BULLSMUN IV

The Vibranium Cold War: Wakandan Royal Council

Letters from the Chair/CD:

Natalia Soto Peña - Chair

Hello there! My name is Natalia Soto and I will be the crisis chair for the Wakandan Royal Council! I am a Political Science major in my second semester here at USF, and I started Model UN at the beginning of my time at USF. My favorite MUN experience was my first tournament when I realized it was something I wanted to keep doing and be good at, and started working to make that happen. I've met so many amazing and intelligent people with Model UN who have inspired me to be better in all walks of life and I hope you can find the same! While my Marvel knowledge could use some work… I love Black Panther and am very excited to see how this committee goes!

Jaamon Carson - CD

Hey y'all, my name is Jaamon Carson and I will be the Crisis Director for the Wakandan Royal Council! I am a Business Analytics senior at USF and I have been doing Model UN for around 1.5 years now with both St. Petersburg College and USF. My favorite MUN experience would be my first experience, NMUN, a week-long conference with the closing ceremony in the actual General Assembly Hall in New York! This is where I fell in love with Model UN, and decided to do it again with USF. The past year, I've made so many friends and memories traveling across the country with the team. This will be my second time staffing BullsMUN, and as a big Marvel fan, I look forward to seeing your plans of action!

Committee Introduction:

Hello, distinguished delegates of the Wakandan Royal Council! We hope that you are excited to participate and experience this unique committee. The relationship between Wakanda and Talokan has become peaceful, but highly volatile after the Wakandan-Talokanil War. It is up to you, members of this emergency summit between nations, to preserve your civilization (and potentially your alliance). However, pressure from the outside world accessing vibranium has raised the stakes for everyone.

Though the theme of this committee is centered on the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU), extensive knowledge of it is not required. It will help to understand general knowledge about Wakanda, Talokan, the Black Panther, Mutants, and especially the properties of Vibranium and how these nations use it. To support you in committee, we recommend reviewing summaries of the Black Panther movies (Black Panther: Wakanda Forever, Black Panther), as well as this background guide. It will not be necessary or give any advantage to have deep knowledge in the entire MCU, Marvel Comics, or any shows depicting Black Panther or Wakanda.

Since the committee roster mainly consists of Wakandan & Talokanil characters, we ask that you adhere to the perspective of your character as much as possible during the committee. We want to foster and encourage collaboration between everyone, creating groups of characters with similar interests and goals, rather than only collaborating with others in your nation.

Special Mechanics:

To maintain limitations of order on directives made throughout the conference, there will be a few restrictions in place.

Individual Powers

Firstly, individual delegates will, of course, have different cases of powers, whether superhuman or influential power. What specific abilities you attain are described in the dossier below, including any power your character has as represented in the MCU. To reiterate: if delegates are present in either of the MCU Black Panther movies, abilities they possess in the movies are the same in committee unless stated otherwise in the dossier section. This means the use of abilities mentioned only in the comics, or a multiversal variant is not allowed. On the topic of the multiverse, please refrain from including any multiversal content in your directives, as it will not be accepted. As stated before, it will not give an advantage to have deep knowledge of the entire MCU timeline, just the content and cultures of our two nations, the Black Panther, K'uk'ulkan, & Vibranium.

Directives & Joint Operations

This committee will be running on the traditional two-pad system, consisting of public directives that will be voted on in committee, and private crisis notes for the crisis director to evaluate and provide updates or consequences. Joint Private Directives (JPDs) will also be accepted during committee sessions to foster collaboration, and are encouraged to be submitted as they may be more susceptible to being accepted. For more

information about the elements of a crisis committee, it is highly recommended that you refer to the Delegate Resource Guide on our website. A crisis committee workshop will also be held before the first committee session. If you are new to crisis committees or need a refresher, it is recommended that you read the Delegate Handbook and attend the workshop!

Influence Tracker

An influence tracker will be used throughout the committee. This will be in the form of a political compass map, and track the stance of all Wakandan delegates as a group, the same for Talokanil delegates. This tracker will be shown during every update to help delegates visualize where their nation currently stands. Speeches, directives, and decisions will all influence the overall position of Talokan and Wakanda, making every action count. When a nation reaches a threshold on either of the four quadrants, it will inevitably trigger a major event pertaining to that quadrant. While every delegate will enter committee with an initial political stance, it is ultimately up to you to decide whether to reinforce your beliefs or shift your position entirely as events unfold.

