

PEOPLE COME TO ME WITH THEIR PROBLEMS.

I THINK YOU KNOW WHY I'M HERE.

MOSTLY IT'S PEOPLE WHO FEEL LIKE THE COPS DON'T CARE...

DON'T CAUSE NO TROUBLE, MR. CAGE... PLEASE.

YOU KNOW HOW IT IS, MARLON. DON'T START NONE...

...OR THE AVENGERS ARE PAYING ATTENTION TO BIGGER PROBLEMS.

...WON'T BE NONE.

MAYBE THEY'D CALL SPIDER-MAN--IF HE WAS LISTED.

MISS LARONDA. MR. CAGE.

I HEAR SOMEONE RENTED OUT YOUR BANQUET ROOM--THE SPECIAL ONE.

THAT WHAT YOU HEAR? IF YOU LOOKIN' FOR 'EM, I SHOULD'VE CHECKED THEIR REFERENCES MORE CLOSELY.

MY NUMBER--THAT THEY HAVE.

THIS'LL COVER ANY POTENTIAL DAMAGES TO THE PROPERTY.

MUCH APPRECIATED. THEY DOWNSTAIRS--YOU ALREADY KNOW THE WAY.

TAKE IT EASY ON 'EM.

CAN'T MAKE ANY PROMISES.

THEY CALL ME, 'CAUSE THEY KNOW...

...THEY KNOW THEY
CAN COUNT ON ME.

PEOPLE THINK HAVING
BULLETPROOF SKIN
MEANS YOU DON'T FEEL
THE BULLETS. NOT TRUE.

SLAM

YOU FEEL 'EM,
ESPECIALLY THIS
CLOSE.

EVERYONE SAYS I NEED TO
INVEST IN BULLETPROOF
SHIRTS, BUT THE TRUTH
IS THIS...

...WHEN THE SLUG FROM A NINE
MILLIMETER RIPS THROUGH YOUR
SHIRT BUT BOUNCES OFF YOUR
SKIN...WELL...THAT SCARES THE
HELL OUTTA THE BAD GUYS.

I BUY MY SHIRTS IN BULK--
AT COST. IT'S WORTH THE
INVESTMENT.

BANG

THWACK

KRAK



ONE MORE
MOVE, AND I
BLOW SHORTY'S
BRAINS ALL OVER
THE PLACE.

WHAT
THE...



...WHAT'RE
YOU DOIN'
HERE?!

COME TO
TAKE YOU
HOME.



MY PARENTS SENT YOU, DIDN'T THEY? LISTEN,
MY BOYFRIEND AND I ARE *GROWN-UPS*,
AND WE DON'T NEED HELP.

HE'LL BE HERE
ANY MINUTE TO PAY
THESE FOOLS THE MONEY
HE OWES THEM, THEN
WE'RE GOIN' HOME!



YOUR BOYFRIEND SKIPPED TOWN
AFTER HE TOLD YOUR PARENTS
YOU WERE BEING HELD
FOR RANSOM.

THEY
CALLED ME.

NOW
I'M HERE.



WHAT?!

YOU LYIN'--
MARKEESE WOULDN'T
DO ME LIKE THAT!
HE LOVES ME!

WHAT ABOUT
THE MONEY HE
OWES ME?! I
WANT MY FIVE
GRAND!



HOLD UP
THERE, BIG WORM...
YOU TELLIN' ME YOU
WENT THROUGH ALL THIS
TROUBLE--KIDNAPPING,
SENDING A RANSOM
NOTE--ALL OF THAT,
FOR FIVE GRAND?

