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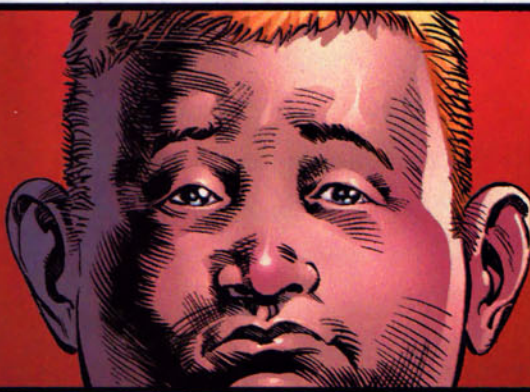
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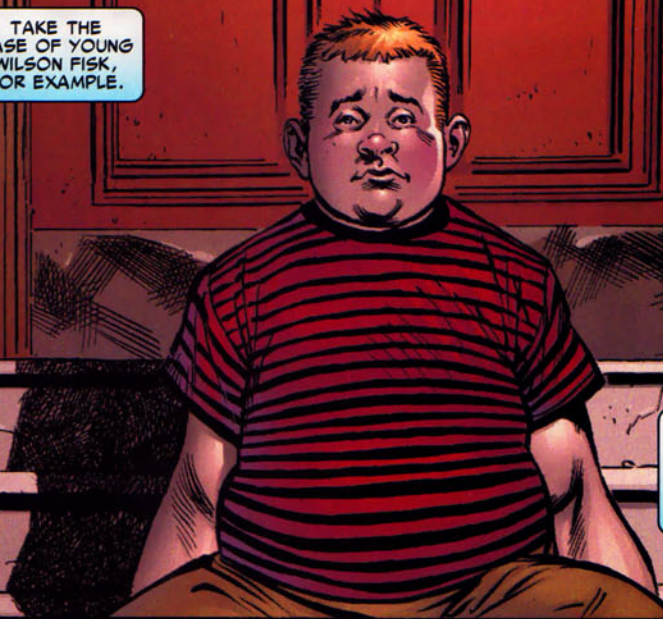
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JOHNSON

KIDS
CAN BE
MEAN.



TAKE THE
CASE OF YOUNG
WILSON FISK,
FOR EXAMPLE.




HE WAS--BY HIS
OWN ADMISSION, MIND YA--
BELIEVE ME, I WOULDN'T
BE SAYIN' THIS OTHERWISE--
NOT WHAT YA WOULD CALL
AN ATHLETIC CHILD.

CIVIL WAR: WAR CRIMES

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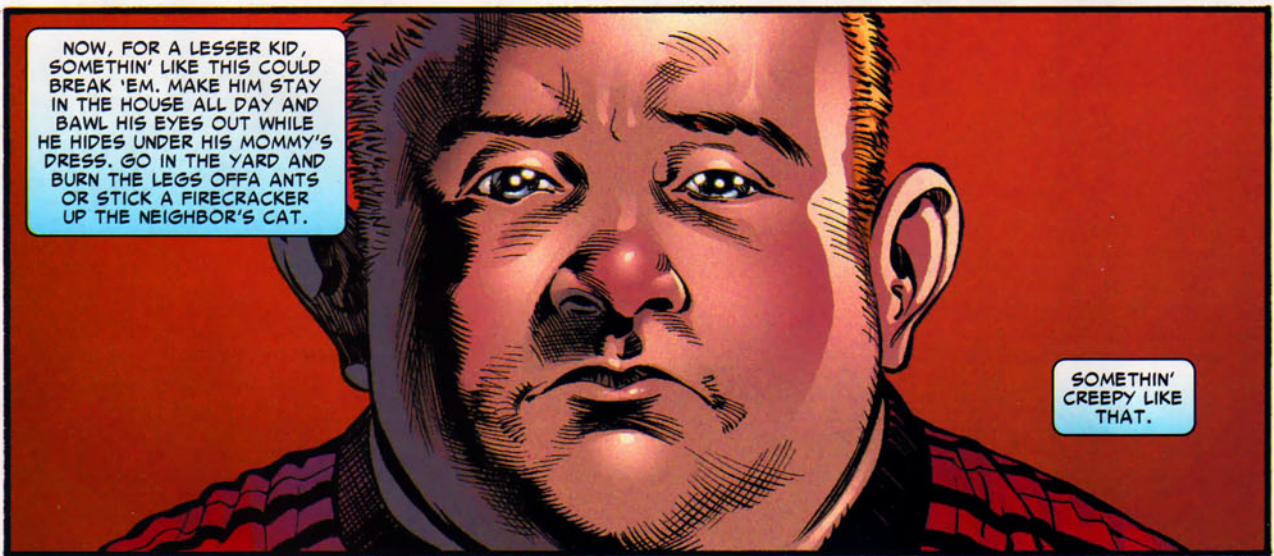


TO THE KIDS ON HIS
BLOCK, THAT WAS ALL
THE EXCUSE THEM LITTLE
MOOKS NEEDED TO
NOT LET OUR BOY
WILSON PLAY IN THEIR
REINDEER GAMES.



SO HERE HE
WAS, OUR BOY WILSON--A
CHUBBY LITTLE KID SITTING
THERE ON THE SIDELINES ALL
BY HIMSELF--HAVIN' NOTHIN'
TO DO BUT WATCH.

LIKE I
SAID, KIDS CAN
BE MEAN.



NOW, FOR A LESSER KID,
SOMETHIN' LIKE THIS COULD
BREAK 'EM. MAKE HIM STAY
IN THE HOUSE ALL DAY AND
BAWL HIS EYES OUT WHILE
HE HIDES UNDER HIS MOMMY'S
DRESS. GO IN THE YARD AND
BURN THE LEGS OFFA ANTS
OR STICK A FIRECRACKER
UP THE NEIGHBOR'S CAT.

SOMETHIN'
CREEPY LIKE
THAT.



BUT NOT
OUR BOY WILSON.
NO SIREE, BOB.

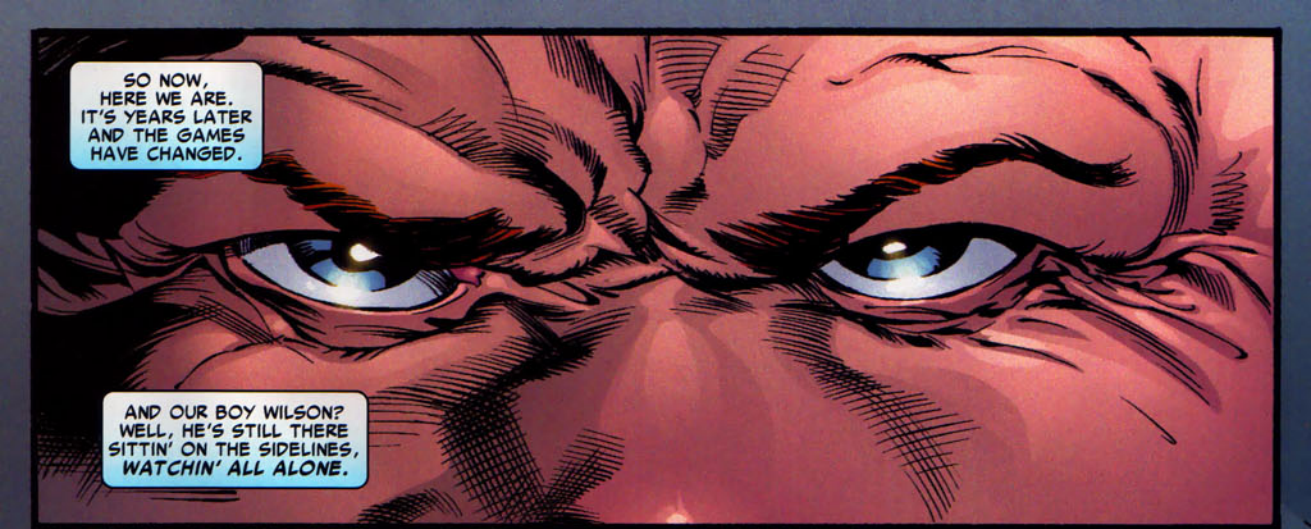
OUR
BOY WILSON
WATCHES
THE GAME.

HE WATCHES AND
HE EVENTUALLY
LEARNS THE GAME.

AND PRETTY SOON...
HELL, EVEN BEFORE
THEM STUPID KIDS
KNOW WHO THE @##%
THEY'RE DEALIN' WITH...




HE
CONTROLS
THE GAME.



SO NOW,
HERE WE ARE.
IT'S YEARS LATER
AND THE GAMES
HAVE CHANGED.

AND OUR BOY WILSON?
WELL, HE'S STILL THERE
SITTIN' ON THE SIDELINES,
WATCHIN' ALL ALONE.

RIKER'S ISLAND
MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON.



BUT ONLY
BECAUSE THAT'S
THE WAY HE
LIKES IT.



PLEASE!
I DIDN'T KNOW!
I SWEAR ON
MY KIDS!

YOU AIN'T
GOT ANY KIDS,
CHARLIE.

AND AS FOR
YOU NOT KNOWIN'?
PLEASE. EVERYBODY AND
THEIR MOTHER KNOWS
SHOWER STALL #14
IS OFF-LIMITS.



RESERVED
FOR THE BIG
GUY AND THE
BIG GUY
ALONE.



NOW, EVEN HE
MIGHT A' EXCUSED
ONE LITTLE SLIPUP...
BUT AFTER WHAT
YA DID IN THERE
BESIDES?

AAAAHHH!

CRACK!



MY
ARM...

YA WANT
I SHOULD HURT
HIM SOME MORE,
MONTANA?

AIN'T
NECESSARY,
PARDNER. THE
ARM'S ALL
WE'RE GETTING
PAID FER.



SPEAKIN'
A' WHICH...

I WANNA
KNOW WHEN
WE'RE GETTIN'
OUR--

WHERE THE HELL DO YA THINK YOU'RE GOING, FANCY DAN?



