

Luke Cage S1:E3

Cotton Mouth

Mariah

Mariah

What do you mean everything is fine?

Cotton Mouth

Like I said everything is fine.

Mariah

You got welders reinforcing doors to rooms I don't even go in to. What are they doing?

Cotton Mouth

We got hit today. We need to take precautions.

Mariah

Get the bars down. The place looks like a God damned prison now; and what do you mean we? You got hit again this morning?

Cotton Mouth

Four of my stash houses were hit today. Fort Knox is the contingency plan. That's always been the plan if shit goes down.

Mariah

That is not a plan, that's a reaction. You ever hear of not putting all you eggs in one basket?

Cotton Mouth

Look at it. One way in, one way out. Sightlines as far as the eye can see. Ain't nobody going up in the projects. We got that shit on lockdown.

Mariah

They are not projects. It's going to be a community as soon as I get the rest of the funding and we start construction.

Cotton Mouth

(Laughing) That's just spent. It's a front Mariah. It's always been a front.

Mariah

Its real! This affordable housing initiative is gonna change things man!

Cotton Mouth

Let me worry about the street shit. You're just a Laundromat for the money.

Mariah

No, I'm not. I'm the face on the money.

Cotton Mouth

So what's that make me, loose change?

Mariah

You are a strong asset; whose reckless actions are often a liability. Cryspus Attucks is real Cornell. Nothing I do is a hustle. I sincerely care about what happens up here. The only way to save Harlem is to do it legally. Fortified against the real invaders.

Cotton Mouth

(Chuckling) Whatever, it's the same as its always been and you know it. Keep living in that fantasy land.

Mariah

Its gotta be a fantasy before it can become a reality. Look around; Mama Mable loved this place. It was her political connections that got that jungle gym over there built.

Cotton Mouth

(Chuckling) We doing this for jungle gyms? Those political connections were just freaky old men she blackmailed to push the paperwork through.

Mariah

Why do you think she blackmailed those politicians? It was all to serve a greater good. Have you forgotten that?

Cotton Mouth

No

Mariah

This building may be your bank right now, but the Crispus Attucks, Madame C.J. Walker, Adam Clayton Powell, Shirley Chisholm complexes will be vibrant communities reflecting the change that's gonna keep Harlem Black... and us in the green.

Cotton Mouth

You worry about the Black and I'll protect out green. Fort Knox is central to that; you just need to be ready.

Mariah

I stay ready baby.

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Detective Misty

Luke Cage

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And there's the bartender Luke Cage, right in the center of the night club, of the barber shop, of everything. Where are you going?

Luke

To see a friend.

Detective Misty

Umm...

Luke

Woman what's your problem? I've done nothing?

Detective Misty

There's only one person who worked for both Pops and Cotton Mouth and that's you. In the past 72 hours three people connected are dead: Shameek, Dante, and Pop. AND there was another shooting this morning tied to all of this, would you call that nothing?

Luke

And all of that is on me? Why don't ya'll find Pops killer instead of being all up in my business?

Detective Misty

Your business and our investigation are one in the same.

Luke

(Seductively) You know where I live. You
wanna work some things out? We can
always do it there. You can even bring
handcuffs this time.

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