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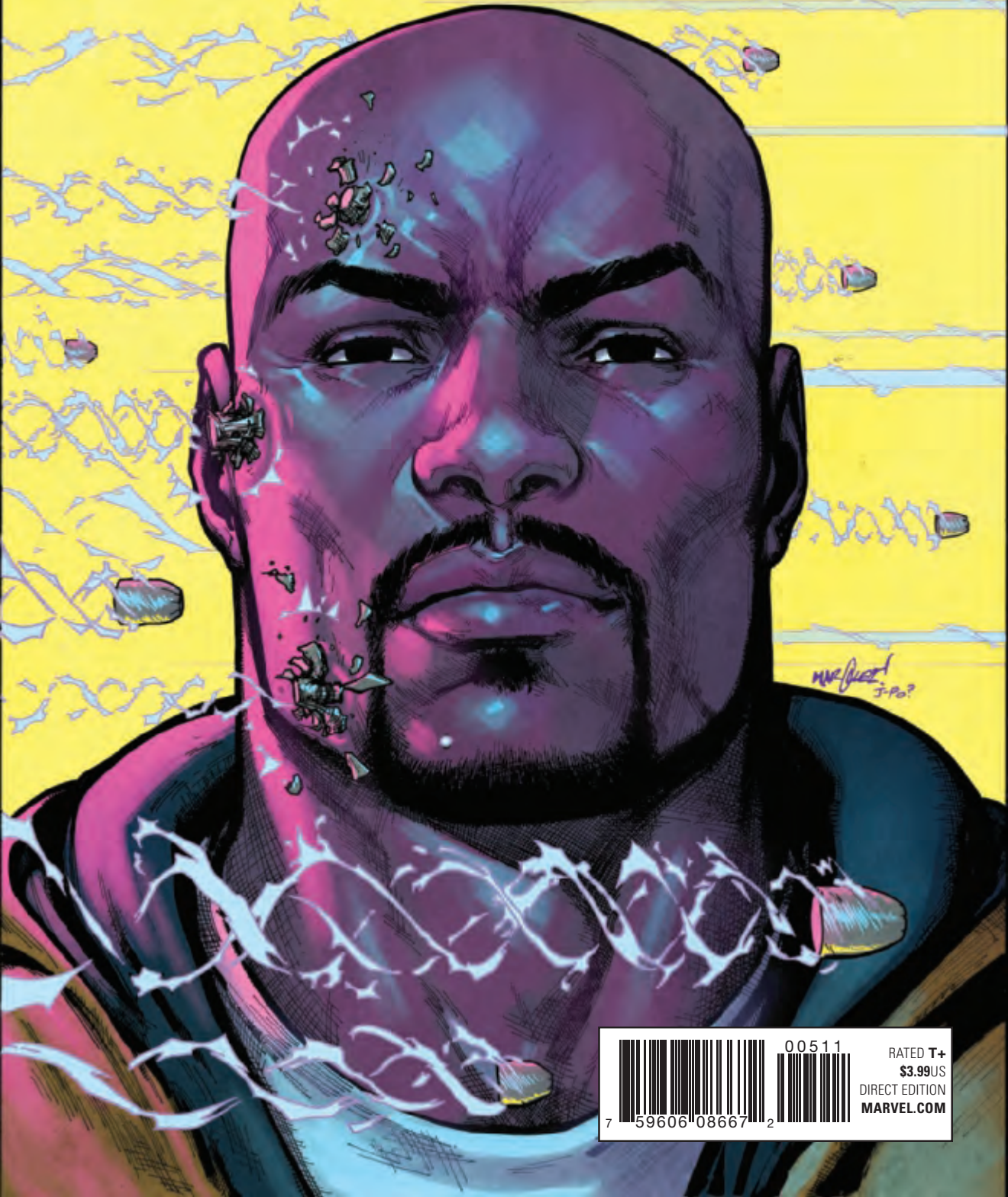
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LUKE CAGE, HELL'S KITCHEN'S DAREDEVIL, IRON FIST AND, FOR SOME DAMN REASON, PRIVATE EYE JESSICA JONES.

ANOTHER ANEMIC, DESPERATE GRAB FOR SOME WATERED-DOWN KIND OF JUSTICE THAT HAS NEVER WORKED.

NOT ONCE.

NOT EVER.

THAT KIND OF JUSTICE IS WHY WE FIND OURSELVES WHERE WE FIND OURSELVES.

BLEEDING TO DEATH IN THE STREETS.