YOU KNOW THE RULES.

THE TABLE... SOMETIMES CALLED THE "KINGPIN'S SKY BOX". OTHER THAN THE OCCASIONAL GUARD, NO ONE APPROACHES IT.

NO ONE, EXCEPT ME.



HE'S SORRY, PARDNER. HE JUST PLUM FORGOT FOR A MINUTE, THAT'S ALL.

YEAH, I DIDN'T MEAN NO DISRESPECT, TURK. HONEST.



SORRY, MR. FISK!

SHADDUP, YOU.

THE GOODS YOU'VE BEEN PROMISED ARE ALREADY WAITIN' FOR YA IN YOUR CELL.

ONE CASE OF CHEWIN' TOBACCO...

...TWO CASES OF OREO DOUBLE STUFFS...

...AND ONE TRANSISTOR RADIO.



NOW REMEMBER, YOU MOOKS, I GOT DIBS ON THE RADIO. WHICH MEANS WE AIN'T GONNA BE HEARIN' NONE OF THAT COUNTRY WESTERN CRAP.

YEAH. NONE OF THAT COUNTRY WESTERN CRAP, MONTANA.



AND NO LIMBAUGH, NEITHER.

WHAT? AIIWWW, COME ON, DAN.

SHADDUP, I SAID.

MR. BARRETT...





YOUR JOB IS A SIMPLE ONE. TO CONDUCT MY BUSINESS AND PETER UNWANTED INTERACTION. IF YOU ARE FINDING YOUR DUTIES TOO DIFFICULT, PERHAPS WE'LL FIND SOMEONE BETTER SUITED FOR THEM.

MY APOLOGIES, MR. FISK. IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN.



PFFT...MY JOB'S A SIMPLE ONE, HE SAYS. THAT'S A LAUGH.

I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHIN' LESS SIMPLE THAN ACTIN' AS THE KINGPIN'S "BUFFER".



BRIBIN' GUARDS. DEALIN' WITH CONS. HANDLIN' WHAT NEEDS TO BE HANDLED FOR FISK IN HERE.

BASICALLY PAINTIN' A NICE, FAT BULL'S-EYE ON MY HEAD WHILE THE KINGPIN KEEPS HIS HANDS CLEAN.

LIKE I SAID...PFPT. SIMPLE.

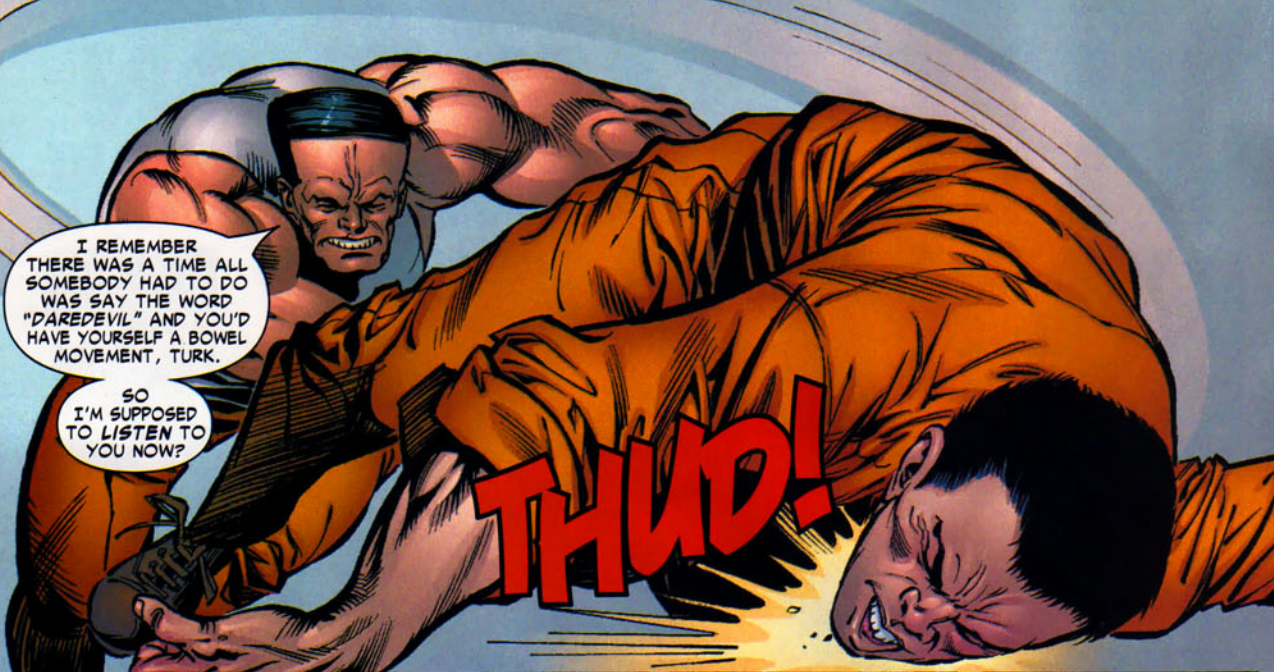


AW GEEZ, WHAT IS IT NOW?



NO APPROACHIN' THE TABLE. YOU KNOW THE--

SHUT THE #+& UP.



I REMEMBER THERE WAS A TIME ALL SOMEBODY HAD TO DO WAS SAY THE WORD "DAREDEVIL" AND YOU'D HAVE YOURSELF A BOWEL MOVEMENT, TURK.

SO I'M SUPPOSED TO LISTEN TO YOU NOW?

THUD!



WHAT'S UP, WILLIE?

HAMMERHEAD.

OH MY GOD...

...I'M A DEAD MAN.



I UNDERSTAND WE'LL SOON BE DEPRIVED OF YOUR WONDERFUL COMPANY.

YEP. OUT ON THE GREATEST WORD IN THE APPEAL PROCESS...

TECHNICALLY.



BULLY FOR YOU. NOW, IF YOU'VE COME TO SAY YOUR GOODBYES, YOU'VE SAID THEM, SO IF YOU DON'T MIND...



SHAME.

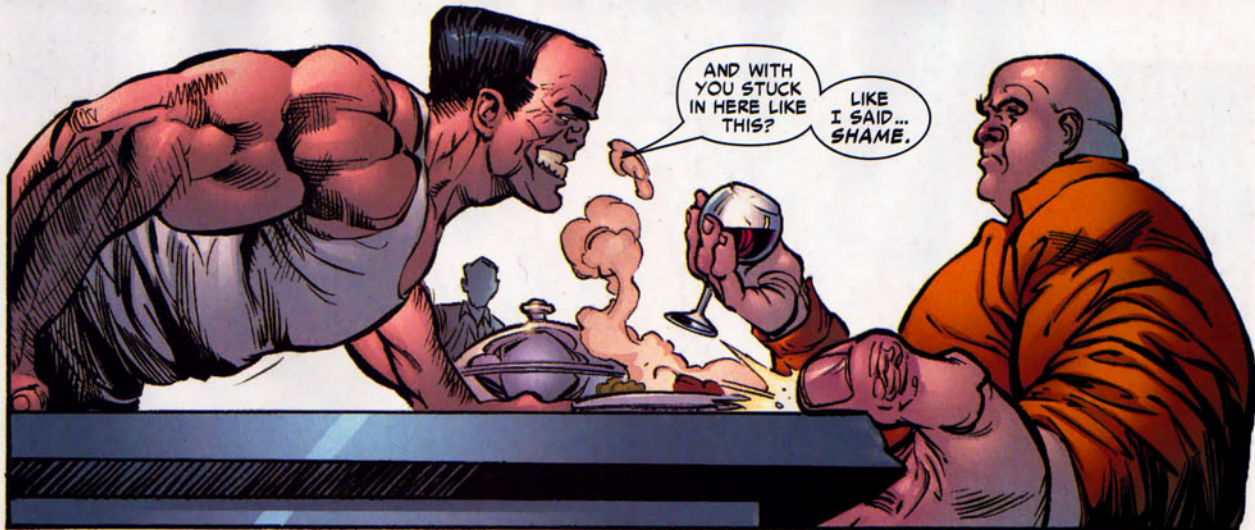
EXCUSE ME?

WITH EVERYTHIN' GOIN' ON OUT THERE... HERO FIGHTIN' HERO AND ALL THAT.



FER GUYS LIKE YOU AND ME? WELL, I AIN'T GOTTA EXPLAIN TO YOU HOW THE RIGHT SORT'A GUY COULD THRIVE IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS. LIKE HITTIN' THE FREAKIN' LOTTO, FER CRISSAKES.

BUT AS THEY SAY: "YA GOTTA BE IN IT TO WIN IT."



AND WITH YOU STUCK IN HERE LIKE THIS?

LIKE I SAID... SHAME.



MOVE ALONG, HAMMERHEAD. YOU DON'T WANT ANY PROBLEMS YOUR LAST DAY HERE.

OH NO? HE SURE AS HELL GAVE ME ONE...



BE SEEIN' YA, WILLIE! I'LL SEND YA A POSTCARD FROM MY NEW THRONE.

HEH. HEH.



I'LL BE LUCKY TO MAKE IT THROUGH DESSERT...



I GOT A NOTE HERE FOR FISK.

UM...I DON'T THINK THIS IS REALLY THE BEST TIME... MAYBE LATER...?

IT'S A VISITOR. AND CONSIDERING WHO IT IS...



I THINK YOU'D BETTER GIVE IT TO HIM NOW.



IT'S BEEN QUITE A WHILE SINCE I'VE SEEN IT, ANTHONY...



