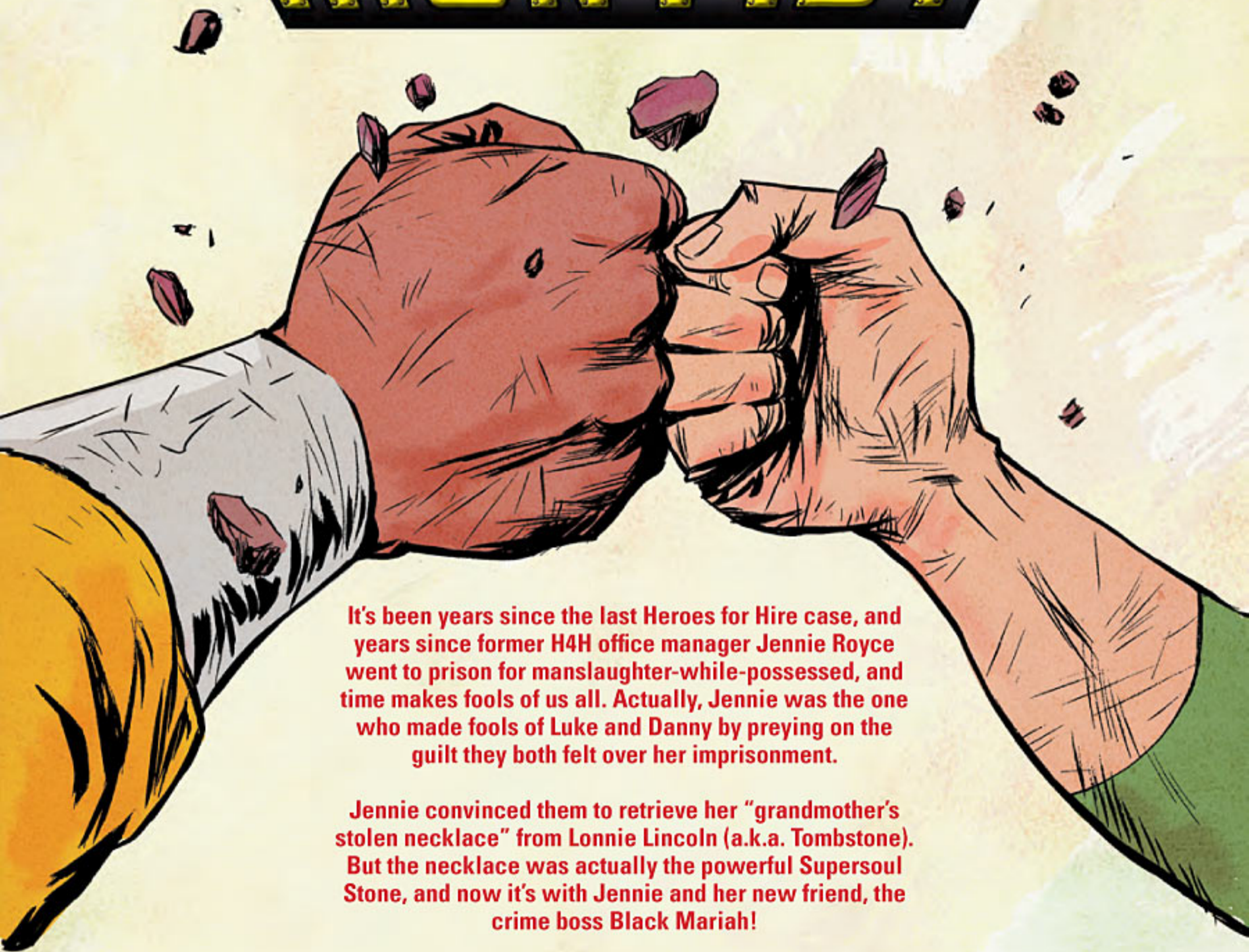


Orphan Daniel Rand earned the power of the Iron Fist in the mystical city of K'un Lun. As an adult, Danny oversees the Rand Corporation and moonlights as Iron Fist: kung fu defender of the innocent.

Prisoner Luke Cage was subjected to experiments that gave him superhuman strength and durability. As Power Man, he's been a hero and an Avenger, and now a husband and father.

Once upon a time, they were the Heroes for Hire.

POWER MAN AND IRON FIST



It's been years since the last Heroes for Hire case, and years since former H4H office manager Jennie Royce went to prison for manslaughter-while-possessed, and time makes fools of us all. Actually, Jennie was the one who made fools of Luke and Danny by preying on the guilt they both felt over her imprisonment.