The four quadrants of influence are listed here:

Traditionalist (Left) - Delegates aligned with the Traditionalist influence believe that Wakanda and Talokan should protect their cultures, traditions, and sovereignty by limiting outside influence. They value historical customs, established institutions, and the wisdom of past generations over rapid change. Traditionalists are often skeptical of increased diplomacy and technological developments that could compromise their nations' identities and sensitive information. They seek stability through cultural preservation and

believe that isolation, when necessary, is the best way to ensure long-term survival. As a result, they generally advocate for maintaining secrecy from the surface world, protecting sacred traditions and institutions, restricting foreign access to Vibranium and advanced technology, focusing on domestic priorities, and approaching political or scientific change with great caution.

Internationalist (Right) - Internationalist delegates believe that Wakanda and Talokan must actively engage with the surface world to address emerging global challenges. They see diplomacy, trade, scientific collaboration, and humanitarian efforts as opportunities to strengthen their nations. Internationalists argue that continued isolation is no longer practical in a world increasingly aware of Vibranium and advanced technology. While they still prioritize national interests, they believe cooperation with foreign nations ultimately creates greater security and prosperity. Accordingly, they support expanding diplomatic relations, participating in international negotiations, encouraging scientific partnerships, promoting humanitarian and cultural exchange, and gradually increasing transparency with the outside world when it serves the interests of their people.

Alliance (Down) - Alliance influenced delegates prioritize cooperation between Wakanda and Talokan above all else. They believe the alliance forged after the Battle of Talokan represents the best opportunity to protect both civilizations from common threats. Rather than viewing one another as rivals, they advocate for intelligence sharing, joint military planning, scientific cooperation, and coordinated diplomacy. These delegates recognize that disagreements will arise, but believe those differences should be resolved through dialogue rather than confrontation. They therefore favor strengthening political

and military cooperation, expanding technological collaboration, pursuing joint humanitarian and scientific initiatives, resolving disputes through compromise, and building permanent institutions that reinforce trust between both nations.

Militarist (Up) - Delegates aligned with Militarist influence believe that security must always come before diplomacy. They argue that both Wakanda and Talokan face growing threats from rival governments, criminal organizations, and foreign powers seeking Vibranium, making military readiness essential. Militarists support investing in defense, expanding strategic capabilities, and responding decisively to acts of aggression. While they do not necessarily seek war, they believe that maintaining overwhelming strength is essential to deter it. Consequently, they advocate for increased military investment, stronger border defenses, expanded strategic capabilities, regular military preparedness, and placing national security above diplomatic negotiation whenever the two come into conflict.

Premise:

Wakanda and the Black Panther

Millions of years ago, a meteorite made of vibranium, the strongest metal in the universe, struck the continent of Africa where present-day Wakanda resides, affecting the plants around it. During the time of man, five different tribes settled on the land, giving Wakanda its name. Unfortunately, these tribes were always at war with each other, until the panther-goddess, Bast, gave a vision to the warrior shaman, Bashenga, leading him to the Heart-Shaped Herb. This plant granted the shaman superhuman abilities, allowing him to become king and the first Black Panther: Protector of Wakanda. The use of vibranium not only created the Black Panther, but made Wakanda the most advanced country on Earth. However, as Wakanda thrived, the world around it brought about chaos and dystopia. Events such as the Atlantic Slave Trade, World War I and II, Colonization, and many other events affected the world outside of Wakanda. To keep its nation and vibranium safe, Wakanda used their technology to hide in plain sight, keeping the truth of their advanced civilization secret from the world.

Fast forward to 2016, King T'Chaka was killed in a United Nations bombing at the Vienna International Center. His heir, T'Challa, then became the new Black Panther and King of Wakanda. During T'Challa's rule, the throne was usurped by Erik "Killmonger" Stevens, whose real name is N'Jadaka, and was discovered to be T'Challa's cousin. Killmonger destroys all the supply of heart-shaped herbs, ensuring there is no Black Panther after him. T'Challa was able to take back the throne and defeat Killmonger with

the help of the Jabari tribe, the isolated fifth tribe of Wakanda. The Dora Milaje, an elite group of warriors sworn to protect the throne, held their allegiance even after Killmonger took charge, but eventually aided T'Challa after his return to retake the throne. This battle exposed the deep ideological fractures within Wakandan society, as most of the Border Tribe supported and defended Killmonger from the Black Panther. These differences have remained unsolved and only brought more tension within the Wakandan Royal Council members. Years later, T'Challa unfortunately passes due to an undisclosed illness after his tech-savvy sister Shuri could not recreate an artificial heart-shaped herb to save his life. Wakanda is then left with no Black Panther and T'Challa's mother in power, Queen Ramonda.

