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MY NAME IS BEN URICH.

DON'T LET APPEARANCES FOOL YOU. I AM AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER FOR THE DAILY BUGLE.

HERE'S WHAT I KNOW.

DIAMONDBACK-- WHO WAS, AT BEST, A LOW-RENT HOODRAT FROM HARLEM (A MILLION YEARS AGO)--SUDDENLY CAME BACK FROM THE DEAD AND IS A REAL CONTENDER FOR KINGPIN OF THE CITY.

ESPECIALLY NOW THAT WILSON FISK, THE UNDISPUTED KINGPIN OF THE CITY, HAS BAILED ON IT TO MAKE A PLAY FOR A LEGITIMATE LIFESTYLE.

I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THIS DIAMONDBACK, BUT I DO KNOW HE HAS SOME BRASS MATZOH BALLS ON HIM.

FIRST OF ALL, HE HAS TO GO UP AGAINST THE BLACK CAT.

SHE IS A MAJOR CRIME FIGURE AND HAS BEEN FOR AS LONG AS I'VE BEEN COVERING THE CRIME BEAT.

BUT INSTEAD, DIAMONDBACK GOES AFTER SOME PROMINENT PEOPLE IN THE CITY, WHICH WAS A HUGE MISTAKE BECAUSE NOW I'M HEARING DAREDEVIL, IRON FIST, LUKE CAGE AND EVEN PRIVATE EYE JESSICA JONES HAVE TEAMED UP TO STOP HIM.

BUT IT'S LUKE CAGE, WHO HAS A REAL HISTORY WITH DIAMONDBACK, WHO TRACKED HIM DOWN FIRST.

LUKE CAGE HAS UNBREAKABLE SKIN, SO DIAMONDBACK POISONED HIM.

AND HE DID IT RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE BLACK CAT. BIG POWER MOVE.

HE LEFT LUKE CAGE TO DIE.

JUST LIKE THAT.

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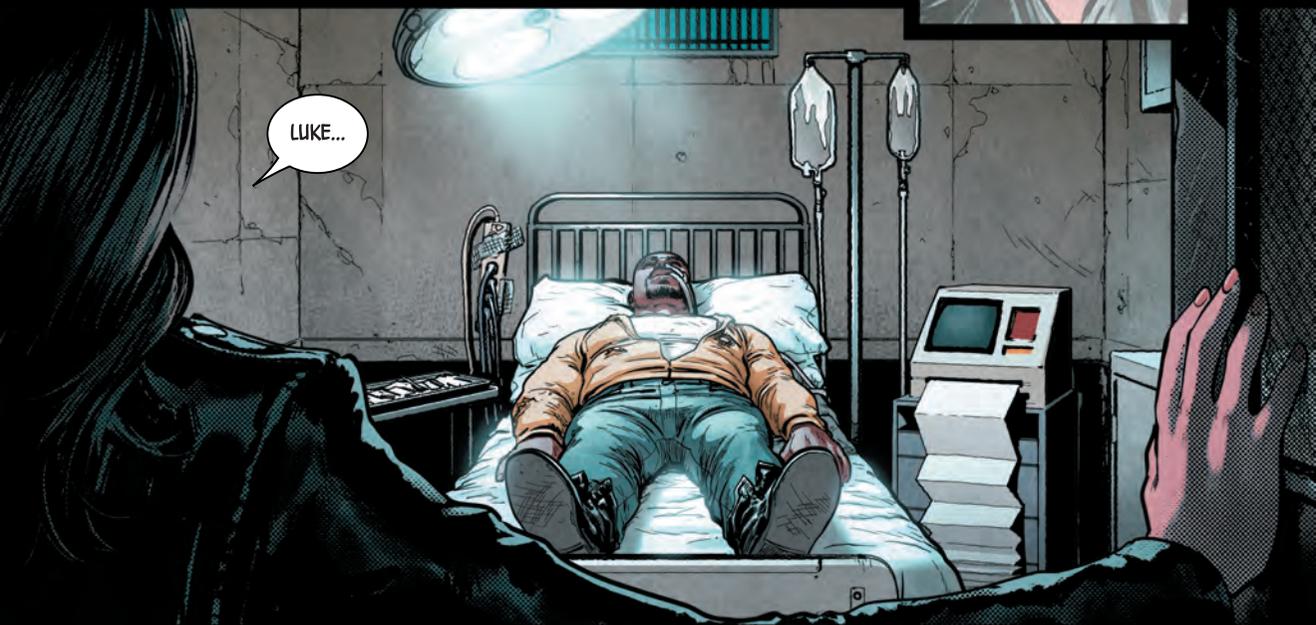
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LINDA CARTER, THE NIGHT NURSE.



OH, GOOD, YOU'RE HERE, MISS JONES.

I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

WHAT--WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?!

THE BLACK CAT.

FELICIA HARDY HERSELF DROPPED HIM OFF.

RIGHT ON MY DOORSTEP.

SHE--SHE DID THIS?



WHAT I COULD GATHER FROM THE BLACK CAT'S UNCHARACTERISTIC MUMBLING IS THAT DIAMONDBACK POISONED HIM.

SO LUKE FOUND HIM FIRST, AND OF COURSE HE WENT AFTER HIM ALONE!



AND GOT HIMSELF POISONED.

DIAMONDBACK COULDN'T BREAK CAGE'S SKIN, SO HE'S KILLING HIM FROM THE INSIDE.

THAT IS IMPRESSIVE PREMEDITATION.

WE NEED TO GET HIM TO A HOSPITAL!



WE NEED TO GET THE ANTIDOTE TO THE POISON.

DO YOU HAVE IT HERE?

NO.



AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, IT'S A TOP-SECRET S.H.I.E.L.D.-GRADE MILITARY COMPOUND.

OVERSEAS MILITARY USE ONLY.

WE SHOULD CALL SOMEBODY!

HOLD ON!

BEEP BEEP BEE EEEEE EE E EEE





COMING IN A LITTLE HOT THERE, DAREDEVIL.

BEN. GOOD.

I NEED A FAVOR.



I FIGURED.

DIAMONDBACK.

HE'S AN UP-AND-COMER.

HE HAS UP AND COME. HE'S IN IT. I NEED TO FIND HIM.



WHAT DID HE DO?

WENT AFTER A COUPLE OF FRIENDS OF MINE: CAGE, MURDOCK...

THE ATTORNEY. YEAH. THE BLIND GUY.

JESSICA JONES...

NO!



WHERE IS HE?



I DON'T KNOW.

I DON'T KNOW HIS PART OF THE WORLD YET.

IT TAKES TIME TO FIND AN IN. A LEAK.

I NEED TO FIND HIM.