Jennie convinced them to retrieve her "grandmother's stolen necklace" from Lonnie Lincoln (a.k.a. Tombstone). But the necklace was actually the powerful Supersoul Stone, and now it's with Jennie and her new friend, the crime boss Black Mariah!

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LONNIE "TOMBSTONE" LINCOLN
(CRIME BOSS.)

...DON'T MAKE ME REPEAT MYSELF. I WANT THE SUPERSOUL STONE BACK, I WANT POWER MAN AND IRON FIST...

AND I WANT WHOEVER HIRED THEM TO STEAL IT FROM ME.

SPREAD THE WORD...



HENRY "REAPER" MANIGO
(HENCHMAN.)

GILBERT "GRIM" MANIGO
(HENCHMAN.)

...I'M OFFERIN' A REWARD TO WHOEVER DELIVERS THE GOODS.

SURE THING, BOSS. WHATEVER YOU SAY.

WHAT'D HE SAY?

WAS HE DOIN' THAT MAD WHISPER THING? THAT FREAKS ME OUT.



...YOU HEAR ABOUT POWER MAN AND IRON FIST GETTING BACK TOGETHER?

RUBY THURSDAY

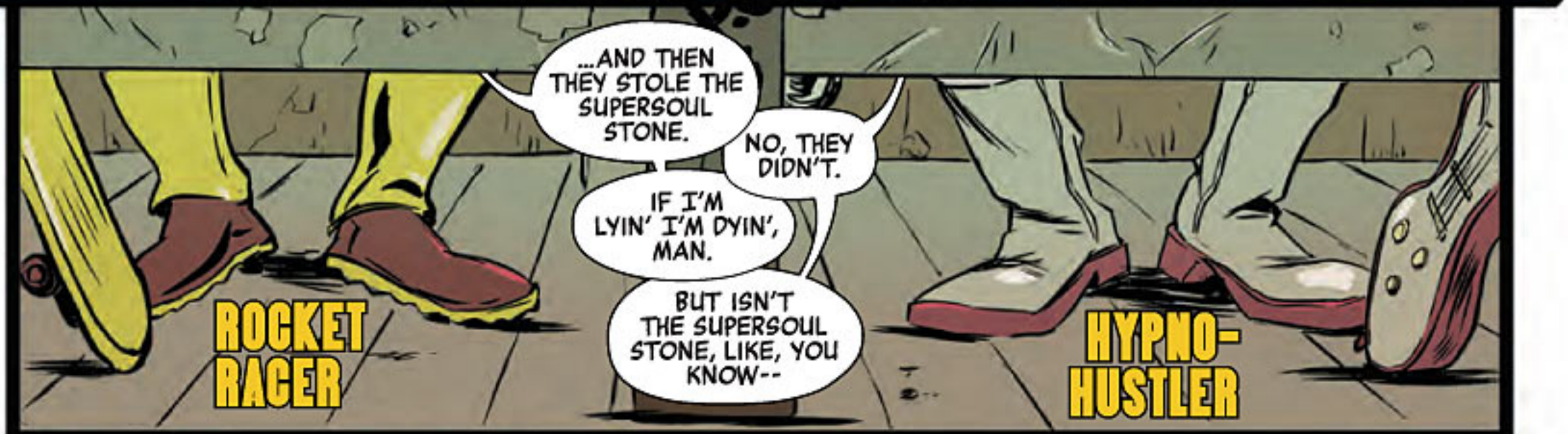
ANGAR THE SCREAMER

I HATE THOSE GUYS.



COCKROACH HAMILTON

...WAY I HEARD IT, THE TWO O' THEM ROLLED UP ON OLD LONNIE, AND BOOM! STRAIGHT JACKED THAT ALBINO SUCKER.



ROCKET RACER

HYPNO-HUSTLER

...AND THEN THEY STOLE THE SUPERSOUL STONE.

NO, THEY DIDN'T.

IF I'M LYIN' I'M DYIN', MAN.

BUT ISN'T THE SUPERSOUL STONE, LIKE, YOU KNOW--



--IT'S WORTHLESS.

THAT AIN'T WHAT I HEARD. ENCHANTRESS TOLD ME--

IF THAT THING HAD ANY REAL VALUE, DO YOU THINK I'D'VE LET TOMBSTONE WIN IT IN A CARD GAME?

THE HOOD

THUNDERBALL



...HEY. YEAH, IT'S ME, ARTHUR...

LISTEN, YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS REWARD TOMBSTONE IS OFFERING FOR SOME WEIRD NECKLACE?

POWER MAN AND IRON FIST STOLE IT FROM HIM.

I DON'T KNOW, HOW HARD COULD THEY BE TO FIND?