The 5 Tribes of Wakanda

The Merchant Tribe - Oversees the public market within Wakanda cities, including all trade and commerce. They maintain the country's economic equilibrium alongside their cultural traditions, making sure that they are always balanced. The Merchant Tribe show how a vibranium-based economy supports their everyday life. However, the ongoing foreign pressure has ignited concerns over how the Wakandan economy could interact and integrate with the global economy.

The River Tribe - Known for their green attire, lip plates, and handling fishing and agriculture, the River Tribe is home to the Wakandan Navy and is the protector of the river border. They are responsible for Wakanda's food supply, as well as being a symbol of harmony between nature and progress. They are the first line of defense on the aquatic front, causing other tribes to hold them accountable for Namor's attack on Wakanda. *The*

Mining Tribe - Responsible for excavating and managing Wakanda's vast vibranium reserves, The Mining Tribe serves as a backbone of Wakanda's technological and dominance, giving them an immense amount of pressure from the rest of the tribes. Without their work, Vibranium would just be buried potential in Wakanda. The Mining Tribe understands whoever controls Vibranium controls the fate of the world.

The Border Tribe - Known for vibranium-woven cloaks that serve as shields and utilizing armored rhinoceroses in battle, The Border Tribe serves as Wakanda's first line of defense against foreign nations. They also pose as simple farmers and herders to disguise Wakanda as a low-economy country. Additionally, they fought alongside Killmonger, almost creating a civil war in Wakanda. However, this only proves how crucial their allegiance is in any political shift.

The Jabari - Fierce isolationists who are part of Wakanda, but separate from the other tribes. Unlike the rest of Wakanda, they reside in the mountains and worship the Gorilla God "Hanuman", while also rejecting Vibranium technology, adhering to a more primitive lifestyle. However, they are still formidable warriors, fighting for Wakanda against Thanos and his forces twice. After helping T'Challa retake the throne from Killmonger, they were granted a seat in the Wakandan Royal Council, and even helped the other tribes evacuate to their land after Namor's attack. Now with their leader as King of Wakanda, the Jabari have gone from ignored & isolated nomads to a necessary pillar in the Wakandan community.

Talokan and Namor

In 1571 AD on the Yucatan Peninsula, K'uk'ulkan was the first of his people to be born underwater after his people turned from eating a vibranium-laced underwater plant. His people ate this plant after being driven from their villages and suffering from diseases, believing that Chaac, their god of rain and abundance guided them. After eating the plant, they all fell unconscious, and reawoke with blue skin. It also took away their ability to breathe air, only able to draw oxygen from water. They eventually settled in the ocean, away from the war and diseases of the world. However, because K'uk'ulkan's mother was pregnant while ingesting the plant, he was born differently. Having wings on his ankles and pointy ears, he became the firstborn of Talokan, and a mutant. This gave K'uk'ulkan the power to age slower, fly as well as swim, and be able to breathe both on land and underwater. After revisiting the surface to bury his mother, he defended his people against Spanish colonizers, and a priest described him as "El niño sin amor" (the boy without love). K'uk'ulkan made this his name, Namor for short, as he has no love for the surface world. This, alongside being driven away from land has caused most Talokanils to support secrecy and isolation as a society. His people worship him as the feathered serpent god due to his mutant abilities. The hidden underwater kingdom of Talokan is ruled by Namor, and has Satsun, an artificial sun made of vibranium created by Namor. Talokanils all possess superhuman strength and vibranium-laced weapons, being the only nation able to rival Wakanda. Their downside is that they cannot breathe on land and must wear water-filled masks on the surface.

