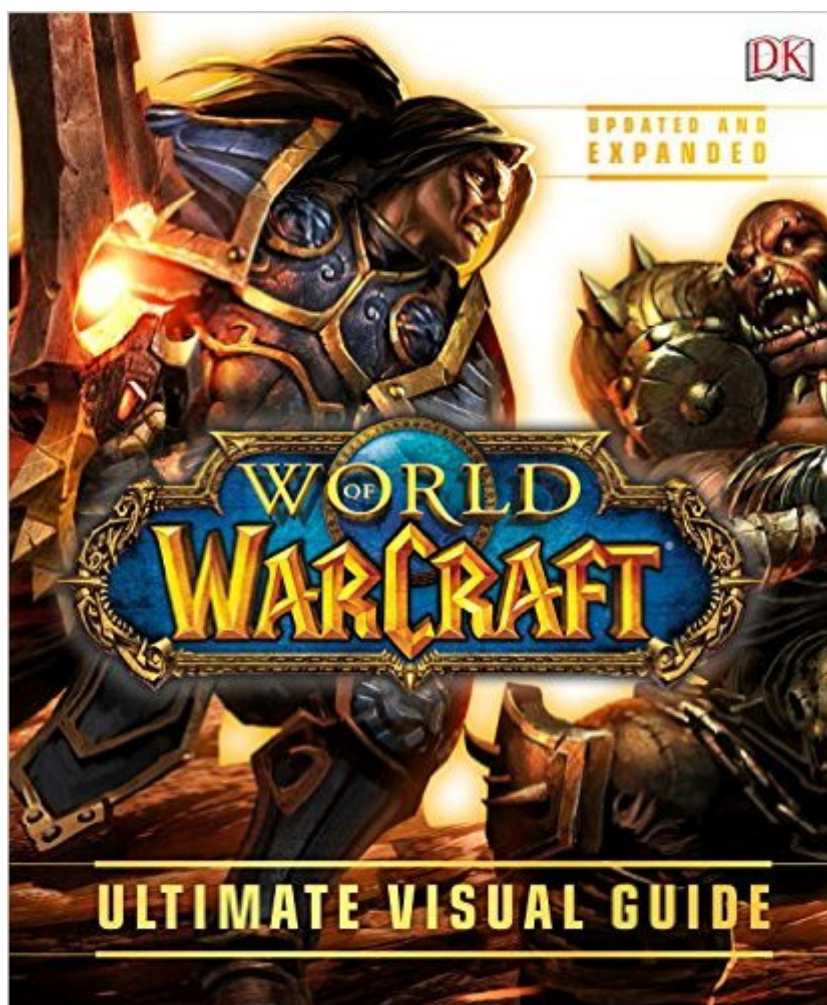


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even cooperation, their shared history has been defined by conflict and bloodshed. Titans and Old Gods The titans are massive, metallic-skinned gods from the far reaches of the cosmos. They travel the universe, bringing order to worlds, and even empowering the primitive races of those worlds to maintain their integrity. Bastions of purity and good, the titans are unable to conceive of evil or wickedness in any form, and constantly struggle to find a way to protect their creations from the chaotic forces of evil that threaten them. Although the current whereabouts of the titans are unknown, over a hundred million worlds have been brought to order by titan hands. Invasion of Pandaria Following the Cataclysm, tensions between the Alliance and Horde finally erupted into all-out war between the two factions. Yet the bloodthirsty military tactics of Warchief Garrosh Hellscream were overshadowed by the discovery of a beautiful land, once thought merely a legend: Pandaria.

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