YEAH, I HATE THEM, TOO...



MMM-HMM...I HEARD ALL ABOUT IT. SOMEONE JACKED THAT FOOL LONNIE LINCOLN-- YOU KNOW HE AIN'T ALL THAT...

OH, FOR REAL...HE'S OFFERIN' A REWARD FOR WHOEVER DID IT?

I'LL KEEP ME EAR TO THE GROUND...HOLLA ATCHU LATER.

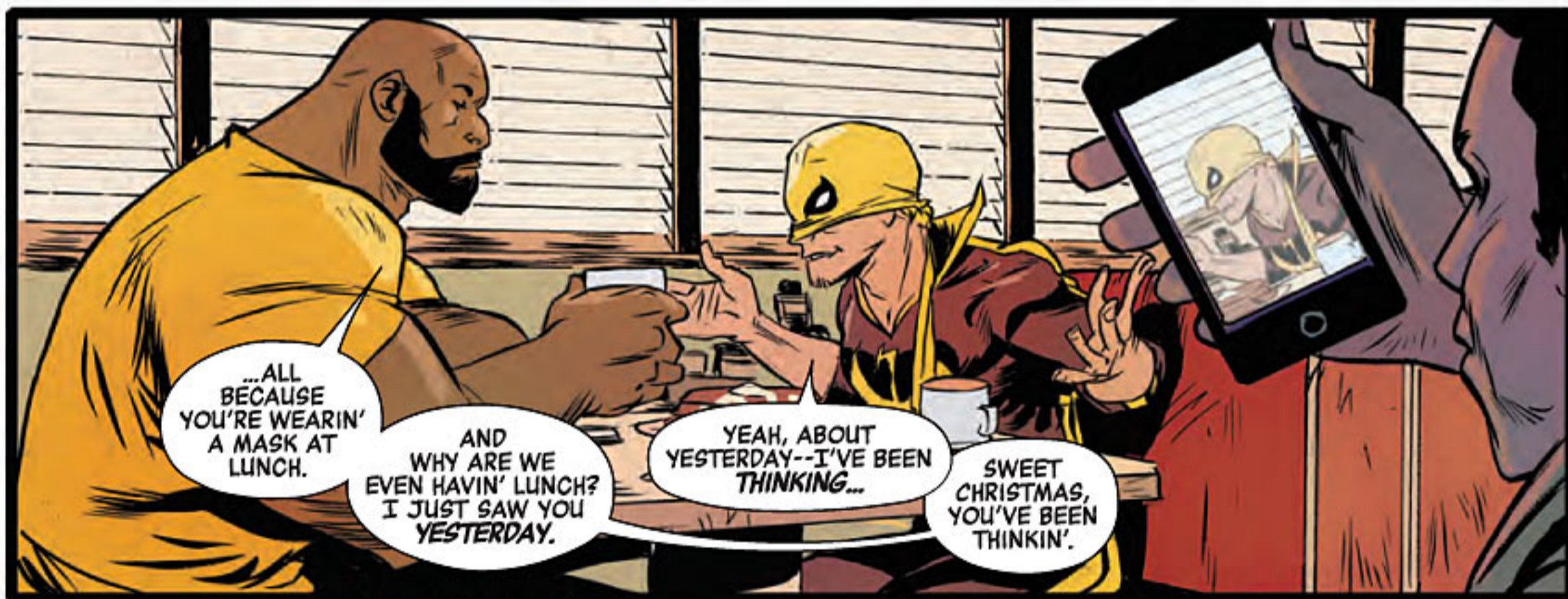
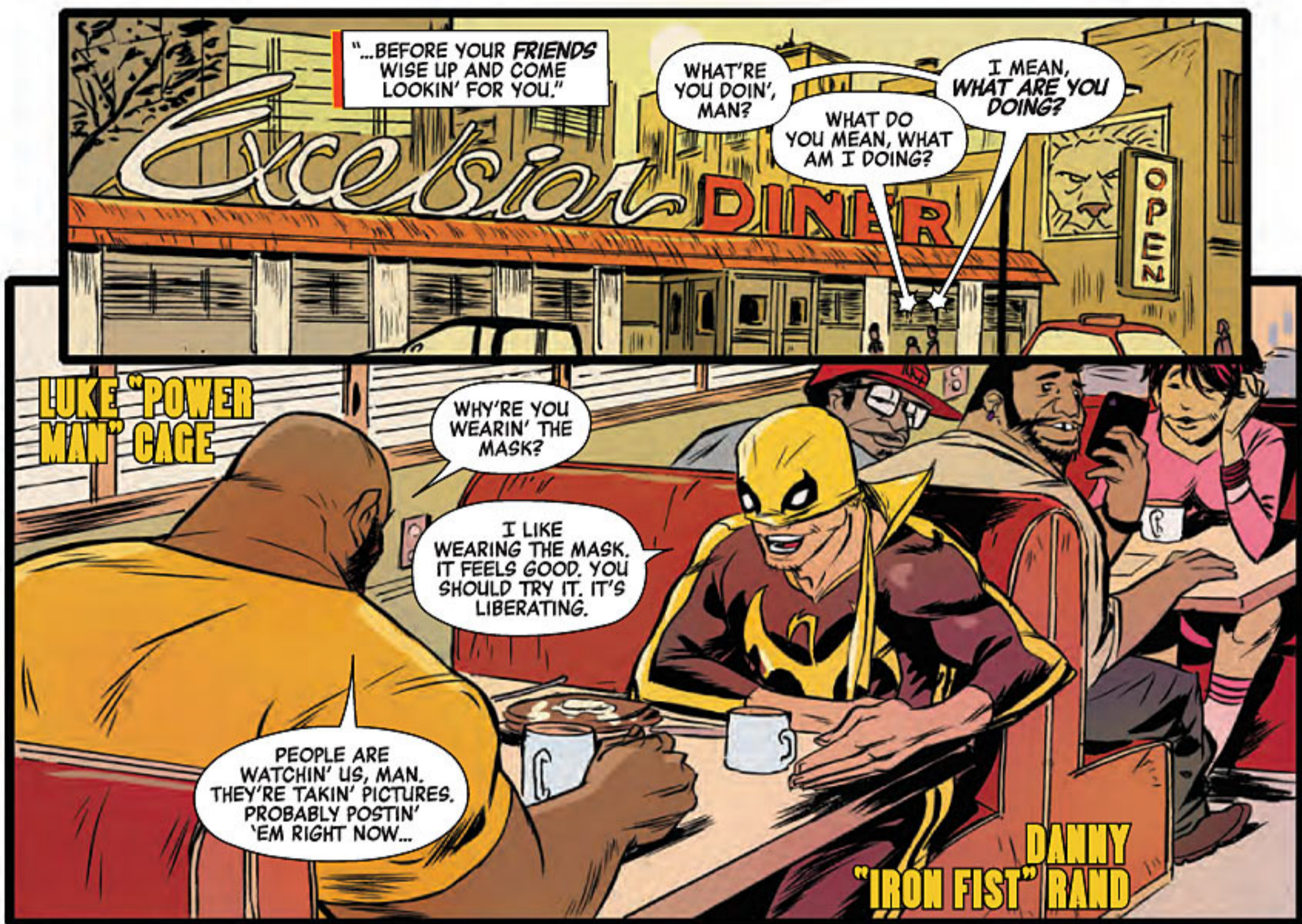