The Clash of Two Secret Societies

One year after T'Challa's death, national powers pressured Wakanda to share their vibranium resources with the world, with attempts to take it by force. A U.S. expedition team uses a vibranium detector to find a deposit underwater, but is attacked by Talokanil forces. Namor, blaming Wakanda for the vibranium race, sneaks into Wakanda and demands Queen Ramonda and Shuri to bring him the scientist who made the vibranium detector, or he will attack Wakanda. He kidnaps Shuri after she attempts to save the scientist, Riri Williams, and brings them both to Talokan. Namor proposes an alliance with Shuri and Wakanda against the rest of the world, threatening destruction if she refuses. After Shuri and Riri escape, Namor retaliates with an attack on Wakanda, where the capital city is flooded and Queen Ramonda ultimately drowns after saving Riri. This left Shuri as the only surviving member of the royal family. Desperate to save Wakanda, Shuri uses a remnant of the herb given by Namor that gave Talokanils superhuman abilities to finally recreate a heart-shaped herb. She ingests it and becomes the new Black Panther, seeking revenge against Namor for killing her mother. Wakanda then goes to battle against Talokan aboard their Sea Leopard, and with her newfound powers, Shuri combines her intellect with her strength to defeat Namor, but ultimately urges Namor to yield and offers a peaceful alliance, rather than finish him. He accepts, which upsets his cousin Namora, but he believes the alliance will strengthen Talokan. Namor explains that Wakanda needs Talokan as allies since they have no other, and that the world will eventually come for Wakanda, forcing them to turn to Talokan. After the battle of the Sea Leopard, tensions between Talokanil officials started to arise, as some of them revealed

their sympathy and interest in engaging with the surface world. Members of both Wakanda and Talokan now have fragile trust in one another, but more importantly, in themselves.

Properties of Vibranium

Vibranium is a nearly indestructible, extraterrestrial metal capable of absorbing, storing, and releasing kinetic energy. Due to this, vibranium can absorb a variety of physical impacts without damaging or weakening the metal. It can also deflect kinetic energy. One example of these properties are the upgrades Shuri gave to T'Challa's black panther suit, allowing him to absorb energy from hits that he takes, storing that energy in his suit, and releasing it from his suit as an offensive attack. Vibranium is the foundation of the existence of both Wakanda and Talokan. In Wakanda, Vibranium is woven into their clothes, powers their cities and technology, and is used in their weapons. In Talokan, it is used to power their sun, give them the ability to breathe underwater, and give Talokanils superhuman strength.

Though extremely durable, vibranium is still destructible. One key note is that vibranium is vulnerable to certain sonic frequencies and can make its properties become temporarily defunct. Raw, unrefined vibranium is also highly unstable when transported at high speeds.

Current Situation:

Following the battle of the Sea Leopard and ending the short-term war, Wakanda and Talokan are now at peace with each other. However, their uneasy alliance may become just as short as foreign nations continue to pressure Wakanda for their vibranium resources. One year after Shuri and Namor declared an alliance, the world still believes that Wakanda is the sole source of vibranium. Even after Talokan's attack on the U.S. expedition team, political tension and covert efforts to steal vibranium from Wakanda continues to increase. The U.S. and other global powers do not yet know the existence of Talokan, but are aware of a hostile, aquatic, blue-skinned species with lethal combat capabilities. As Wakanda deals with foreign pressure and Talokan deals with secrecy and security, both are conflicted with relying on each other for aid and protecting their nation, and must quickly solve how to protect their advanced societies from the outside world to keep vibranium out of the wrong hands. Although, there remains the chance that more vibranium is somewhere out there, in which not even Wakanda and Talokan are aware of.

As global pressure unfolds onto Wakanda and the existence of Talokan begins to slip out, the tension between these two civilizations becomes volatile. The state of their relationship has now reached a cold war status. No attacks have occurred between them yet, but both societies have had ideological clashes and constant political pressure and competition towards one another. The main conflict between Wakanda and Talokan is how to respond to the surface world wanting to get their hands on these nations' most important resource: Vibranium. Both countries also must deal with the pressure of the

world wanting to keep the secrets of the nation intact. Additionally, both governments have had an increased amount of internal tensions following the short war between Wakanda and Talokan, making clear decision-making a difficult goal. Following this, The Wakandan Royal Council has agreed with Talokanil officials and other interested parties to create a joint-emergency summit to discuss the ongoing vibranium crisis. Both plan to work together to take action against the issues they face, however, some individuals of each party may be willing to push the limits to ensure their nation's safety.

They have become each other's most important ally, and potentially greatest threat.

