



BLACK PANTHER

is the ancestral ceremonial title of **T'CHALLA**, the king of Wakanda. T'Challa splits his time between protecting his kingdom, with the aid of his elite female royal guard, the **DORA MILAJE**, and helping protect the entire world, as a member of super hero teams such as the Avengers and the Ultimates.

The African nation **WAKANDA** is the most technologically advanced society on the globe. It sits upon a large deposit of an extremely rare natural resource called vibranium. Wakanda long boasted of having never been conquered. But recent events -- a biblical flood that killed thousands, a coup orchestrated by Doctor Doom, an invasion by the villain Thanos -- have humbled the kingdom.

T'Challa recently spent some time away from the throne. His sister **SHURI** had been ruling as both queen and Black Panther in his absence, but she died defending Wakanda against Thanos' army.

Now T'Challa is king once more, but the people of Wakanda are restless...

I AM THE ORPHAN-KING.

WHO DEFIED THE BLOOD...

YOU HAVE NO PEOPLE. YOU ARE NO LONGER MY SON.

WHO DEFIED HIS COUNTRY...

YOU SPENT YOUR LIFE BUILDING A PERFECT KINGDOM, AND NOW YOU HAVE BEEN CAST OUT.

AND WAS DIVIDED FROM YOU.

YOU HAVE LOST YOUR WAY, MY KING.





"YOU HAVE LOST
YOUR SOUL."

THE GREAT MOUND





I CAME HERE TO PRAISE THE HEART OF MY COUNTRY, THE VIBRANIUM MINERS OF THE GREAT MOUND. FOR I AM THEIR KING AND I LOVE THEM AS THE FATHER LOVES THE CHILD.



BUT AMONG MY CHILDREN, ALL I FOUND WAS HATE.



THE HATE SPREAD.

BACK, YOU FILTHY DOGS! ON YOUR KNEES BEFORE YOUR KING!



AND SO THERE IS WAR.