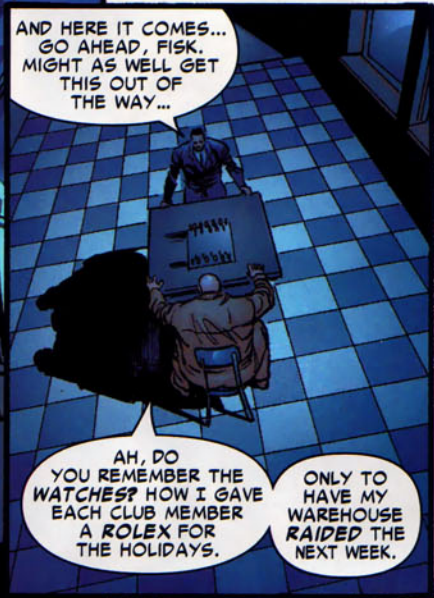


...OR DO YOU PREFER "IRON MAN" THESE DAYS?



TONY WILL DO FINE.

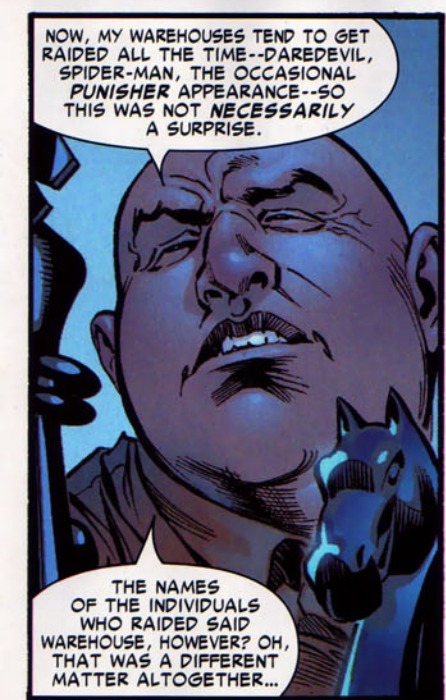
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN, ANTHONY? NOT SINCE THE OLD YACHT CLUB, AS I RECALL.



AND HERE IT COMES... GO AHEAD, FISK, MIGHT AS WELL GET THIS OUT OF THE WAY...

AH, DO YOU REMEMBER THE WATCHES? HOW I GAVE EACH CLUB MEMBER A ROLEX FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

ONLY TO HAVE MY WAREHOUSE RAIDED THE NEXT WEEK.



NOW, MY WAREHOUSES TEND TO GET RAIDED ALL THE TIME--DAREDEVIL, SPIDER-MAN, THE OCCASIONAL PUNISHER APPEARANCE--SO THIS WAS NOT NECESSARILY A SURPRISE.

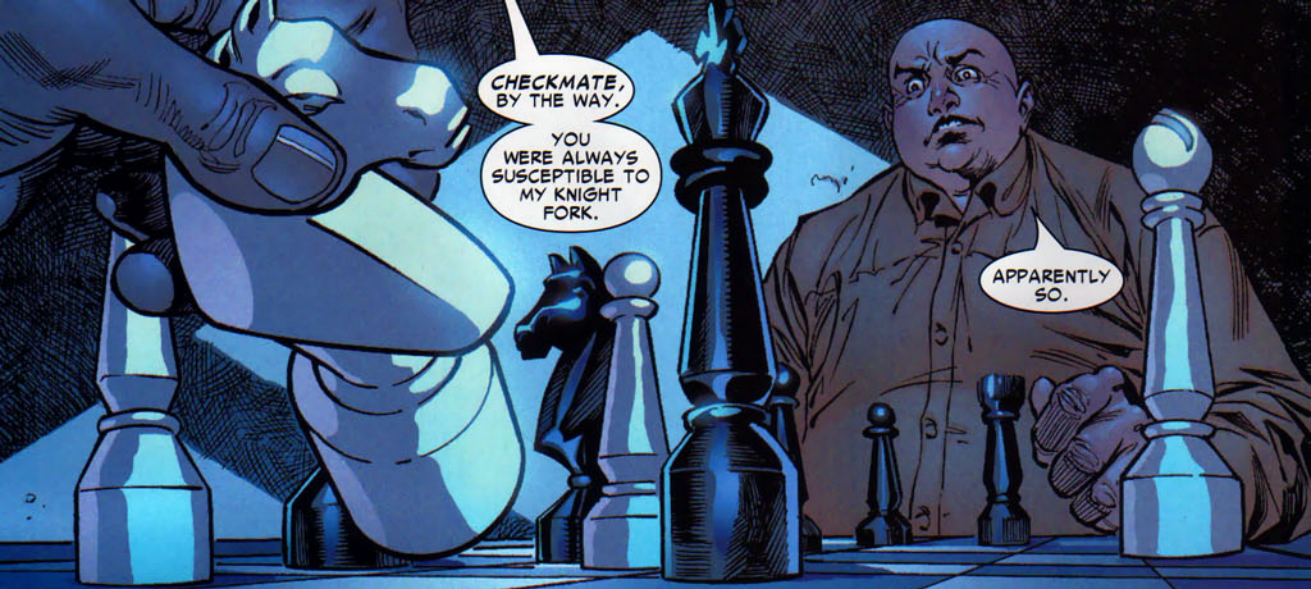
THE NAMES OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO RAIDED SAID WAREHOUSE, HOWEVER? OH, THAT WAS A DIFFERENT MATTER ALTOGETHER...



HAWKEYE AND THE SCARLET WITCH.



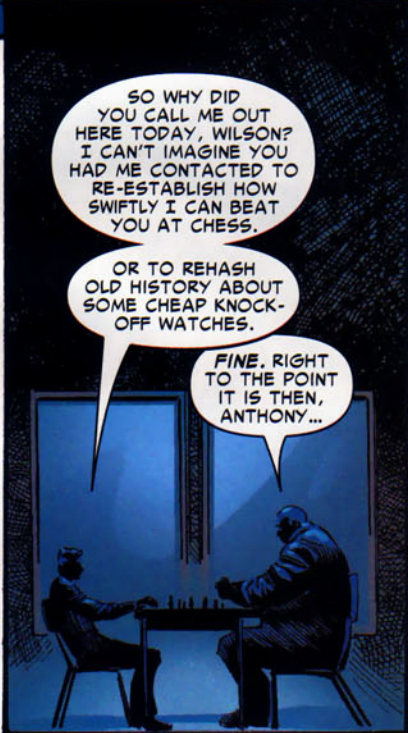
WELL, THE GOLDEN AVENGER HIMSELF MAKING AN APPEARANCE WOULD HAVE BEEN A BIT MUCH, I THOUGHT.



CHECKMATE,
BY THE WAY.

YOU
WERE ALWAYS
SUSCEPTIBLE TO
MY KNIGHT
FORK.

APPARENTLY
SO.



SO WHY DID
YOU CALL ME OUT
HERE TODAY, WILSON?
I CAN'T IMAGINE YOU
HAD ME CONTACTED TO
RE-ESTABLISH HOW
SWIFTLY I CAN BEAT
YOU AT CHESS.

OR TO REHASH
OLD HISTORY ABOUT
SOME CHEAP KNOCK-
OFF WATCHES.

FINE. RIGHT
TO THE POINT
IT IS THEN,
ANTHONY...



I WANT TO
HELP YOU
WIN THIS
SO-CALLED
CIVIL WAR.



THAT'S WHAT THE
MEDIA IS CALLING
IT, ISN'T IT?

IS THIS
SOME KIND OF
JOKE?

I PROMISE
YOU, ANTHONY...THIS
OFFER I'M MAKING--THE
USE OF MY RESOURCES AND
INFLUENCE TO HELP YOU FLUSH
CAPTAIN AMERICA AND HIS
ALLIES OUT OF HIDING--IS
NO JOKE AT ALL.



OK, FINE. I'LL PLAY
ALONG. LET'S PUT YOUR
MOTIVATIONS ASIDE
FOR A SECOND.


THE
GOVERNMENT
WILL GRATEFULLY
ACCEPT HELP
FROM THE TOP
CRIMELORD IN THE
KNOWN WORLD
BECAUSE...?

WELL, IT'S
NOT LIKE THEY
HAVEN'T DONE
IT BEFORE.



THAT MESSY BUSINESS WITH
JOHN F. KENNEDY CERTAINLY
COMES TO MIND. ALTHOUGH
THE LESS SAID ABOUT
THAT, THE BETTER,
I SUPPOSE.

AND THEN
OF COURSE, THERE'S
ALWAYS THAT LITTLE
AFFAIR WITH LUCKY
LUCIANO AND
THE NAZIS...




"HAVEN'T HEARD THE STORY? ALLOW ME TO FAMILIARIZE YOU WITH IT THEN..."

"IT'S THE EARLY 1940s. NAZI U-BOATS HAVE SECRETLY DOCKED OFF THE PIERS ON LONG ISLAND."




"THE GERMANS REQUIRED FOOD AND SUPPLIES, FOR WHICH THEY BARTERED WITH THE LOCAL MOBSTERS."

"THEIR ACT OF TREASON CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE FACT THAT THE NAZIS PAID THEM IN GOLD BARS."




"AS IS OFTEN THE CASE, DESPERATE TIMES CALLED FOR DESPERATE MEASURES. THIS SITUATION REQUIRED THE GOVERNMENT TO TURN TO THE ONE MAN WHO COULD HELP THEM WITH THEIR PROBLEM..."


"WHY LUCIANO COOPERATED HAS BEEN LONG DEBATED. SOME SAY IT WAS A MATTER OF PATRIOTISM. OTHERS ARE A BIT MORE SKEPTICAL."



"THE FATHER OF ORGANIZED CRIME HIMSELF, LUCKY LUCIANO."



"WHATEVER THE REASON, IN THE END, THERE WAS ONE THING THAT WAS NOT UP FOR DEBATE..."



"NAZI U-BOATS OFF THE COAST OF OUR GREAT NATION WERE NOW STRICTLY VERBOTEN."



SO YOU'VE CAST YOURSELF AS LUCIANO, WITH ME FILLING IN FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

ALTHOUGH ONE WOULD CERTAINLY NEVER CONFUSE CAPTAIN AMERICA WITH A NAZI...



NO. CERTAINLY NOT.