Should tensions escalate, the consequences could extend far beyond either nation, exposing their existence and unrivaled Vibranium resources to the surface world, as well as inviting dangerous foreign involvement, including foreign governments and corrupt groups of powerful people. Both Wakanda and Talokan have different ways of approaching the outside world. Wakanda wants stability, cautious engagement with the world, and to prevent escalation. Meanwhile, Talokan wants secrecy and deterrence above all else, heavily distrusting the surface world. Both distrust the rest of the world, and distrust each other more than they admit. Will these nations be able to survive and protect their culture and identities, or will this cold war lead them to finally face each other or crumble under the pressure of the world?

Questions to Consider:

The so-called “alliance” between Wakanda and Talokan is becoming more and more unstable, and the world is only applying more pressure for action to be taken. This committee must respond quickly, but carefully. The existence of these nations depend on your actions. Delegates are encouraged to take the following questions into account before and during committee:

- Can Wakanda and Talokan coexist without triggering global conflict?
- How can Talokan get involved while keeping their civilization a secret?
- Can internal political disagreement be set aside in the interest of national survival?
- Should Wakanda attempt to engage more with the world, or go back into isolation?
- Does the rest of the world deserve to have access to Vibranium?
- Who should control the future of Vibranium?
- When is preemptive action justified?
- Is diplomacy always preferable to military action?
- Can war be prevented, or is it inevitable?

Dossier:

Wakanda:

Shuri

The Black Panther

As the Princess of Wakanda, Shuri is the last remaining member of the Royal Family after the passing of T'Chaka, Ramonda, and T'Challa. She became the new Black Panther after creating and ingesting an artificial heart-shaped herb, giving her superhuman abilities. She is a highly intelligent person, rivaling geniuses such as Tony Stark and Bruce Banner, but also a very skeptical person when it comes to tradition, and is more of a realist. Despite her differences and now living in Haiti, she has, and will give anything for Wakanda. She prefers living in peace alongside Talokan, being the only outsider to see its capital city.

Okoye

Midnight Angel

Formerly the General of the Dora Milaje, Okoye was stripped of this role after letting Namor kidnap Shuri and get away. Regardless, her priority has always been to protect the throne of Wakanda. During the battle against Talokan, she was given an advanced armored suit by Shuri to fight, going head-to-head with Attuma and becoming the first of the Midnight Angels. With her cunning and combat skills, she is always willing to do what it takes to get things done. She values stability but is always prepared to act when Wakanda is threatened.

Nakia

International Wakandan Spy

Nakia is a former member of the War Dogs, the central intelligence service for Wakanda, a member of the River Tribe, and T'Challa's lover. She is loyal to Wakanda, though believes that they should help people in need after seeing the many hardships of the world. After working undercover, she is skilled in combat, infiltration, multilingualism, and intelligence. Her global perspective often places her at the center of difficult diplomatic negotiations. She seeks solutions that avoid unnecessary bloodshed whenever possible.

M’Baku

King of Wakanda / Leader of Jabari Tribe

In a challenge for the throne, T’Challa defeated M’Baku, begging M’Baku to yield rather than kill him. M'Baku later repaid T'Challa by rescuing him after Killmonger threw him from Warrior Falls. He later led the Jabari Tribe in helping T'Challa reclaim Wakanda, earning the Jabari Tribe a permanent seat on the Wakandan Royal Council. Though no superhuman abilities, M’Baku has great strength and is the most fearless of all characters, not afraid to fight anybody. M’Baku finally took the throne after the battle against Talokan, after Shuri left and nobody challenged him for it. He is open to diplomacy, but is still a Jabari at heart and prefers Wakanda to be secluded, and is not afraid of taking action to protect his nation.

Ayo

General of the Dora Milaje

Formerly the second-in-command, Ayo is now the General of the Dore Milaje. Despite not being under Okoye, Ayo still respects her and is devoted to protecting the throne of Wakanda. She is mastered in martial arts and use of a spear, and is also multilingual. Even during her time as second-in-command, she has proven to be a master tactician, and is a very ‘by the book’ person, unlike her significant other, Aneka. Ayo is more of a traditional person, but isn’t opposed to change at all.

