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GANG WAR

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. FROM AVENGERS MANSION TO GRACIE MANSION (AND THE NY MAYOR'S OFFICE), LUKE HAS NEVER FORGOTTEN WHERE HE CAME FROM.

LUKE CAGE

PREVIOUSLY...

While the gang war rages across the streets of New York, Alistaire Smythe has deployed his retrofitted Spider-Slayers throughout the city. Luke Cage, now in open defiance of the Anti-Vigilante Act, has publicly taken to the streets with his former stealth team: his friend Danny Rand, his wife, Jessica Jones, and fellow vigilantes Cloak and Dagger. Smythe meets them with new troops of robots at every turn—they're overwhelmed. But Danny Rand has a last-ditch idea, an abandoned Rand Corporation tech project that he puts back online and gives to Luke. Meet the Cagebuster!

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IN MY LIFE, THERE ARE
MOMENTS OF BEAUTY
SET BETWEEN BOUTS
OF STRUGGLE.



KNOCK-AROUND
STREET CAT TURNED
DO-GOODER.



DANNY BROUGHT
STABILITY, A PARTNER
TO WALK WITH
THROUGH THIS
NUTTY SUPER-HERO
JOURNEY.



NEW
RELATIONSHIPS
BROADENED MY
HORIZONS.



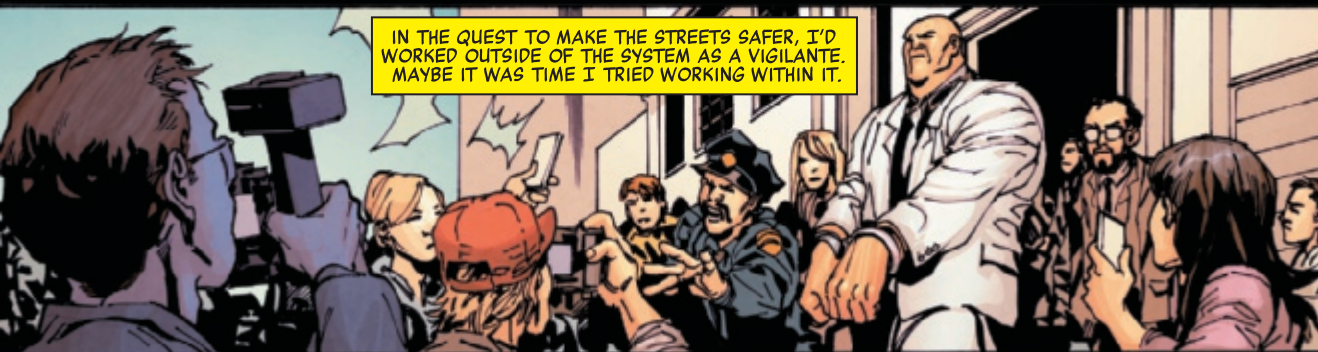
WHAT BEGAN ON THE
STREETS MOVED TO THE
DEPTHS OF MY HEART.



SOMEWHERE
ALONG THE WAY,
I REALIZED I
HAD TO LOOK
BEYOND KNOCKING
HEADS.



IN THE QUEST TO MAKE THE STREETS SAFER, I'D
WORKED OUTSIDE OF THE SYSTEM AS A VIGILANTE.
MAYBE IT WAS TIME I TRIED WORKING WITHIN IT.



DON'T GET IT
TWISTED THOUGH.
PROBLEMS POP OFF,
I CAN STILL...



...FIGHT!

BAAAAAMM

UH...
WHAT'S LUKE...
WEARING?

I'M
CALLING IT THE
CAGEBUSTER.

CATCHY.

ONLY
IF WE CAN
TRADEMARK
IT.





WHEN IT WAS THREE ON ONE, Y'ALL LOOKED GOOD. ODDS'RE MOVING IN MY FAVOR NOW, BABY!



ANTI-VIGILANTE ACT BE DAMNED.

PRETTY MUCH.



WHAT ARE Y'ALL STANDING AROUND FOR? TIME TO WHUP SOME ROBOT ASS!

WHAT'S HE THINK WE'VE BEEN DOING?

LUKE'S CAUGHT UP IN THE MOMENT.

IF YOU HAD A SUIT LIKE THAT, YOU WOULD BE TOO.

YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.



NICE WEAPONRY, CAGE! BUT ANTIQUATED WHEN COMPARED TO MY TECH!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, SMYTHE!



LET'S SEE WHAT THIS THING CAN DO!