





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.

Luke Cage only wanted to get home. On his way back to New York City from a trip to New Orleans, he was pulled over by the local law enforcement, who only let him carry on when he showed his Avengers identification. Thinking little of it, Luke stopped at a roadside diner,

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where a waitress recognized him and confided in him that something strange is going on-her memories don't feel like hers, and she thinks someone is watching her.

> Just then, a SWAT team burst in and interrupted this conversation, with Luke ending up gassed and unconscious. When he came to, he found himself in an unlikely "new home": a full-scale prison in the clutches of the Ringmaster!

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