EVERYONE KNOWS SOMEONE GOT POWER MAN AND IRON FIST TO RIP OFF TOMBSTONE...

...AND THAT UGLY ALBINO IS OFFERIN' A REWARD FOR BOTH THE SUPERSOUL STONE AND WHOEVER PLANNED THE CAPER.

WE NEED TO GET OUTTA HERE...

PEOPLE ALREADY KNOW WHAT HAPPENED?



"...THINK ABOUT ALL THE GREAT TIMES WE HAD."

"GREAT TIMES? WHA'CHU TALKIN' 'BOUT, DANNY?"

"AND WE'D TEAM UP WITH MISTY AND COLLEEN. MAN, I MISS MISTY."

"YOU EVER HEAR OF A THING CALLED A PHONE? THAT'S THE CURE FOR MISSING PEOPLE--NOT STARTING A SUPER HERO TEAM."

"THINGS WERE SO MUCH MORE FUN BACK THEN. IT WAS LIKE WE DIDN'T HAVE A CARE IN THE WORLD."



"OKAY, CLEARLY WE'RE REMEMBERING THINGS DIFFERENTLY."



WHAT ELSE HAVE YOU GOT GOING? THERE'S LIKE TWELVE AVENGERS TEAMS AND YOU'RE NOT ON ANY OF THEM, SO IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE BUSY.

THAT AIN'T GOT A THING TO DO WITH IT. BESIDES, I CAN GO BACK TO BEIN' AN AVENGER ANY TIME I WANT.

I LED THE AVENGERS.

ARE YOU EVER GOING TO GET TIRED OF BRINGING THAT UP?

"I'M GETTING TIRED OF WAITING FOR YOU TO BRING ME POWER MAN AND IRON FIST..."