BUT SINCE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT OF STORIES, NOW I'M REMINDED OF ONE. SOMETHING ABOUT A SCORPION AND A FOX AND GETTING STUNG AND DROWNING.

SO WITH THAT IN MIND, LET'S GET BACK TO THOSE MOTIVATIONS I TALKED ABOUT EARLIER, SHALL WE?

WHY WOULD YOU DO THIS? AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT DO YOU WANT IN EXCHANGE?



WELL...

FOR THE TIME BEING, LET'S JUST SAY I'LL HELP AS A MATTER OF PATRIOTISM.



HEH. AND FOR THE TIME BEING LET'S JUST SAY I'M A BIT MORE SKEPTICAL.

WE BOTH KNOW YOU'LL REVEAL YOUR PRICE WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT.

SO IN THE MEANTIME, HOW ABOUT YOU GIVE US A SHOW OF GOOD FAITH? DEMONSTRATE THAT YOU'RE ABLE TO DELIVER WHAT WE'LL WANT FROM YOU.



THEN I'LL
CONSIDER YOUR
OFFER.



FAIR
ENOUGH.



BRRNING!



AND?

DID I
CALL THIS ONE
OR WHAT?
HE WANTS TO
"HELP".

OH, QUITE
THE UPSTANDING
CITIZEN THAT
WILSON FISK IS,
LET ME
TELL YOU.

LOOK, TONY,
I KNOW YOU
DON'T TRUST
HIM--

NOT AS
FAR AS I CAN
THROW HIM, DIRECTOR
HILL. AND WITH THAT,
I ASSUME YOU'VE
SEEN HIM.

YEAH, YEAH,
I GET IT. AND MAYBE
I'M AS TIRED OF MAKING
"DEALS WITH THE DEVIL"
AS YOU ARE. BUT THE
BOTTOM LINE IS, IF WILSON
FISK CAN HELP US END
THIS WAR...

...IT WILL
BE WELL
WORTH IT.





I DUNNO...

MIGHT AS WELL FACE FACTS, BOYS...WE BETTER BAND TOGETHER BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE. I MEAN, LOOK AT WHERE WE'RE HEADIN': METRO CARDS, E-Z PASSES, PATRIOT ACTS.

AND NOW THIS REGISTRATION CRAP.

DON'T YA SEE WHERE THIS ALL WINDS UP?



BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING. I DON'T KNOW, *SLYDE*... MAYBE HE'S GOT A POINT.

DAMN STRAIGHT, I DO.

I THINK HE'S BLOWING THIS WHOLE THING OUT OF PROPORTION. PREYING ON PEOPLE'S FEARS.



ALL THIS MEANS IS WE'LL BE REGISTERED. THAT THEY'LL KNOW OUR SECRET I.D.'S.

AND HELL, ANY CROOK THAT'S SPENT A MINUTE IN COUNTY HAS GIVEN UP THAT PRIVILEGE ALREADY.

ARE YOU REALLY THAT STUPID?

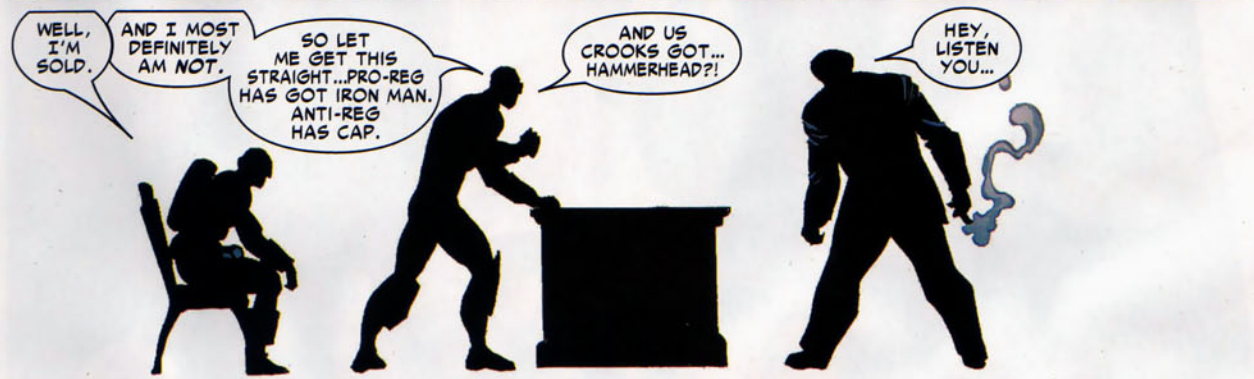


THAT'S WHAT THEY TELL YA TO GET YA IN THE DOOR. THAT'S FOR THE HEROES.



FOR US? FIRST YOU'RE REGISTERIN' AS A SUPERHUMAN. NEXT, THEY'LL WANT YA TO REGISTER MORE SPECIFICALLY, AS A SUPERHUMAN CRIMINAL.

WHEN THAT HAPPENS, YOU'LL BE A WALKIN' W.M.D., MY FRIEND. PHONE TAPS FER NO CAUSE, SURVEILLANCE WHENEVER THEY WANT IT...





AND HE AIN'T GONNA.



GEEZ...I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT. ALL THAT BLOOD AND PIECES OF BRAIN ON YER PRETTY LI'L COSTUME...

HOLY ##%&...



ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE UNDERWORLD, THE NEW KID ON THE BLOCK.

WELL, ACTUALLY AN OLD KID WHO JUST GOT OUT OF STIR AND RE-ENTERED A VERY NEW GAME, IF WE'RE GETTIN' TECHNICAL...

P-PLEASED TO MEET YOU.

YEAH. WHATEVER.

HE'S GONNA BE HELPIN' ME GET THIS SYNDICATE OFF THE GROUND. SMOOTHIN' OUT SOME OF THE ROUGH AREAS.

LIKE THIS, FER INSTANCE...





HEY, LOOK--I'M WITH YOU. AND I BET THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF OTHERS.

THERE'S NO REASON WE CAN'T GET ORGANIZED LIKE THE BOY SCOUTS HAVE.

GLAD YA SEE IT MY WAY, TRAPSTER.

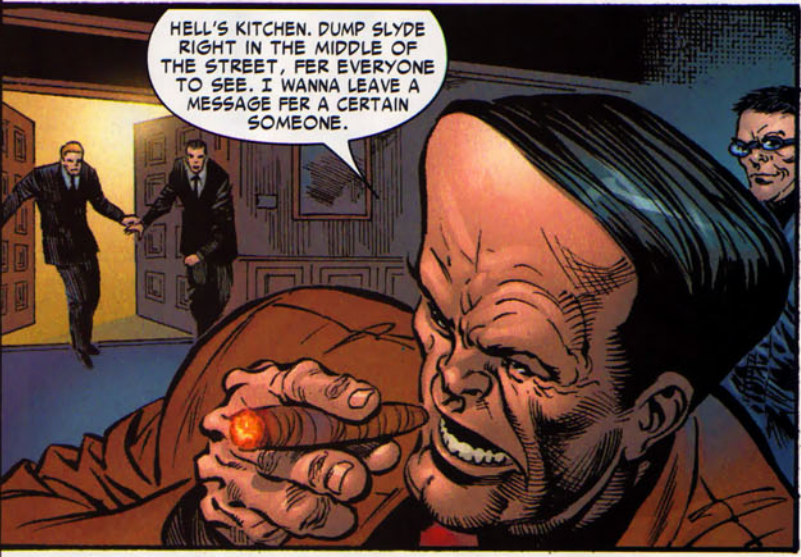
WE'LL BE IN TOUCH.



THINGS ARE ONLY GONNA GET ROUGHER, BOSS.

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE.

VITO, PETEY... YOU GUYS WANNA COME IN HERE FER A SEC?

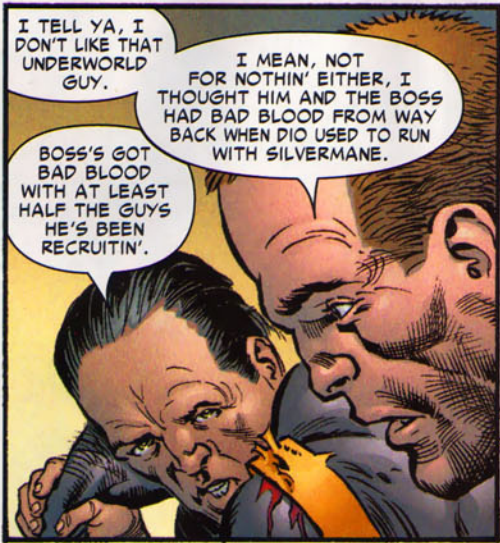


HELL'S KITCHEN. DUMP SLYDE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET, FER EVERYONE TO SEE. I WANNA LEAVE A MESSAGE FER A CERTAIN SOMEONE.



A CERTAIN VERY FAT SOMEONE.

HA! HA! HA!



I TELL YA, I DON'T LIKE THAT UNDERWORLD GUY.

BOSS'S GOT BAD BLOOD WITH AT LEAST HALF THE GUYS HE'S BEEN RECRUITIN'.

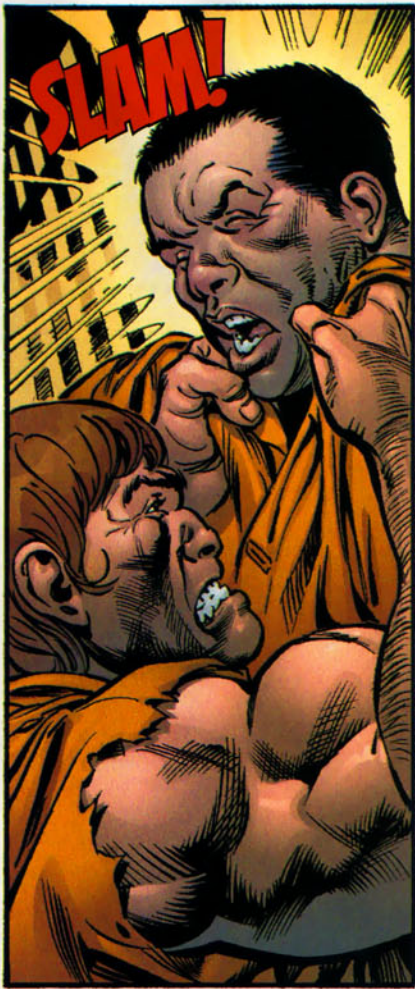
I MEAN, NOT FOR NOTHIN' EITHER, I THOUGHT HIM AND THE BOSS HAD BAD BLOOD FROM WAY BACK WHEN DIO USED TO RUN WITH SILVERMANE.