THEY'VE DECIDED TO TEAM UP TO WATCH THE WOLVES TAKE OVER.

DIAMONDBACK. DIAMONDBACK WANTS TO BE THE NEW KINGPIN.

WHAT IS THE MYSTERY OF DIAMONDBACK?

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**DANNY RAND,
THE IRON FIST.**

OWY!

REALLY.

"OWY"?
MAN UP,
FIST.

I SWEAR TO GOD, I THINK
DIAMONDBACK BROKE HIS
BACK TONIGHT.

ALL THINGS
CONSIDERED,
"OWY" IS PRETTY
BADASS.

**LINDA CARTER,
THE NIGHT NURSE.**

OH,
DUDE. YA
BROKE?

NOT, OW,
BROKEN.

MY BODY
IS, AGH, A
TEMPLE.

WELL, YOUR
TEMPLE IS
BROKE, SON.

LINDA, NIGHT
NURSE, THANK
YOU.

I KNOW I'M WHAT
MY OLD SENSEI USED
TO REFER TO AS A
"HUGE KVETCH," BUT YOU
ARE, AS ALWAYS, AN
UNBELIEVABLE HELP
TO US.

IF THERE IS
EVER **ANYTHING**
I CAN DO FOR
YOU--

GET THEM
TO LOWER
MY RENT.

WAIT, YES,
HOLD ON...DID
I NOT BUY YOU
THIS BUILDING?

WHAT?
THIS
BUILDING.
DID I BUY IT
FOR YOU?

**OF
COURSE
NOT.**

OH,
WELL, IT'S
YOURS.



A WHILE AGO, RIGHT, A WHILE AGO I TOLD LUKE I WANTED TO DO SOMETHING FOR YOU.

SOMETHING. A KINDNESS.

DURING THE WHOLE OSBORN THING.

YES.



I THOUGHT I'D BUY YOU A BUILDING OR A CAR OR SOMETHING.

LIKE AN AMBULANCE.

AND FOR THE LIFE OF ME I COULD NOT REMEMBER IF I HAD.

LIKE WITH A BADASS NIGHT NURSE LOGO ON THE SIDE.

YOU KNOW I CAN'T ACCEPT--

YOU DO SO MUCH FOR ALL OF US--



--AND YOU NEVER EVEN LET US PAY FOR SUPPLIES.

THIS IS IT!

IT'S DONE.

THIS IS A TOO MUCH, MR. RAND.

I'M DOING IT.

NO. IT'S TOO--



IT'S NOT. IT'S A BUILDING.

THE UNIVERSE IS VAST.

THIS IS A SMALL TOKEN OF MY--OF ALL OF OUR APPRECIATION.



OUR KIND...

...WE NEED YOU.

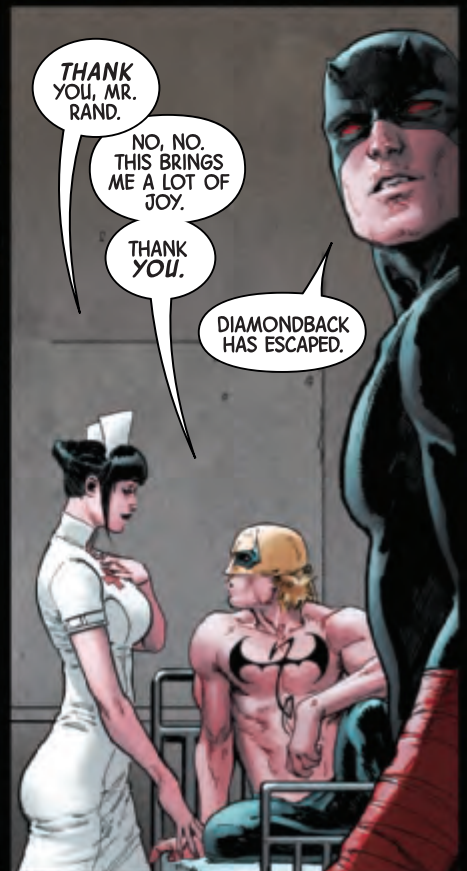
WE BASICALLY LIVE HERE.

WORD.

WE NEED YOU. SOMEONE WITH A BAND-AID AND AN UNDERSTANDING EYE.

AND IN RETURN, LET'S SAY YOU STITCH US UP WHENEVER WE NEED A STITCH-UP.

SO, BASICALLY, THE SAME AS YOU DO NOW.

