

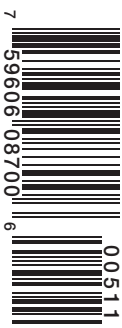
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STORM
a.k.a. Ororo Munroe,
controls the weather

BLACK PANTHER
a.k.a. King T'Challa of Wakanda

LUKE CAGE
a.k.a. Power Man,
bulletproof skin

MANIFOLD
a.k.a. Eden Fesi,
teleporter

MISTY KNIGHT
Detective with
a bionic arm

BLACK PANTHER & THE CREW

The Crew is a team of super heroes that has come together specifically to deal 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 that wasn't the first time the team came together. 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. An investigation into his death by Misty Knight, "Blue" (a.k.a. Storm of the X-Men) and "Luke Charles" (a.k.a. Black Panther) has revealed that Ezra and his friend Frank Roberts had founded a secret team of super heroes called The Crusade back in the '50s.

"Blue" and "Luke Charles" also discovered that the luxury condos Ezra had protested just prior to his death are in fact connected to Hydra. And when Misty followed a lead to Luke Cage's apartment, she found Hydra already there—bombing the building. Luke and Misty teamed up to find the hateful organization's true target: Eddie Figures, a small-time criminal. According to Eddie, Ezra had a visitor the night he died in jail. And it was someone he knew...

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

WE ARE THE STREETS

part 5 DOWN THESE MEAN STREETS

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1969 HARLEM

THE FIRST THING EZRA TAUGHT ME WAS THAT A MAN WAS NOTHING WITHOUT FAMILY.

"DAMMIT, FRANK, THIS WASN'T THE PLAN!"

IS THAT HOW HE FELT THE DAY HE LOST HIS OWN?

WE CAN'T WIN THIS WAY!

WE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, NOT GANGSTERS!

LIKE NOTHING?

FREEDOM AIN'T NEVER BEEN FREE, EZRA.

IS THAT WHY HE BROUGHT US ALL TOGETHER NOW?

COME ON, BROTHER. LIGHTEN UP!

TO MAKE UP FOR THE FAMILY HE LOST BACK THEN?



WAY I SEE IT, THIS MONEY WAS STOLEN LONG BEFORE WE GOT TO IT.

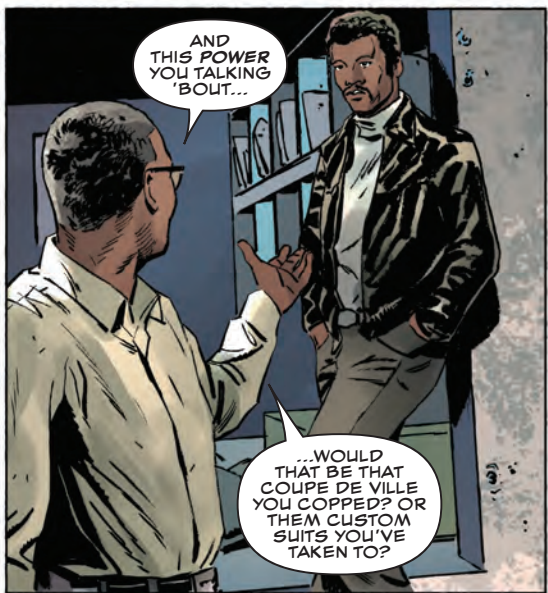
THIS RIGHT HERE IS REPO FOR THE REVOLUTION.



ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE.



AND WHO "THE PEOPLE," FRANK? YOU?



AND THIS POWER YOU TALKING 'BOUT...

...WOULD THAT BE THAT COUPE DE VILLE YOU COPPED? OR THEM CUSTOM SUITS YOU'VE TAKEN TO?



KNOW WHAT, EZRA? OR LYNX, OR WHATEVER YOU CALLING YOURSELF THESE DAYS...

WE TOOK A VOTE, YOU OUT.



TIMES DONE CHANGED, MY MAN. WE FIGHTING THE FASCIST PIGS ON EVERY LEVEL.



IT AIN'T SAFE IN THESE STREETS NO MORE.



NOT FOR COPS. NOT FOR HUSTLERS. NOT FOR POLITICIANS.



AND IF YOU DON'T WATCH IT, EZRA...



"...NOT EVEN FOR YOU."