DON'T MATTER. YOU KNOW HOW IT GOES...WASN'T PERSONAL, JUST BUSINESS.

AND RIGHT NOW? BUSINESS IS ABOUT TO GET PRETTY DAMNED UGLY.





SHOWER UNIT C

13 14 15
TURNS OUT, THE ENFORCERS'D GET THEIR CHANCE AT FISK SOONER THAN THEY THOUGHT...

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13 14 15 16
BAM! **CRACK!** **SMASH!**

13 14 15
GUARD, I BELIEVE I'LL BE CUTTING MY SHOWER SHORT TODAY.

15 16
SOMEBODY LEFT QUITE THE MESS IN THERE. CLEAN IT UP, WOULD YOU?

ONE
WEEK
LATER...

I'M HEARING
YOU MAY BE IN
DANGER BECAUSE
OF THIS.

I'M TOUCHED BY
YOUR CONCERN,
ANTHONY...

...BUT
I ASSURE
YOU, IT IS
UNWARRANTED.

IF YOU SAY SO. I
JUST WANT TO MAKE
SURE YOU'RE IN GOOD
ENOUGH SHAPE TO KEEP
GIVING US MORSELS AS
TASTY AS THE LAST
BATCH OF INTEL.

STILL, THOSE
WERE ONLY
APPETIZERS.

I'M LOOKING TO PUT
SOMETHING A LITTLE
MORE SUBSTANTIAL
ON MY PLATE
THIS TIME.

WHICH I
ANTICIPATED.

THE ALIASES
CAPTAIN AMERICA
AND HIS PEOPLE
ARE HIDING
UNDER.

MY GUESS IS MOST OF
THE SMART ONES WILL
HAVE STOPPED USING
THOSE NAMES
BY NOW.

BUT I
THINK YOU MAY
BE ABLE TO CATCH
A STRAGGLER
OR TWO.

NOT
BAD.

THIS WILL GO A LONG
WAY WITH US. WHICH REMINDS
ME...HAVE YOU PICKED
OUT YOUR POT AT THE
END OF THIS RAINBOW
YET, LUCIANO?

LOOK INTO
THE STORY I
TOLD YOU,
ANTHONY.

THERE'S WHERE
YOU'LL FIND WHAT
I WANT.

WILL
DO. OH,
AND...
CHECKMATE.



FOR A CON, VISITIN' DAY IS LIKE CHRISTMAS. YA LOOK FORWARD TO IT ALL WEEK, AND WHEN IT'S GONE, YA START WISHING THE NEXT ONE WAS THERE ALREADY.



MOST OF THE TIME, ANYWAY...

GO AHEAD.



TURK...
OH MY GOD.



WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

I SLIPPED IN THE SHOWER.



STOP JOKING. THIS ISN'T FUNNY. WE CAN'T GO ON LIVING LIKE THIS.

THE GIRLS ARE OLD ENOUGH TO READ THE PAPERS NOW. AND RICO...

THE BOYS HE'S HANGING OUT WITH! HE WANTS TO BE YOU. HE WANTS TO--



LOOK AT ME. WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS.

DID YOU FIND THOSE PEOPLE I TOLD YOU TO SEE?

MAN-MOUNTAIN MARKO CAME TO THE HOUSE--



HE CAME TO THE HOUSE! I DON'T WANT THAT NUTJOB IN MY HOUSE!

WHAT COULD I DO, TURK? THROW HIM OUT?



DID YA PASS ON THE MESSAGE I GAVE YA AT LEAST?

YEAH. AND I SAW THAT SCHIZO MARY PERSON.



I HATE DEALING WITH HER--SHE SAYS SUCH NASTY THINGS...

PLEASE...I DON'T EVEN WANT TO HEAR IT.



MARKO SAID FOR YOU TO PASS ALONG THAT HAMMERHEAD HAS GOT A LOT OF GUYS. THEY'RE HAVING A BIG MEETING THAT'S--

FISK ALREADY KNOWS. MAN GETS BETTER NEWS UPDATES THAN CNN.



LOOK, HONEY. I KNOW I'VE SAID THIS BEFORE. BUT ALL THIS? IT'S FOR YOU AND THE KIDS AND THE NEW BABY.

I'LL BE OUT BEFORE YOU KNOW IT. AND THIS'LL ALL BE OVER SOON ENOUGH.



BUT THERE'S ONE MORE THING I NEED YOU TO DO FOR ME. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GET THIS NOTE TO SOMEONE.

WHO?

COME CLOSER.



OH MY GOD...

DAILY BUGLE

CLOAK AND SNAG-HER!

IRON MAN AND CO. HAD TWO RENEGADE HEROES!

WE GOT CLOAK AND DAGGER.



NOT TOO SHABBY. NOT CAPTAIN AMERICA, MIND YOU...

...BUT NOT D-MAN, EITHER.

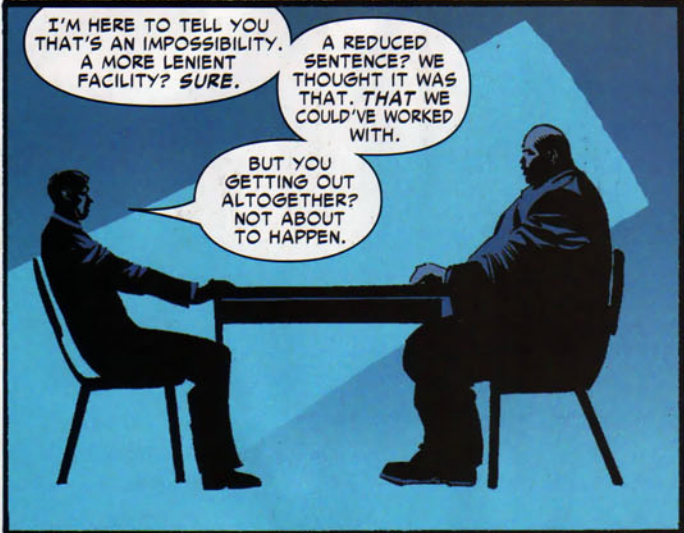


AND HERE'S WHAT ELSE I GOT... I FINALLY LOOKED UP THE LUCIANO STORY...

I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT, WILSON.



YOU WANT OUT.



I'M HERE TO TELL YOU THAT'S AN IMPOSSIBILITY. A MORE LENIENT FACILITY? *SURE.*

A REDUCED SENTENCE? WE THOUGHT IT WAS THAT. THAT WE COULD'VE WORKED WITH.

BUT YOU GETTING OUT ALTOGETHER? NOT ABOUT TO HAPPEN.



LET ME SPEAK TO THE WOMAN YOU SPEAK TO ON THE PHONE.



SURE. KNOCK YOURSELF OUT.



I HAVE IN MY POSSESSION THE LOCATION OF CAPTAIN AMERICA'S HEADQUARTERS.

IT IS ONE OF FORMER S.H.I.E.L.D. DIRECTOR NICK FURY'S OLD SAFEHOUSES, ONE THAT IS UNKNOWN TO YOU OR YOUR PEOPLE.



BUT I HAVE IT. AND I CAN GIVE IT TO YOU IMMEDIATELY.

YOU CAN END THIS WAR TONIGHT.