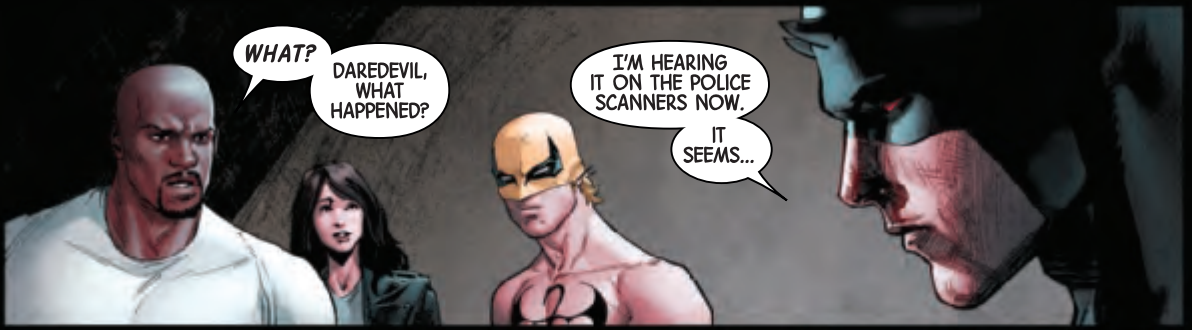


THANK YOU, MR. RAND.

NO, NO. THIS BRINGS ME A LOT OF JOY.

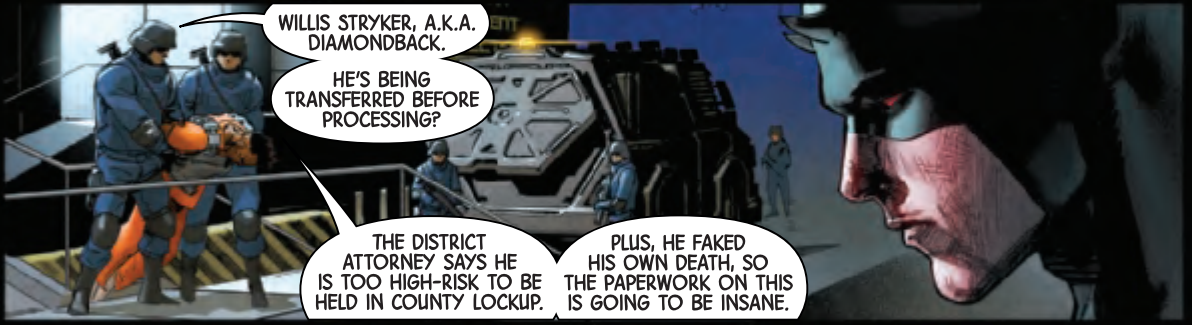
THANK YOU.

DIAMONDBACK HAS ESCAPED.



WHAT?
DAREDEVIL,
WHAT
HAPPENED?

I'M HEARING
IT ON THE POLICE
SCANNERS NOW.
IT
SEEMS...



WILLIS STRYKER, A.K.A.
DIAMONDBACK.
HE'S BEING
TRANSFERRED BEFORE
PROCESSING?

THE DISTRICT
ATTORNEY SAYS HE
IS TOO HIGH-RISK TO BE
HELD IN COUNTY LOCKUP.

PLUS, HE FAKED
HIS OWN DEATH, SO
THE PAPERWORK ON THIS
IS GOING TO BE INSANE.



YOU'RE
LUCKY, STRYKER--
WE HAD AN EMERGENCY
TRANSFER ALREADY
HAPPENING.

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO WAIT
THREE HOURS FOR
THE NEXT ONE.



THEY PUT HIM IN THE
SAME VAN AS THE
PUNISHER? ARE YOU
KIDDIN' ME?

ARE YOU
KIDDIN'
ME?!

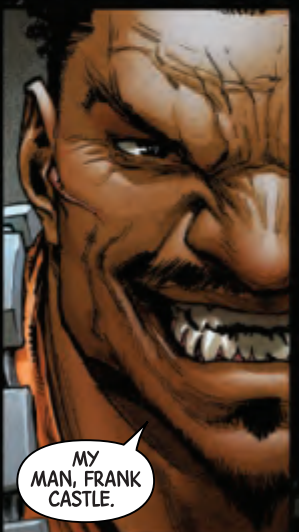
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ASS--)

HOLD ON,
I WANT TO
HEAR WHAT
HAPPENED
NEXT.



OH, I
KNOW WHAT
HAPPENED
NEXT.

MY MAN
WILLIS OPENED
HIS MOUTH.



MY
MAN, FRANK
CASTLE.