



# The Story of the Black Panther

Millions of years ago, a gigantic meteorite containing the toughest metal, Vibranium, crashed in the region of the Nile River. In the age of humans, the first 'Black Panther' gained his superhuman abilities after eating a "heart-shaped herb" affected by the Vibranium. His first accomplishment was to unite the tribes into the new nation of Wakanda. T'Chaka, as a 'Black Panther', used the Vibranium to make Wakanda a technological superpower. The Wakandans then isolated themselves, pretending to be a third world nation, when they realised the dangers that that rare and valuable resource could cause for them.

After the death of T'Chaka, T'Challa, his son, becomes king. At the coronation, the leader of the Jabari Tribe, M'Baku, challenges T'Challa to a ritual combat for the crown. T'Challa defeats M'Baku, and M'Baku, at T'Challa's insistence, yields to him rather than to die in combat.

T'Challa, as king, learns from Zuri, the trusted royal advisor, that in the 1990s, King T'Chaka killed his brother, Prince N'Jobu, when he resisted arrest by T'Chaka for helping arms dealer, Ulysses Klaue, steal Vibranium and give Wakandan technology to other nations. To protect themselves, T'Chaka and Zuri abandoned N'Jobu's young son, Erik, and claimed that N'Jobu had disappeared.

King T'Challa is also informed of the recent theft of an ancient Wakandan Vibranium axe from a museum in London by Ulysses Klaue and N'Jobu's son, Erik Stevens, aka Killmonger. T'Challa travels to South Korea and averts Klaue's sale of the axe. Klaue is apprehended and released into the custody of CIA agent, Ross, from where he is later rescued by Killmonger. During this confrontation, Ross is severely injured and taken by T'Challa to Princess Shuri, T'Challa's sister, who uses the nation's advanced technology to save Ross' life.

Killmonger, however, kills Klaue and takes his body to Wakanda as a token, and then reveals his identity as N'Jobu's son. He proceeds to challenge T'Challa for the throne. During the challenge Killmonger hurls the defeated T'Challa over a waterfall. He then ingests the heart-shaped herb to gain the powers of the Black Panther and orders that the rest of the herbs be incinerated. Nakia manages to extract one last herb.

Killmonger prepares to distribute shipments of Vibranium around the world. Nakia, Shuri, Ross, and T'Challa's mother, Queen Ramonda, who flee to seek the aid of the Jabari tribe, discover that the Jabari have been caring for T'Challa, in return for sparing M'Baku's life, at his coronation.

Healed by Nakia's herb, T'Challa returns to challenge Killmonger. Killmonger refuses to surrender, and with the support of the Border Tribe and W'kabi, he prepares for battle. The battle goes poorly for T'Challa's side until the Jabari arrive. Ross pilots a remote jet with Shuri's guidance, and destroys the planes carrying the Vibranium.

T'Challa and Killmonger's battle ends in the Vibranium mine, where sonic disruption incapacitates Killmonger's armour. T'Challa stabs Killmonger, who chooses to die rather than be healed. T'Challa is restored to the throne. He reveals Wakanda's true identity as a technological superpower before the United Nations and establishes an outreach centre in Oakland to uplift impoverished communities around the world.

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