



## BLACK PANTHER & THE CREW

The Crew is a team of super heroes dealing with problems that afflict the communities they come from or have come to be allied with. Recently they helped Black Panther stop a wave of suicide bombers in Wakanda, but the Crew's origin begins in the streets of Harlem...

...where the death of activist Ezra Keith in police custody has ignited protests in the community. Misty Knight, "Blue" (a.k.a. Storm of the X-Men) and "Luke Charles" (a.k.a. Black Panther) discovered that Ezra and his friend Frank Roberts founded a team of super heroes called The Crusade back in the '50s—and they were unknowingly funded by Hydra. Corrupted by power, Frank booted Ezra out of the Crusade.

Storm and Black Panther also discovered that Hydra was behind the luxury condos Ezra had protested just prior to his death. The organization bombed Luke Cage's home in a search for Eddie Figures, a small-time criminal who was in prison the night of Ezra's death. Meanwhile, mutant teleporter Eden, a.k.a. Manifold, joined the Crew after fighting solo to save the streets from Hydra's newest initiative, the Americops. Misty and Luke found Eddie, who recognized Ezra's killer from a television broadcast about the latest protest.

It was Ezra's nephew and fellow activist Malik.

[Note: This story takes place before the events of the current BLACK PANTHER series.]





















