

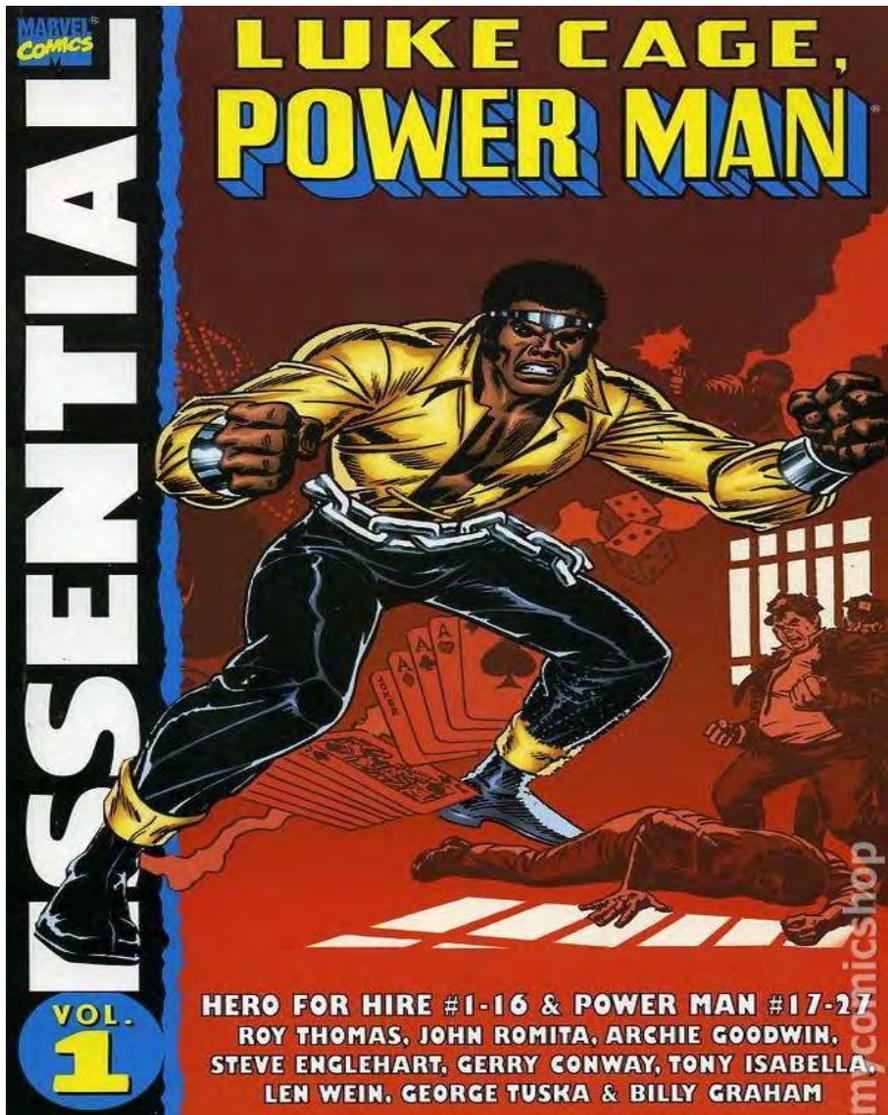
Bulletproof Black Men

Intent: Explore the Blaxploitation era style comic hero 'Luke Cage.' Discuss historical experimentation on Black bodies and the contemporary significance of bullet proof skin in the face of police brutality.

Social Commentary:

- Black men portrayed as heroes/anti-heroes.
- The assumption of guilt and the criminality of blackness.
- The threat presumption of the Black man.

Dialogue Analysis: White scripts, Black faces - an analysis of authenticity.



From Incarceration to Hero

Social Commentary:

- In-depth exploration of stereotypical plotlines and common origins of the 'urban' superhero.
- Challenging depictions of toxic masculinity.
- Silver Age of Comics images of Black men.



Black Women as Military Leaders in Urban Spaces...

A New Dawn: 'Destiny', a young black woman, is a strategic military genius. She has declared, South Central, Los Angeles a sovereign nation within the United States and has the army to defend her community's independence.

Paradigm Shift: The new depiction of military genius - Black Women. The new commonplace of Black women in leadership roles in comic narratives.



Black Women as Leaders

Narrative: Black female leadership and youth angst on a distant planet. The youth of planet earth have been exiled to Scare City where only the strong survive.

Social Commentary:

- Strong female protagonist rises to help her people survive.
- The lead character does not compromise her femininity.
- The protagonist is bi-sexual.



The Educator / SuperHero - Black Lightning

Breaking the Mold: Black Lightning is a community servant in the street and in the classroom.

Social Commentary: Protecting and giving back to the inner city youth.