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While imprisoned for a crime he did not commit, **Luke Cage** was subjected to medical experiments that gave him superhuman strength and bulletproof skin. Once free, he used his abilities to become a Hero for Hire, protecting people who had nowhere else to turn. His mission has taken him to Wakanda, the Savage Land, even Avengers Mansion, but Luke has never forgotten where he came from.

PREVIOUSLY: Returning home after his trip to New Orleans, Luke Cage unwittingly stopped for lunch in a town under the hypnotic control of the Ringmaster. The mind-controlled police threw him in prison, and Ringmaster erased all Luke's memories. Fellow hypnotized inmate Gonzo Acosta was able to recognize Luke for the hero he is, which got them both in trouble.

As punishment, Luke and Gonzo were sent to work in a mine under the prison. While working, a guard shot an inmate having a seizure from exposure to the mine's toxic waste, and then tried to force Luke and Gonzo to bury the body. Luke decided he'd had enough, and attacked the guards. They opened fire, and the bullets ricocheting off Luke's bulletproof skin hit a support beam—bringing the entire mine down on top of them!

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LET ME TRY TO UNDERSTAND...

YOU SHOT A MAN...WITH BULLETPROOF SKIN...INSIDE A MINE?!




IT ALL HAPPENED SO FAST...WE WEREN'T THINKING.

DIDN'T THINK THE BULLET WOULD RICOCHET AND START A CAVE-IN.



YOU KEEP USING THE WORD "THINK" WHEN CLEARLY IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU DO.



THEY HAVE TO BE DEAD-- THERE'S NO WAY THEY COULD'VE SURVIVED THAT CAVE-IN.



OH, IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK?!

YOU THINK LUKE CAGE IS DEAD?!



I...I START
TO REMEMBER.



NOT EVERYTHING,
AND NOT ALL
AT ONCE.



IT STARTS WITH
MY NAME.



WHEN ALL OF YOUR MEMORIES
ARE TAKEN FROM YOU,
REMEMBERING YOUR OWN
NAME IS A POINT OF LIGHT
IN THE DARKNESS.



FIRST, I REMEMBER
MY NAME...

...WHICH LEADS
TO GRADUALLY
REMEMBERING
WHO I AM.

AND THEN...

...I REMEMBER
WHAT I CAN
DO.





RINGMASTER DID THIS TO ME-- TO ALL OF US--USED SOME KIND OF HYPNOSIS TO ROB US OF OUR IDENTITIES.



HE MADE US FORGET WHO WE WERE. TURNED US INTO HIS SLAVES.



HE RUINED LIVES. KILLED PEOPLE.



THAT ENDS NOW.

YOU OKAY, GONZO?



I DON'T KNOW. FEELS LIKE...I'M WAKING UP FROM A NIGHTMARE.

WHAT'S GOING ON?



RINGMASTER? YOU MEAN THAT IDIOT, MAYNARD TIBOLDT?

THAT'S HIM...



...SOMEHOW, HE MANAGED TO HYPNOTIZE US--AND WHO KNOWS HOW MANY OTHERS. HE'S BEEN IN CONTROL THE ENTIRE TIME.

LOOKS LIKE WHATEVER CONTROL HE HAD, IT'S GONE. AT LEAST FOR NOW.