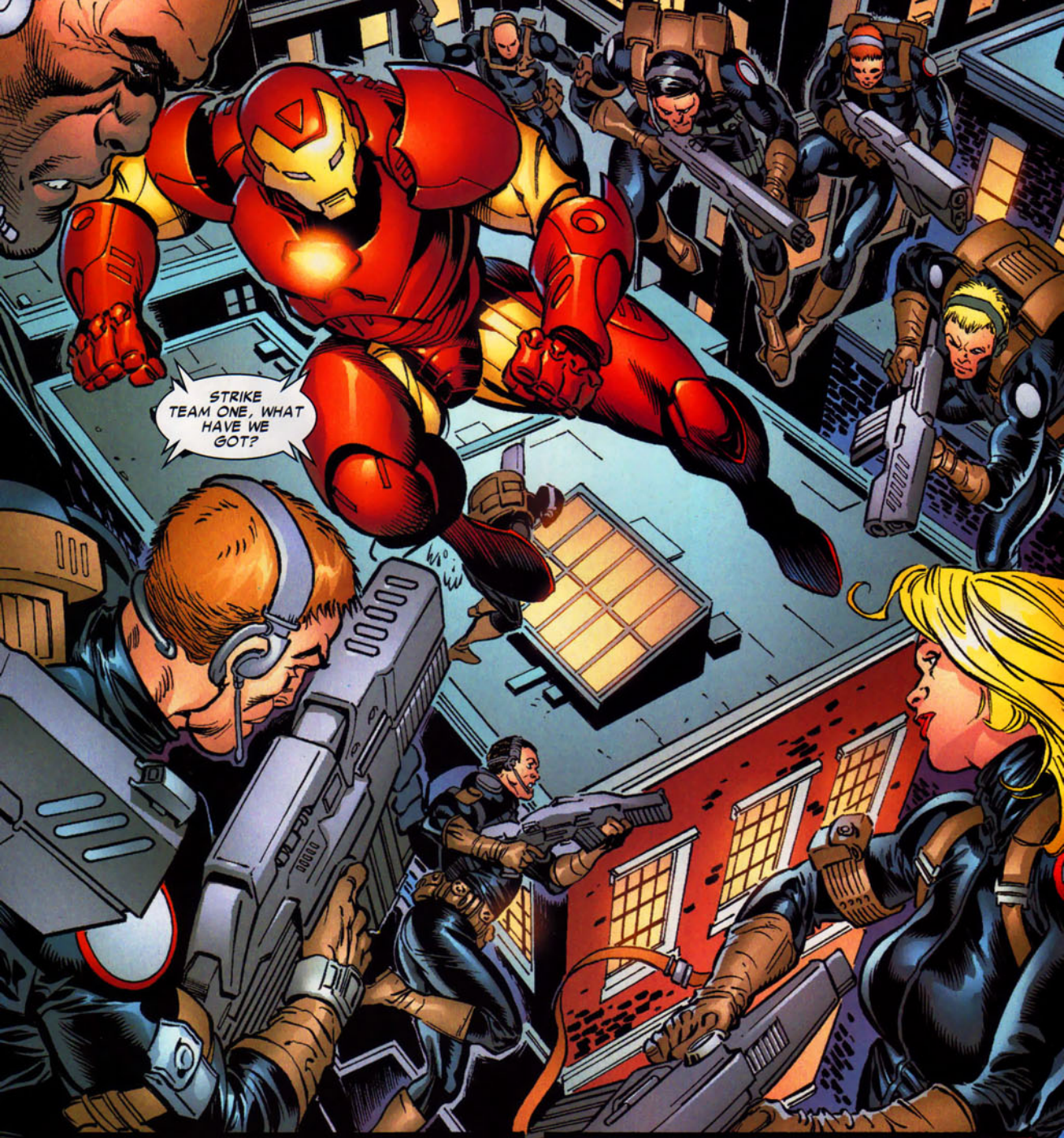


PASS THE PHONE TO MR. STARK.

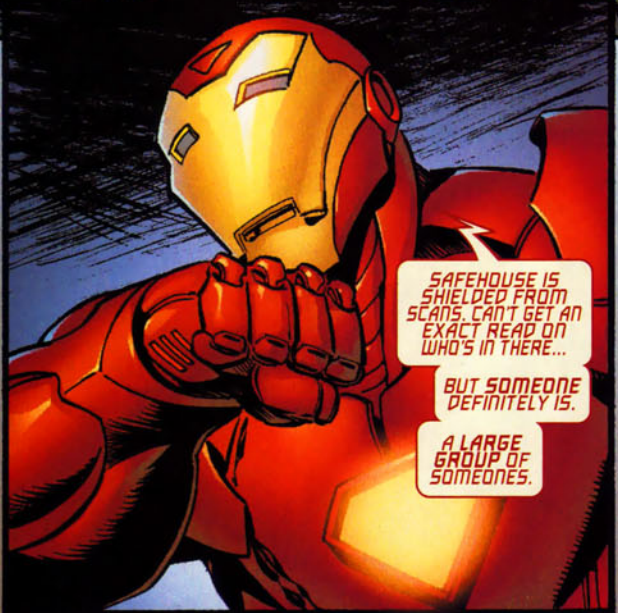


START THIS MAN'S RELEASE PROCEEDINGS.

THEN MOVE ON HIS INFORMATION.



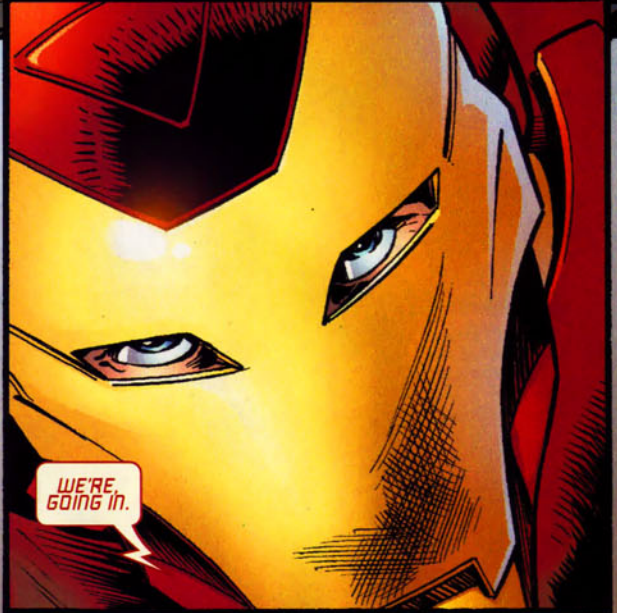
STRIKE
TEAM ONE, WHAT
HAVE WE
GOT?



SAFEHOUSE IS
SHIELDED FROM
SCANS. CAN'T GET AN
EXACT READ ON
WHO'S IN THERE...

BUT SOMEONE
DEFINITELY IS.

A LARGE
GROUP OF
SOMEONES.



WE'RE
GOING IN.



I KNOW A LOT OF
YOUSE GOT CONCERNS
ABOUT ORGANIZIN'
LIKE THIS.

NOT SO MUCH ABOUT
GOING AGAINST
THE HEROES...

...BUT
ABOUT THE
KINGPIN.



WELL, LET
ME TELL ALL
YOUSE THIS:

##%\$ THE
KINGPIN.



KINGPIN
DON'T REPRESENT
US. HE GOT SUPER
POWERS? SUPER
APPETITE,
MAYBE.

WEAR A
COSTUME? NOT
UNLESS YA COUNT THEM
FAT ALBERT XXXL
SUITS HE WEARS.



THIS REGISTRATION
THING DON'T AFFECT
HIM ONE BIT. HELL,
HE'LL PROBABLY USE IT
AS AN OPPORTUNITY
SOMEHOW.

AND WHO'LL
END UP GETTIN'
SCREWED? GUYS
LIKE US. GUYS THIS
ALL AFFECTS,
THAT'S WHO.



BESIDES...
WHAT'RE YA
WORRYIN' ABOUT
THAT TUB'A
LARD FER?

HE'S
IN JAIL.

HIDIN' IN
PROTECTIVE
CUSTODY
LIKE A SCARED
LITTLE GIRL.



HOW THE
HELL'S HE GONNA
DO ANYTHING
TO US?





ZAP

ZAP

CHOON!

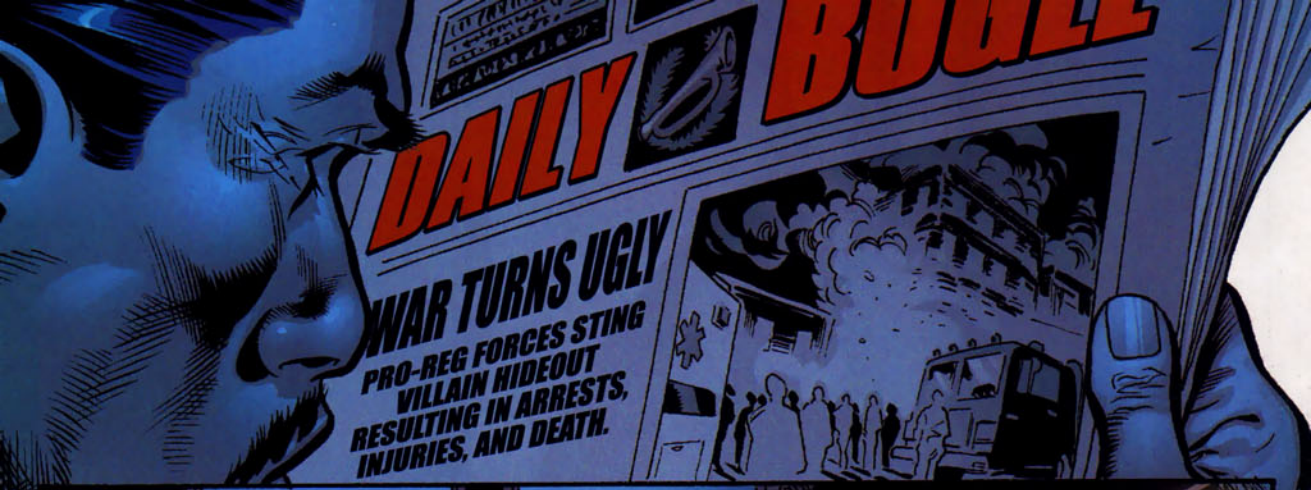


FREAKIN' IRON MAN?! HOW THE #%% DID THIS HAPPEN?



BLAM!
BLAM!





DAILY BULL
WAR TURNS UGLY
PRO-REG FORCES STING
VILLAIN HIDEOUT
RESULTING IN ARRESTS,
INJURIES, AND DEATH.



WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?



MY NAME IS TURK BARRETT. I'M--

A BUFFER? HE SENT ME A BUFFER TO TALK TO?



GUARD, GO TELL THAT FAT SLOB TO GET IN HERE OR--

I'M SORRY, SIR, BUT A PRISONER CAN'T BE FORCED TO SEE SOMEONE HE DOESN'T WANT TO.



OK. FINE. THEN I HAVE ONE QUESTION BEFORE I GO.

WHY?





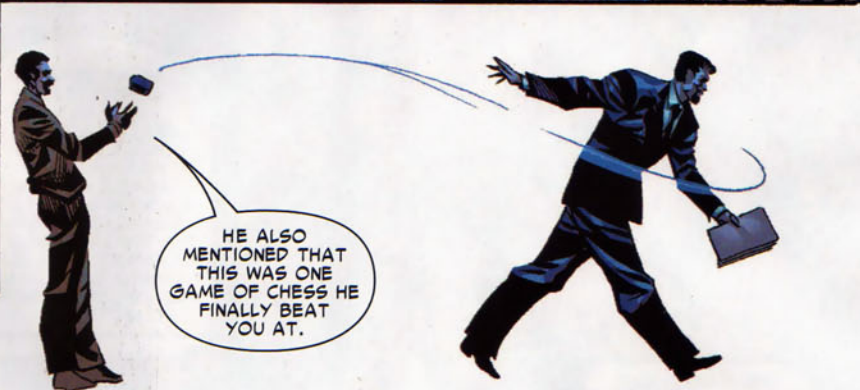
I HAD THE
RELEASE PAPERS
IN MY HAND. THAT
WAS IT--HE
WAS OUT.