Aneka

Midnight Angel

A former combat instructor of the Dora Milaje, Aneka is now the second Midnight Angel alongside Okoye. After Okoye was demoted and tried to leave to rescue Shuri, Ayo was ordered to stop her. Aneka left the Dora Milaje after fearing her lover, Ayo, would stop her if she stepped out of line. Aneka is more progressive, unlike Ayo, using modern Vibranium daggers made by Shuri rather than the traditional spear used by Dora Milaje. She believes collaboration with others is necessary and that Wakanda should globally cooperate.

W'Kabi

Former Royal Advisor

W'Kabi was formerly a member of the Wakandan Royal Council, the Head of Security for the Border Tribe, and a close friend of T'Challa. However, after losing faith in his rule, W'Kabi supported Killmonger's path to the throne and even supported him battling T'Challa, leading the border tribe against him. After losing the battle and having to go against his own wife, Okoye, W'Kabi was banished from Wakandan society and stripped of his roles, though continued to live in the nation. Though banished, W'Kabi is willing to fight for the throne of Wakanda and keep the nation to itself, and has a few tricks up his sleeve, such as a horn to summon a herd of his armored white rhinos, expert tactical skills, and knowledge of Wakanda's security challenges. However, he has a lot of trust to build among his fellow Wakandans.

M'Kathu

Border Tribe Elder

As the Leader of the Border Tribe, M'Kathu faces increasing pressure to expand trade while protecting national interests. When Killmonger entered Wakanda, M'Kathu argued it was fair he challenged for the throne since he was part of the bloodline, but wasn't banished because he wasn't directly involved with his rebellion like W'Kabi. When Okoye's title was taken, M'Kathu defended her. He is a very influential person as shown by his track history, though it is unknown where he stands with diplomacy. To see where his opinions lie with the forthcoming topics remains a surprise.

Zawavari

Elder Statesmen

Formerly the Mining Tribe Elder, Zawavari now holds the role of the Elder Statesman. She serves as the guardian of Wakanda's traditions and cultural heritage. This includes the coronation of new rulers, which Shuri didn't attend, leaving M'Baku unchallenged for the throne. Given her role, she values progress, but believes it should never come at the expense of Wakanda's identity. Her voice carries significant moral authority within the Council.

River Tribe Elder

Leader of the River Tribe

The River Tribe Elder is mainly responsible for supplying Wakanda with its supply of food and agricultural economy. His people are also responsible for a position similar to the Border Tribe, protecting the river border of Wakanda. Unfortunately, Namor and his army have breached the River Tribe before, flooding Birnin Zana, Wakanda's capital city, which brought about Queen Ramonda's demise. Wakanda's Navy force is headed by the River Tribe Elder, including the Sea Leopard, a ship similar to a U.S. carrier with a sonic cannon at the bottom. The River Tribe Elder is supportive of his elder companions, but prefers that Wakanda remains isolated and is afraid of a Talokanil expansion.

Mining Tribe Elder

Leader of the Mining Tribe

Having the lead role to Wakanda's vibranium mining operations, the Mining Tribe Elder understands that many Wakandans will rely on her for ample supply of vibranium. She also understands that despite thousands of years of existence, Wakanda has only scratched the surface of their vibranium supply. However, vibranium cannot be extracted so easily and quickly, and requires a delicate process due to its raw unstable nature. She believes that cooperating with foreign nations is necessary and is a spearhead in utilizing vibranium progressively. Others will look to her for guidance on the usage of Vibranium.

Merchant Tribe Elder

Leader of the Merchant Tribe

As Wakanda gradually engages with the rest of the world, the Merchant Tribe Elder has become increasingly concerned with shaping Wakanda's economic policy. She leans more traditionally to maintain the status of Wakanda's economy, but understands the external challenges that it faces. Ensuring sustainable prosperity while Wakanda's traditions remain respected is her priority. She is heavily interested in the current crises that the council faces and how a shift in power could affect Wakanda.

Talokanil:

Namor

Leader of Talokan

Namor is fiercely protective of his people and heavily loathes the surface world. He is grateful for their current alliance, but is not afraid to battle anyone that threatens the safety of his people, including Wakanda. He believes that Wakanda needs Talokan once the surface world comes for them. He would like to live in peace alongside Wakanda, but prioritizes the secrecy of his nation above all else. If he finds out any country or member of this emergency summit plans something that puts Talokan at risk, he will ensure those plans do not go through.

