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# THE DEFENDERS



I'M WITH--WE'RE CALLING OURSELVES THE DEFENDERS.

HAVE YOU HEARD OF US?

IT'S ME, LUKE CAGE, IRON FIST AND DAREDEVIL, AND WE ARE DESPERATELY TRYING TO SHUT DOWN THIS--THIS GANG WAR BUILDING UP BETWEEN POTENTIAL KINGPINS IN THE NEW YORK CITY AREA.

HAVE YOU BOTHERED TO LOOK OUTSIDE? WILSON FISK IS NO LONGER THE KINGPIN AND EVERYONE FROM THE BLACK CAT TO DIAMONDBACK IS LOOKING TO GRAB EVERYTHING THEY CAN GET THEIR HANDS ON.

NOW, I KNOW THE POLICE IN THIS CITY HAVE THEIR HANDS FULL, AND GOD KNOWS I KNOW THERE'S AN ALIEN INVASION AROUND EVERY CORNER, BUT IF WE DON'T SHUT DOWN WHAT'S HAPPENING--AND I MEAN TOMORROW--PEOPLE ARE GOING TO DIE.

DIAMONDBACK HAS A NEW COSMETIC DRUG ON THE STREET THAT IS KILLING PEOPLE.

IT GIVES THEM POWERS FOR A SECOND AND THEN IT KILLS THEM.

KILLS.

SO I'M ASKING YOU FOR A HUGE FAVOR, AND I KNOW I DON'T DESERVE IT...

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...BUT MISTY, I NEED TO TALK TO THE PUNISHER.

JESSICA JONES, THIS IS A POLICE DEPARTMENT, NOT A--

MISTY.

I KNOW YOU HATE ME.

AND, HEY, NO SECRET, I DON'T CARE FOR YOU.



I DON'T WANT TO BE ANYWHERE NEAR YOU BECAUSE, WELL, YOU ONCE TOLD MY HUSBAND I'M A "HOT GARBAGE FIRE" AND THAT HE SHOULD STAY THE HELL AWAY FROM ME BEFORE I GOT HIM KILLED WITH MY LOSERNESS.

AND YOUR METAL ARM SMELLS WEIRD TO ME.



KNOWING ALL THAT, I'M STILL HERE ASKING YOU FOR A FAVOR BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO DIE.



I WAS WRONG.

YOU AND LUKE ARE PERFECT FOR EACH OTHER.

GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE, JONES, AND LET THE PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT...DO SOME PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT.

GO FIND SOME ALIEN NINJAS TO PUNCH.

I'M VERY TIRED AND I'M--







A DEAD UNIVERSE! A DEAD UNIVERSE! A DEAD UNIVERSE!

WHOA!



SWEET CHRISTMAS...



PLEASE.

IT'S GOTTA BE HER?

HE AIN'T GONNA TALK TO ME.



YOU HAVE A VISITOR, FRANK...