HE GOT
WHAT HE
WANTED.

WHY
THROW IT
ALL AWAY?



HE SAID
THIS WOULD
EXPLAIN IT.



HE ALSO
MENTIONED THAT
THIS WAS ONE
GAME OF CHESS HE
FINALLY BEAT
YOU AT.

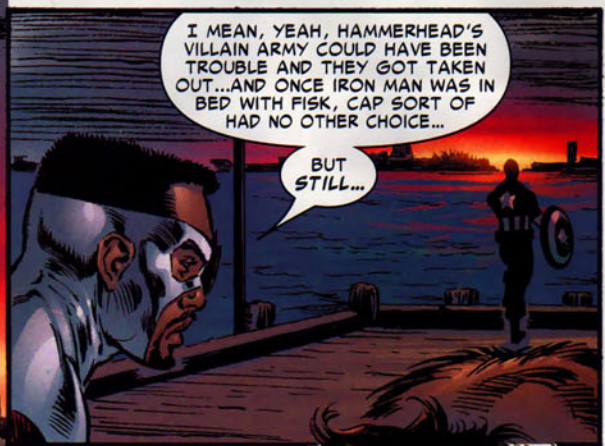


COME NOW,
MR. BARRETT,
EVEN YOU
MUST REALIZE
BY NOW...

"...FISK WASN'T THE ONE I WAS PLAYING AGAINST."

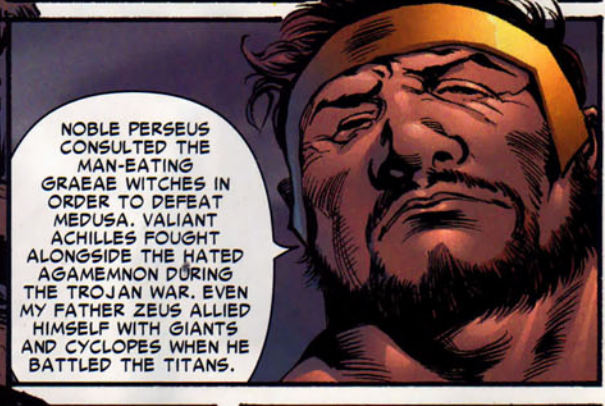


MAN, I DON'T KNOW. I HAVE TO ADMIT, I'M JUST NOT COMFORTABLE WITH IT.



I MEAN, YEAH, HAMMERHEAD'S VILLAIN ARMY COULD HAVE BEEN TROUBLE AND THEY GOT TAKEN OUT...AND ONCE IRON MAN WAS IN BED WITH FISK, CAP SORT OF HAD NO OTHER CHOICE...

BUT STILL...

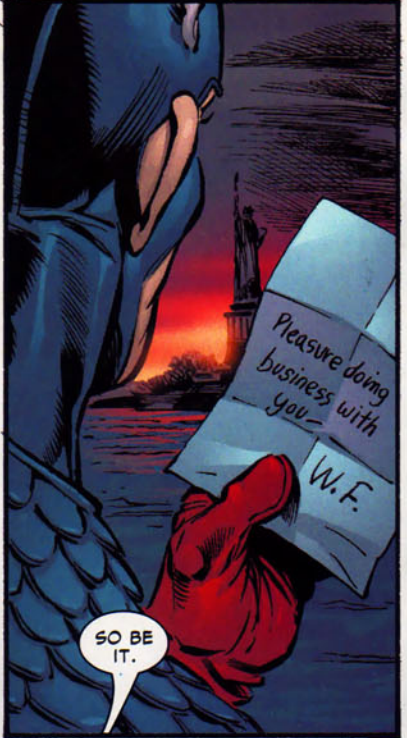


NOBLE PERSEUS CONSULTED THE MAN-EATING GRAEAE WITCHES IN ORDER TO DEFEAT MEDUSA. VALIANT ACHILLES FOUGHT ALONGSIDE THE HATED AGAMEMNON DURING THE TROJAN WAR. EVEN MY FATHER ZEUS ALLIED HIMSELF WITH GIANTS AND CYCLOPES WHEN HE BATTLED THE TITANS.



'TIS WAR, FRIEND SAMUEL. AND AT THE END OF THE DAY, THY CAPTAIN IS BUT A SOLDIER.

AS SUCH, HE DOTH RECOGNIZE THAT SOMETIMES IN WAR, HARD DECISIONS MUST BE MADE TO ACHIEVE THY GOAL. AND SHOULD THAT COST THEE A PIECE OF THY SOUL?

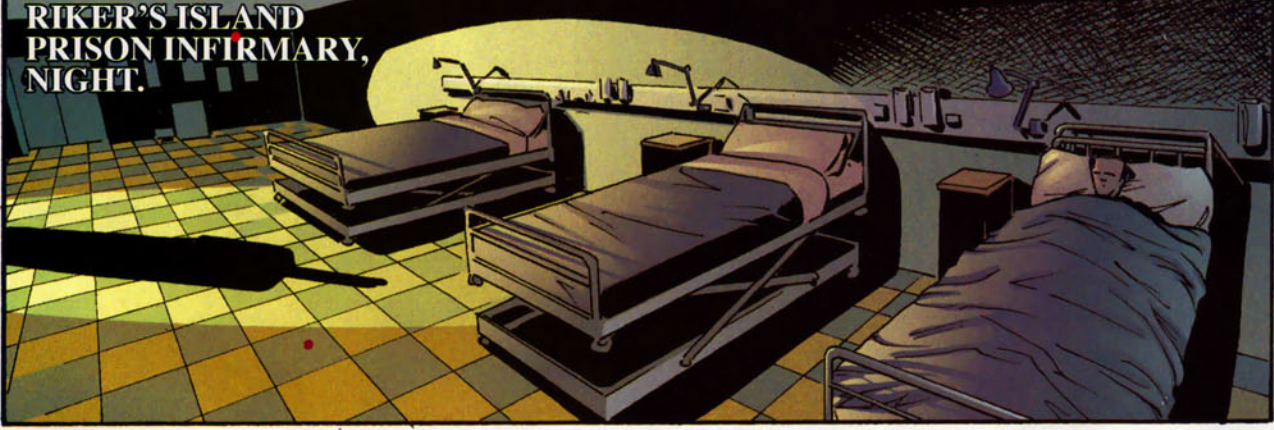


SO BE IT.

Pleasure doing business with you - W.F.



RIKER'S ISLAND
PRISON INFIRMARY,
NIGHT.



FIGURED IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE YOU SHOWED UP.



AS SOON AS THEY PULLED THE BULLETS OUTTA ME, I KNEW WHO DONE IT.



ADAMANTIUM.

CHEAP PUNKS IN THE GOVERNMENT DON'T USE THEM KINDA BULLETS.

MARVEL HEROES HOTSPOT

"Quicker than quick! Stronger than strong!"

HOTSPOT HOT BOOK... NEW AVENGERS: ILLUMINATI #1!



Okay, so in a month chock full of CIVIL WAR happenings that are rocking your favorite heroes (and villains), how does NEW AVENGERS: ILLUMINATI #1 sneak into the "Hot Book" spotlight? Because they're controlling everything, people! For years, six men have worked together in secret to mold the status of Earth itself. Sorcerer Supreme Doctor Strange! King of the Inhumans, Black Bolt! Professor X! Namor, the Sub-Mariner! Mister Fantastic! The invincible Iron Man! How have their actions impacted upon the stories you only think you know? You'll find out here, thanks to the titanic team of writers Brian Michael Bendis and Brian Reed and penciler Jim Cheung! Don't live in ignorance, friends--learn how the Illuminati are shaping your universe!

HOTSPOT LETTER O' THE MONTH!

What keeps all your favorite writers, artists, and Marvel's crew of editors and production whizzes working? Not mere food and water! Nay, our souls hunger for the true life source: reader letters! So send in your thoughts, friends! Tell us what's on your mind, what you want to see, or how we can keep the Marvel magic alive! Just like Guido Cuadros did, all the way from Brazil! Take it away, Guido!

Dear Tom Brevoort:

Marvel is my favorite comics company by far. I celebrate that, along with the numerous titles that already own their own letters pages, you guys have decided to create this "Marvel Heroes Hotspot" section.

Places like this one, where fans can participate with questions and commentaries, and where editors not only attend to our inquiries, but surprise us with anecdotes, experiences and news are very much needed. You really make us fans feel like we're valued members of the Marvel family, giving us "all access" information and asking always for our opinion and impressions. It's nice to know that our voices will be heard and taken into account.

I don't believe that "leaving it all to the internet" is the best solution or the next obligatory step towards the evolution of interactive relationships for readers, creators and editors. I know there are a lot of blogs, forums and message boards out there in cyberspace, excellent sites some of them, but those will never compare with the

magic that printed letters pages have. To be part of the comic itself is what makes them special.

I'm really grateful to Marvel for giving me a space in their comics to express myself and to share my opinions with the rest of the readers (thousands of them, you know?), while something written on the internet can very easily go unnoticed, be ignored or only read by a few.

One of my dreams is to work someday in the House of Ideas, as an assistant editor, in charge of some letter columns, maybe even as a comic writer, or as a cleaner guy, I don't care, it would be an honor. And when I start thinking that it's a dream too difficult to achieve, I remember that a lot of guys working there started their careers as simple fans who used to write letters to Marvel, just like me, just like you once did, Mr. Tom Brevoort, or should I say "Tommy B."?

Guido Cuadros F.A.
Lima, Perú.

Thanks for writing in, Guido! Yes, many of us here in the Hallowed Halls started out as readers, and, like you, even had letters printed in the pages of a Marvel comic. But after years of effort--not to mention a huge helping of luck--we now call the House of Ideas home! So keep chasing your dreams! And keep the letters coming to mheroes@marvel.com!