Namora

Namor's second-in-command

A cousin of Namor, Namora is very similar in ideology and approaches diplomacy with extreme caution. Her only interest is preserving the secrecy of Talokan and is willing to do anything to maintain it. She understands Namor's reasoning, but is still upset about their alliance with Wakanda. She is heavily skilled and influential in Talokan's military. She has spent her life defending Talokan from threats, and won't support anything that does.

Attuma

Commander of Talokanil Army

Attuma already has superhuman abilities from being Talokanil, and combined with his size and skills, enhances these abilities. He believes that strength and power are the best deterrent against foreign threats. Attuma is a force to be reckoned with, known for his aggressive tactics and unwavering commitment to Talokan's security. He remains prepared for conflict should diplomacy fail. Though clearly a more brawns than brains kind of guy, he is still a very clever person with lots of influence over Talokan's forces.

Itzel

Talokanil Spy

Itzel is one of Namor's many spies that goes out into the surface world secretly to gather information that may jeopardize Talokan's secrecy. Unlike other Talokanils, she

understands that isolation is no longer possible. She believes that engagement with the world is inevitable, and Talokan should tread carefully in the future. Fortunately, she is needed by Namor and has some support from Talokan, giving Itzel a fighting chance at introducing Talokan to the global community.

Chak Tok

Vanguard

As the Vanguard for Talokan's Army, Chak Tok is always first on the scene. Any interaction, attack, or event that could involve people of the surface world, he is there. He is usually the first to know of emerging threats, making him a vital source of information gathering and reconnaissance. Only a few Talokanils know the full extent of his intelligence network. He strongly believes that Talokan should remain isolated, but is supportive of their alliance with Wakanda.

Balam

Former Commander of Talokanil Army

As an experienced military strategist, Balam has been eagerly waiting for a chance to show Talokan's full force. Now that he is simply just a militant advisor, he prefers peace and prosperity for Talokan. He understands the risk of revealing Talokan to the world, but also recognizes the values of diplomacy. He still has a lot of influence in their military, having access to covert and rapid response forces. Protecting Namor and Talokan's sovereignty remains Balam's highest priority.

Tikal

Vibranium Scientist

Tikal is the Chief Talokanil Scientist responsible for their emerging technologies. His most revered creation was the hydrobomb, the very tool that helped kidnap Shuri and kill Queen Ramonda. Excluding this, Talokanil forces are known for having traditional weapons, but Tikal is slowly changing that. He is definitely a progressive person when it comes to tech, and others praise him for his feats. However, he is willing to bend tradition and go past the line in the name of science.

Atziri

Talokanil Priestess

Atziri is a respected priestess who safeguards Talokan's spiritual traditions and sacred customs. She serves as an advisor on matters of faith, culture, and national identity. She believes Talokan's strength lies in honoring the wisdom of its ancestors. After her sister was killed in Shuri's escape, leading to Namor's attack on Wakanda, she lost almost all trust in Wakanda. She believes that Talokan must fend for itself and not rely on the surface at all.

Muluc

Head of Talokanil Commerce

Muluc oversees Talokan's commerce and resource distribution. Though Talokan remains largely isolated, he manages the kingdom's internal economy and strategic reserves. He advocates for efficient resource management while ensuring Talokan remains self-sufficient. Muluc believes Wakanda's alliance will boost their economy, but also wants the entire Atlantic ocean secured to protect Talokan. Given his role, he has always been a more defensive than offensive person.

Ixchel

Royal Advisor

As a close advisor to Namor, Ixchel is working hard to keep Talokan safe in a peaceful but diplomatic way. As a humanitarian, she believes that preserving life is a foundation of national strength, and that the people of Talokan should follow. She believes that cooperation with Wakanda and the rest of the world is necessary, and that Talokan should not have to rely only on itself. However, Ixchel understands how long of a process this would be and the battles that come with that. She wants Talokan to be seen by the world in a good light.

K'inam Pakal

Historian/Keeper of Archives

Besides Namor, K'inam Pakal is one of Talokan's oldest inhabitants. He is the keeper of Talokan's history and one of the most respected elders. Due to his extensive wisdom, Pakal

uses history and tradition to reflect on what decisions to make in the present. Though his senior years are approaching, his influence spreads across political and military leadership, making him a powerful individual. The stories, traditions, and lessons he preserves is what has guided Talokan to remain a secret for so long.

