN THOUGHT THEY COULD TAKE WAKANDA'S LIFE-BLOOD BEYOND ITS BORDERS THAT WILL NOT HAPPEN WHILE I SIT ON THE THRONE.



THE BLACK PANTHER!

NO! ANCESTORS SAVE ME!

THESE MEN HID AMONGST CONSTRUCTION WORKERS HELPING TO BUILD BIRNIN T'CHAKA, NAMED AFTER MY FALLEN FATHER.

THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE CLEVER, WAITING FOR WEEKS UNTIL THE RAINS CAME, WHEN THEIR THEFT WOULD BE HARDER TO TRACE.



YOU WON'T STOP US, PANTHER! WE HAVE WEAPONS THAT YOU'VE NEVER RECKONED WITH!

KEEP HIM AWAY FROM ME!



FOREIGN ARMS WON'T SAVE YOU.

HOW DID YOU FIND US?!

THESE TRAITORS HAVE PLOTTED IN IGNORANCE, LACKING THE SECRET KNOWLEDGE KNOWN ONLY TO THOSE WHO RULE.



A BLACK PANTHER ALWAYS KNOWS WHERE VIBRANIUM IS.




EVERY WAKANDAN KNOWS THAT, FOR CENTURIES, PANTHER MONARCHS HAVE INGESTED A HEART-SHAPED HERB WHICH HEIGHTENS SENSES.



NO, I CAN'T! I DON'T WANT TO DISAPPEAR, TOO!

BUT THEY HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING THAT VIBRANIUM'S STRANGE QUALITIES HAVE CHANGED WAKANDA'S FLORA OVER THE EONS, RESULTING IN THIS SPECIAL HERB.

YOU WILL TELL ME WHY YOU ATTEMPT TO BETRAY WAKANDA.



THE QUIRK OF GENETICS THAT LETS THE HERB WORK ON A SELECT FEW ALSO BINDS THOSE MEN AND WOMEN TO VIBRANIUM ENERGIES. AND SO THEY ARE FOUND.

I KNOW NOT OF WHAT YOU SPEAK, BUT TRUST THAT YOUR CRIMES WILL BE ACCOUNTED FOR.



UNLEARNED AS THEY ARE, THEY COULDN'T KNOW ANY OF THAT. THE COST OF THE LESSON IS SHAME AND IMPRISONMENT.



NO ONE WILL STEAL FROM WAKANDA WHILE I RULE THIS LAND.

WEEKS AGO...

IT IS AN ODD THING TO COME FROM A COUNTRY THAT HAS NEVER BEEN CONQUERED.

WAKANDA IS A WARRIOR NATION THAT REPELLED THE COLONIZERS WHO DRAINED THE REST OF AFRICA OF ITS PRECIOUS RESOURCES.

OUR ANNUAL CHALLENGE DAY RITUAL COMES FROM THE BELIEF THAT EVERY WAKANDAN POSSESSES THE STRENGTH AND THE CUILLE TO KEEP THE REALM INVIOLE.

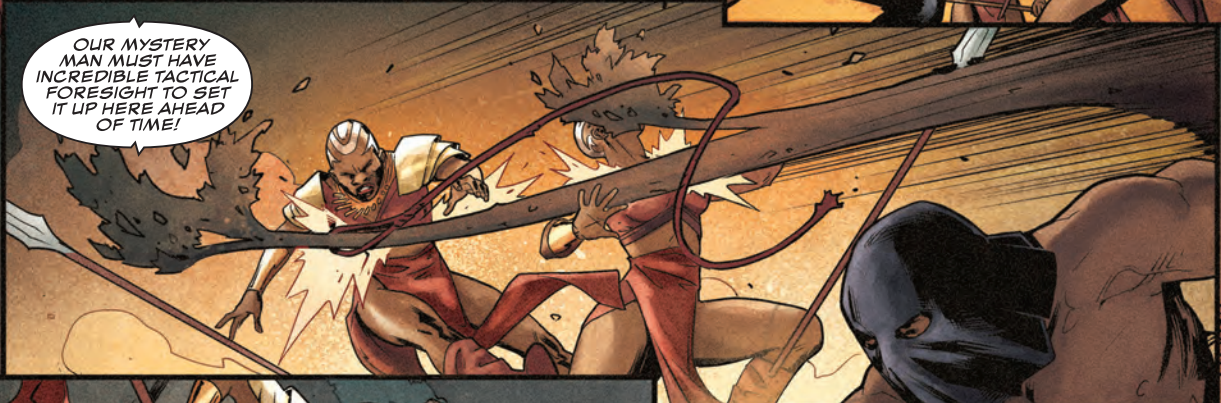
SO FAR, OUR MYSTERY MAN'S BEATEN EVERYONE ELSE ON THE FIELD, CLAHYO. BUT HE'S UP AGAINST THE KING'S ELITE GUARD NOW!

THE DORA MILAJE DON'T USUALLY GET INVOLVED IN THE COMPETITION, L'TON, BUT THIS MASKED CHALLENGER HAS EVERYBODY NERVOUS!





WOW, A TRAP!
THE CHALLENGE LOCATION
CHANGES EVERY YEAR TO
PREVENT SUCH
STRATEGIES!



OUR MYSTERY
MAN MUST HAVE
INCREDIBLE TACTICAL
FORESIGHT TO SET
IT UP HERE AHEAD
OF TIME!



AND THERE
GOES THE LAST
GUARD, TAKEN OUT
BY A BEAUTIFUL
RISING PALM
STRIKE.

THAT MEANS
IT'S TIME FOR THE
FINAL SHOWDOWN--
THE KING OF
WAKANDA FACING
AN UNKNOWN
ASPIRANT!

S'YAN HAS
RULED WAKANDA
FOR ALMOST TWO
DECADES, EVER SINCE
THE TRAGIC DEATH OF
HIS BROTHER. THINK
THAT ENDS TODAY,
CLAHYO?

THAT ALL
DEPENDS
ON WHO OUR
MYSTERY
MAN IS...

A KNIFE
ATTACK? NOT
MUCH OF A THREAT
FOR THE PANTHER'S
SUPERIOR
REFLEXES!





LOOK! IT'S A TRICK KNIFE THAT'S SPRAYING SOME KIND OF DUST!



THIS WON'T SAVE YOU, TRICKSTER! WHO ARE YOU?!

I AM HEIR TO WARRIORS AND THINKERS...



SON OF N'YAMI AND T'CHAKA...



MY NAME IS T'CHALLA ...



...AND I WILL NOT FALL TODAY.

IT'S THE HERO PRINCE! BUT RUMORS SAID HE WOULDN'T CHALLENGE FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS!



WELL, T'CHALLA ISN'T THE PRINCE ANYMORE. HE'S THE NEW BLACK PANTHER.

IN WAKANDA, EVERYONE THINKS THEY CAN BE KING, AND THE DUTY OF KINGS IS TO KEEP THEIR REALMS UNCONQUERED.