HERO HALL O' FAME: THE RALPH MACCHIO BOOK!

When it came time to show editor Ralph Macchio how much we appreciated his thirty years at the House of Ideas, we had to do it in the Mighty Marvel Manner! Thus was born THE RALPH MACCHIO BOOK, a priceless hardcover filled with the autographs and illustrations by some of the industry's top talents! Mary Jane & Spidey by John Romita Sr.! The Hulk by Sal Buscema! Wolverine by Andy Kubert! And to top it all off, an intro by Stan "The Man" Lee! Yes, friends, all you have to do is get hired by Marvel, help put out some of the greatest comics ever published, survive various regime changes and downsizings for three decades, and you too can be the proud owner of a one-of-a-kind keepsake. So thanks for all the years of carrying the True Believer's Torch of Truth, Ralph...now where's that next issue of THE ULTIMATES?!

AUBREY'S OUT-OF-CONTEXT FUNNIES



This month's doozy comes from
DAREDEVIL #122, JUNE 1975

FIVE SIX FUN FACTOIDS FROM STEPHEN WACKER

(EDITOR OF SILENT WAR AND FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN)

- 1) Warren Simons uses "dude" and "bro" like he's being paid by "Dude and Bro, Inc.". Enough already.
- 2) Aubrey Sitterson has luxurious, movie-star style hair.
- 3) Molly Lazer sings and dances...but not in the office. In Connecticut.
- 4) Bill Rosemann never spoke to Steve when they worked at DC. Same here at Marvel.
- 5) Alejandro Arbona is as tall as Aubrey's hair is beautiful.
- 6) Tom Brevoort actually has all the completed issues of CIVIL WAR in his desk but chooses to ship them late.

ON SALE DECEMBER 2006

AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL #3: Brrrr! It's Spider-Girl vs. Bitter Frost!

ANNIHILATION #5: With the war lost, Ronan and Super-Skrull unite to free the Kree!

AVENGERS NEXT #3 & #4: Will the Avengers' mysterious foe drain the heroes of their powers?

AVENGERS: EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES #3 & #4: It's the Avengers vs. an army of Super-Adaptoids!

BEYOND #6: Will anyone make it off Battleworld alive?

BLADE #4: Blade battles a demon-possessed mall Santa! Ho Ho DEATH!

CIVIL WAR #6: Cap's forces prepare to take down Iron Man's side once and for all.

CIVIL WAR: FRONTLINE #9: Speedball comes face-to-face with his accuser!

CIVIL WAR: WAR CRIMES #1: The Kingpin picks a side in the Civil War...but what does he really want?

DAREDEVIL #92: Who's been pulling Daredevil's strings for the past year? The mystery is revealed!

DOCTOR STRANGE: THE OATH #3: Doctor Strange learns the identity of the villain who holds Wong's life in his hands!

FANTASTIC FOUR: THE END #3: Deep beneath the ocean, Sue makes a discovery that could change the future of her family!

IMMORTAL IRON FIST #2: What has Iron Fist done to awaken the wrath of Hydra?

IRON MAN #14: A CIVIL WAR tie-in. What price must Tony Stark pay for his pro-registration stance?

IRON MAN/CAPTAIN AMERICA: CASUALTIES OF WAR #1: A CIVIL WAR tie-in. Can these former allies make amends?

IRREDEEMABLE ANT-MAN #3: Find out why everyone loves to hate the all-new ANT-MAN in his least redeemable tale yet!

MS. MARVEL #10: A CIVIL WAR tie-in. Ms. Marvel and Wonder Man must bring in one of their own!

NEW AVENGERS #26: Hawkeye's back, and he's targeting the Scarlet Witch!

NEW AVENGERS: ILLUMINATI #1: Learn how six heroes secretly shaped the Marvel Universe!

SENSATIONAL SPIDER-MAN #33: How has Spidey's unmasking affected his beloved Aunt May?

SHE-HULK #14: Everything you ever wanted to know about Awesome Andy!

THUNDERBOLTS #109: The return of Moonstone!

UNION JACK #4: The final battle between Union Jack and RAID, right in the heart of London!

WINTER SOLDIER: WINTER KILLS #1: CASUALTIES OF WAR. Bucky looks for redemption on his first Christmas in the 21st century.



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"OKAY TO PRINT"



ONLY ONE GUY I KNOW DOES.



GEE, AND HERE I THOUGHT THE FACT THAT I'M THE ONE WHO PICKED OUT THE SPOT FOR THE MEETING WOULD'VE BEEN A DEAD GIVEAWAY.

YOU WERE WITH FISK FROM DAY ONE?

YEP.



OK, WE BOTH KNOW WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN HERE. BUT I GOTTA ASK YA ONE LAST QUESTION...

WHY?

WHY'D YA SELL ME OUT?



PAL, LET ME CLUE YOU IN ON A LITTLE SECRET YA SHOULD'VE FIGURED OUT A LONG TIME AGO. A LOT OF THINGS HAVE CHANGED THE LAST TEN YEARS I BEEN AWAY.

TECHNOLOGY, PRICE A' GAS... GEORGE W. INSTEAD OF JUST PLAIN GEORGE...

ONLY, ONE THING STAYED THE SAME. KNOW WHAT THAT WAS?



THE KINGPIN.

YOU SECOND-TIER GUYS COME AND GO--BUT HIM? HE WAS ON TOP WHEN I WENT IN AND HE WAS ON TOP WHEN I GOT OUT.

I FIGURED I MIGHT AS WELL GET IN ON HIS NEXT COMEBACK ON THE GROUND FLOOR. BESIDES...



...YA THINK I FORGOT ABOUT THAT BAD BUSINESS BETWEEN US YEARS AGO...? REMEMBER JOEY D? HE WAS MY BEST FRIEND, YA PIECE A' CRAP, AND YA PUT A SCREWDRIVER IN HIS EYE BECAUSE HE OWED YA A LOUSY TWO GRAND.

PEOPLE TALK ABOUT THINGS BEING BUSINESS, NOT PERSONAL? PLEASE.

IT'S ALWAYS PERSONAL, YA MOOK.

AND THIS WAS NO DIFFERENT.

BLAM!



IT'S DAYS LATER,
AND EVERYTHING'S
BACK TO NORMAL.

FISK IS BACK WITH
THE REST OF US, BACK
TO SURVEYIN' US ALL LIKE
AN EMPEROR WATCHIN'
GLADIATORS IN ANCIENT
ROME FIGHTIN' FOR
HIS AMUSEMENT.



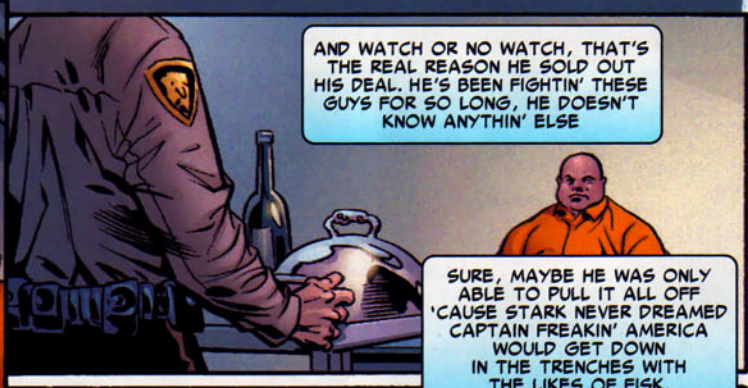
AS IF HAMMERHEAD WASN'T
ENOUGH, THE WAY HE
SUCKERED IRON MAN TO DO
HIS DIRTY WORK FOR HIM HAS
ALREADY BECOME LEGEND
AMONGST THE BOYS.

HE'S ONE OF
OURS GIVIN'
IT TO ONE
OF THEM.



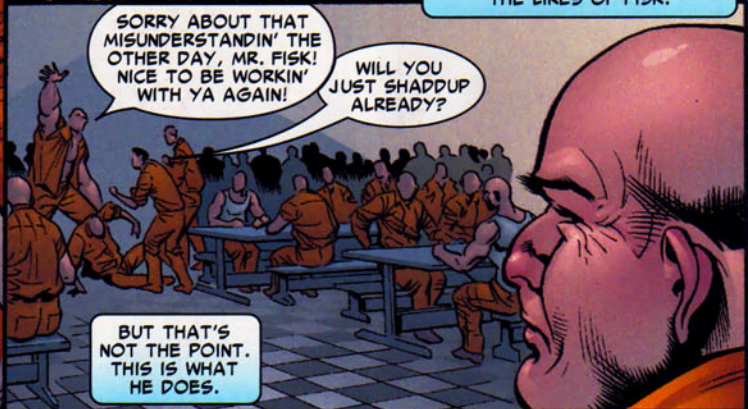
AND WATCH OR NO WATCH, THAT'S
THE REAL REASON HE SOLD OUT
HIS DEAL. HE'S BEEN FIGHTIN' THESE
GUYS FOR SO LONG, HE DOESN'T
KNOW ANYTHIN' ELSE

SURE, MAYBE HE WAS ONLY
ABLE TO PULL IT ALL OFF
'CAUSE STARK NEVER DREAMED
CAPTAIN FREAKIN' AMERICA
WOULD GET DOWN
IN THE TRENCHES WITH
THE LIKES OF FISK.



SORRY ABOUT THAT
MISUNDERSTANDIN' THE
OTHER DAY, MR. FISK!
NICE TO BE WORKIN'
WITH YA AGAIN!

WILL YOU
JUST SHADDUP
ALREADY?



BUT THAT'S
NOT THE POINT.
THIS IS WHAT
HE DOES.

IT'S WHAT HE LEARNED
ALL THOSE YEARS
AGO, WATCHING
THOSE STUPID KIDS.

WATCH
THE GAME.

LEARN
THE GAME.

CONTROL
THE GAME.



AND NOBODY
DOES THAT
BETTER THAN
THE KINGPIN.



END.