Nicte-Ha

Innovative Scientist

As a high ranking Talokan scientist, her primary focus is protecting the land (or water) that she grew up in. She also oversees the kelp farms, reefs, and ocean currents that feed Talokan. While her willingness to compromise and her insistence on putting the environment first puts her at odds with several Talokan leaders, she's the best in her field and is respected among academics in Talokan.

Chaac Canul

Talokanil Chief Justice

Canul is a the leading judge, lawyer, and keeper of laws who quietly admires Wakanda's systems and stands to benefit from an alliance. He also admires worldwide agreements and believes that Talokan should have a bigger role in the world, and come out like Wakanda. Many high ranking officials owe their jobs to him.

Others:

Riri Williams

Ironheart

As a young engineering prodigy and MIT student, Riri has unfortunately brought herself between the interests of Wakanda and Talokan. The vibranium detector she created for a simple bet has been utilized by U.S. forces, threatening the secrecy of the kingdom of Talokan. She is the scientist Namor wanted to take out, but Shuri wanted to protect her, which ended up causing the war between Wakanda and Talokan. Although not a politician, Riri is now closely tied with Wakanda and their alliance with Talokan, and her inventions have major implications for global security and diplomacy. Her bulky, put-together prototype suit has evolved into advanced Wakandan-engineered armor that is heavily inspired by Tony Stark/Ironman's suit.

Everett Ross

Former CIA Agent

Ross is a veteran intelligence officer and longtime ally of Wakanda. He was one of the first outsiders to see the true nature of Wakanda after saving Nakia from a bullet and being shot in the process, convincing T'Challa to bring him in to heal. He helped take the throne back from Killmonger, and even helped Queen Ramonda find Riri, though he was eventually arrested for secretly exchanging this classified intelligence with Wakandans. Ross is still interested in U.S. goals, but it is important to him that neither Wakanda or Talokan are oppressed in the process and encourages a peaceful resolution. If it comes to it, he is willing to fight for the preservation of Wakanda.

Bucky Barnes

Winter Soldier/U.S. Congressman

Known as the "White Wolf" in Wakanda, Bucky has had an illustrious past with the nation. He killed King T'Chaka while brainwashed, and was chased down by T'Challa for a short time. Eventually, he sought refuge and stayed in Wakanda for years, where Shuri also removed the brainwash programming in his mind. He was given his metal arm back and owes a great debt to Wakanda and its people. Now as a member of the U.S. Congress, Bucky has the chance to repay his debt.

Valentina Allegra de Fontaine

Director of the CIA

Val is a U.S. Operative pushing to give the outer world access to Earth's strongest metal. As the Ex-wife and Superior of Everett Ross, her goals are to gain possession of a vibranium source in any way she can, even if she has to be sneaky. Fontaine is a very intelligent operative and knows how to improvise to get what she wants. Through her position, she has access to an abundance of resources, and is willing to work peacefully with anyone that further achieves her ambitions.

References:

Black Panther. Dir. Ryan Coogler, Perf. Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan, Lupita Nyong'o, Danai Gurira, and Letitia Wright, Marvel Studios, 2018.

Black Panther: Wakanda Forever. Dir. Ryan Coogler, Perf. Letitia Wright, Lupita Nyong'o, Danai Gurira, Winston Duke, Tenoch Huerta Mejía, and Angela Bassett, Marvel Studios, 2022.

"Black Panther Timeline: The Story So Far | Wakanda Forever and Tragedy in the MCU." *YouTube*, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_toEMhMyXzc. Accessed 1 July 2026.

"History of Talokan." *Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki*, Fandom, https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Talokan. Accessed 30 June 2026.

"History of the Wakandan Royal Council." *Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki*, Fandom, https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Tribal_Council. Accessed 29 June 2026.

"Namor and the Talokanil Powers – Explained." *YouTube*, uploaded by New Rockstars, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IdM0eeooyQo. Accessed 30 June 2026.

"Talokanils Explained." *Screen Rant*, https://screenrant.com/marvel-talokan-underwater-city-explained/. Accessed 30 June 2026.

"Vibranium Explained." *YouTube*, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8lkh5SPQdU&t=47s. Accessed 29 June 2026.

"Wakanda." *Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki*, Fandom, https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Wakanda. Accessed 29 June 2026.

"What Are the Tribes of Wakanda?" *Screen Rant*, https://screenrant.com/every-mcu-wanada-tribe-explained/. Accessed 29 June 2026.