

CIVIL WAR III

POWER MAN & IRON FIST

DANIEL RAND IS IRON FIST, KUNG-FU DEFENDER OF THE INNOCENT. LUKE CAGE, SOMETIMES CALLED POWER MAN, HAS SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH AND DURABILITY. HE'S BEEN AN AVENGER, AND IS NOW A HUSBAND AND FATHER. THEY ARE THE HEROES FOR HIRE.

EARTH'S HEROES PREVENTED A CATAclySMIC EVENT THANKS TO AN INHUMAN WHO SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO PREDICT THE FUTURE. ACTING ON HIS VISIONS, CAPTAIN MARVEL HAS SAVED LIVES, BUT NOT WITHOUT TERRIBLE COSTS. AS TENSIONS RISE, EARTH'S GREATEST CHAMPIONS MUST MAKE A CHOICE: PROTECT THE FUTURE...OR CHANGE IT?

LUKE AND DANNY CHOSE NOT TO FIGHT THEIR FRIENDS. BUT THE BATTLE OVER PREDICTIVE JUSTICE CAME TO THEM IN THE FORM OF PREEMPTIVE STRIKE: A GROUP OF VIGILANTES HUNTING ANYONE WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD. SOME OF THEIR TARGETS AND THEIR TARGETS' FAMILIES WERE LOOKING FOR HELP AT H4H HEADQUARTERS WHEN PREEMPTIVE STRIKE, THEN THE POLICE, BUSTED IN. LUKE WAS PULLED AWAY AND ESCAPED, BUT DANNY KICKED A CLIENT FREE FROM AN OFFICER'S HOLD, AND WAS TAKEN IN.

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**DANNY
"IRON FIST"
RAND**

(SUPER HERO,
CURRENTLY IN JAIL,
AWAITING TRIAL
DATE.)

...I APPRECIATE YOU REACHING OUT TO ME, BUT, DANNY, I'M NOT THE PERSON YOU NEEDED TO CALL.

I CAN'T CALL LUKE. HE WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND.

MISTY KNIGHT

(DANNY'S EX-GIRLFRIEND.)

I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

YOU'RE FACING CHARGES FOR ASSAULTING A POLICE OFFICER. WITH YOUR POWERS, THAT'S GOING TO BE BUMPED UP TO ATTEMPTED MURDER.

NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR YOU TO STAND BY SOME HONORABLE CONVICTIONS OF ATONEMENT THAT GOT BEATEN INTO YOU BACK IN K'UN LUN.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M DOING...

THEN WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WHAT KIND OF MORAL STAND ARE YOU TAKING THIS TIME?

WHAT POINT ARE YOU TRYING TO PROVE TO YOURSELF? OR TO LUKE? OR TO ME?

BECAUSE WHATEVER STATEMENT YOU THINK THIS IS MAKING...YOU'RE NOT MAKING IT.

YOU'RE GOING TO PRISON, DANNY.

WITH YOUR PAST--WITH THE ENEMIES YOU'VE MADE--YOU'LL BE A WALKING TARGET. IF YOU'RE LUCKY, YOU'LL BE HELD IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. AND TO BE CLEAR, THAT'S NOT A GOOD THING, EITHER.

"IS THAT IT? DID HE SAY ANYTHING ELSE..."

DECOMMISSIONED S.H.I.E.L.D. SAFE HOUSE.



...LIKE WHY HE CALLED YOU AND NOT ME?

IF YOU WERE HIM, WOULD YOU CALL YOU?

YES.



NO.

I DON'T KNOW.



AT HIS BEST, NO ONE CAN COMPARE TO DANNY. BUT AT HIS...MOST CHALLENGING...WELL...YOU KNOW HIM AS WELL AS I DO.

THIS ISN'T THE DANNY THAT I LOVED. THIS IS THE DANNY I BROKE UP WITH--THE SILENT ONE, WHO BECOMES EMOTIONALLY CLOSED OFF AND TURNS INTO A TICKING TIME BOMB.



I'M NOT LETTING HIM DO THIS.



STOP RIGHT THERE.

WHATEVER YOU'RE ABOUT TO SAY, I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT.

JUST HEAR ME OUT...



NO, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'VE GOT COOKING WITH THESE FOLKS...



...AND I DON'T WANT TO KNOW. THERE'S SOME HEAVY THINGS GOING DOWN RIGHT NOW, LUKE.



PEOPLE ARE TAKING SIDES, JUST LIKE LAST TIME... AND YOU AND I, WE DIDN'T SEE EYE-TO-EYE THEN.

THIS ISN'T ABOUT US AGREEING OR DISAGREEING OVER WHATEVER IT IS CAROL AND TONY ARE FIGHTING OVER--

UNTIL IT IS ABOUT THAT.



GOOD LUCK WITH WHATEVER CRAZY THING YOU DECIDE TO DO. I LOVE YOU BOTH...

MISTY, HOLD UP A SECOND.

BZZT
BZZT
BZZT



...BUT I CAN'T HELP YOU.

JUST WAIT ONE KNICK-KNACK-PADDY-WHACKIN' MINUTE.

WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY TO ME?