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**LOBDELL  
MADUREIRA  
TOWNSEND**

**WITH  
THE X-MEN  
MISSING--**

**--MARROW  
GOES WILD!**

**(DID WE MENTION A CERTAIN  
WEB-SLINGER GUEST-STARS, TOO?)**

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HAD.

*Madureira*



TAKE  
A LOOK AT  
THAT.

IT'S  
ALL THERE...  
THE WHOLE  
STORY.

IN  
A SINGLE  
IMAGE.

THE  
PAIN.

THE  
PATHOS. THE  
SOUND AND  
FURY.

THE  
RAGE. THE  
ARROGANCE.

IF A PICTURE IS  
WORTH A THOUSAND  
WORDS, THIS  
ONE'S WORTH TWO  
THOUSAND.

THE  
HULK VERSUS  
SPIDER-MAN...

Stan  
Lee  
THE UNCANNY X-MEN

# "THE STORY OF THE YEAR!"

LOBDELL

STORY

MADUREIRA

ART

RAMOS

ART ASSIST

TOWNSEND

INKS

COMICRAFT

LETTERS

THE BUCCE

COLORS

POWERS

ASSOCIATE

HARRAS

EDITOR







BUT THAT WAS LAST YEAR'S STORY.

THIS YEAR -- TODAY -- IT'S ALL ABOUT MUTANTS.

EVOLUTION'S LITTLE JOKE ON HUMANITY -- HOMO SAPIEN SUPERIOR -- PEOPLE BORN WITH SUPERHUMAN POWERS.

YOU ALL SAW IT ON CBNC AN HOUR AGO --

-- AT SEVEN O'CLOCK THIS EVENING, THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM CALLED OPERATION: ZERO TOLERANCE ROLLED INTO ACTION AND ATTACKED THE OUTLAW GROUP CALLED THE X-MEN.®

BUT MR. JAMESON, SIR, ACCORDING TO THE NEWS, THE X-MEN ATTACKED FIR--

THE FIRST RULE OF JOURNALISM IS DON'T BELIEVE WHAT YOU SEE OR HEAR FROM ANYONE ELSE... LEAST OF ALL FROM TELEVISION NEWS!



I DIDN'T BECOME PUBLISHER OF ONE OF THE NATION'S LARGEST-SELLING NEWSPAPERS BY REPORTING WHAT I SAW ON T.V.!

WE'RE REPORTERS! WHICH MEANS IT'S UP TO THE DAILY BUGLE TO GET THE STORY --

-- THE REAL STORY --

-- NOT WHAT SOME IDIOT WITH MAKE-UP AND BLOW-DRIED HAIR TELLS US IS THE STORY!

IT MEANS WE DO THE RESEARCH --

-- WE SEPARATE THE FACT FROM FICTION --



-- WE MAKE BLASTED SURE EVERY WORD WE PRINT IS THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH...

... THAT'S WHY I BECAME PUBLISHER. AND THAT'S WHAT I LIVE -- OR DIE BY.





IT'S NO SECRET THAT I'D BE JUST BE AS HAPPY IF EVERY SUPER-POWERED YPHOO IN A MASK AND CAPE FELL INTO AN OPEN VOLCANO.

BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT THAT LUNATIC BASTION AND HIS INTERNATIONALLY-ENDORSED ZERO TOLERANCE IS ABOUT.

IT'S ABOUT WITCH HUNTS.

SCAPEGOATING.

VIOLATING CIVIL RIGHTS.

MOST OF ALL, IT'S ABOUT A REPORTER NAMED NICK BANDOULVERIS DISAPPEARING WHEN HE GOT TOO CLOSE TO THEIR CONNECTION WITH GRAYDON CREED.

CREED WAS A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE THEN. YOU MAY WANT TO NOTE THAT HE'S DEAD NOW, TOO.

SOMETHING ABOUT BASTION AND HIS HOLY CRUSADE STINKS LIKE YESTERDAY'S GARBAGE.

THEY'VE GONE THIS FAR, THERE'S NO REASON TO ASSUME THEY'LL STOP NOW.

HE MAY BE AN ARROGANT, HOT-TEMPERED, JUDGMENTAL SON-OF-A-GUN...

... BUT YOU HAVE TO GIVE J. JONAH JAMESON CREDIT FOR STANDING UP FOR WHAT HE BELIEVES IN.

HOOK CREED BY ISSUE 377 MARK



BEN LIRICH IS ON HIS WAY TO WASHINGTON AS WE SPEAK TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT IN BLAZES OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE DOING ABOUT ALL THIS...

... WHY SOME OF THEM EVEN SUPPORT BASTION.

THE X-MEN WE THINK ARE CALLED CANNONBALL AND STORM ARE BEING HELD SOMEWHERE BY BASTION'S MEN.

FIND THEM.

ELLIS, GET SOME REACTION ON THIS: THUNDERBOLTS, IF THEY'RE AT HOME, SEE IF ANYONE IS STILL AT AVENGER'S MANSION.

SQUEEZE A STATEMENT OUT OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY TOWER IF YOU HAVE TO.

AND Y'W -- CHECK WITH THAT EGGHEAD DR. SWANN AT EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY ON THE AUTHENTICITY OF THOSE SATELLITE TRANSMISSIONS.

IT'S A LITTLE TOO CONVENIENT THE IMAGES STARTED AFTER THE X-MEN'S ALLEGED ATTACK.

PEOPLE ARE AFRAID OF THE X-MEN -- THAT'S FINE. PERSONALLY, I THINK WE SHOULD BE AFRAID OF THEM...

... BUT WHEN I SEE AN ALL-OUT MILITARY OPERATION LIKE THIS, IT IS OUR DUTY TO GET ALL THE FACTS.

SURE.

UH, YEAH.

GOT IT?

YES, CHIEF.



THEN STOP STANDING AROUND HERE --

-- WE'VE GOT A NEWSPAPER TO PUT OUT, PEOPLE!



ROBBIE, WHERE'S PARKER?

I SENT HIM DOWN TO THE CBNC STUDIO TO GET A PHOTO OF HENRY PETER GYRICH, THE SPECIAL FEDERAL AGENT ATTACHED TO SUPERHUMAN ACTIVITIES.

GOOD. THAT'S WHY I PAY YOU THE BIG MONEY, ROBERTSON.

WE'RE GOING TO NEED A NEW HEADLINE, JONAH. ANY PREFERENCE?



YEAH, CALL IT "DECLARATION OF WAR."



LOWER MANHATTAN...

HIS NAME IS PETER PARKER --  
PART-TIME PHOTOGRAPHER,  
PART-TIME COLLEGE STUDENT...

... AND FULL-TIME  
SPIDER-MAN.

IN THE YEARS SINCE HE WAS  
BITTEN BY THE IRRADIATED  
SPIDER THAT ENDOWED HIM  
WITH AMAZING POWERS, HE  
HAS SEEN MANY THINGS  
THAT HAVE FRIGHTENED HIM.

BUT SOMEHOW, WHAT HE HAS  
SEEN THIS DAY SEEMS TO BE  
THE MOST DISTURBING OF ALL...

... BECAUSE TODAY, THE  
WORLD MAY HAVE TAKEN  
THE FIRST STEP TOWARD  
GENETIC WAR.

THIS  
IS NUTS!  
IF I  
HADN'T SEEN IT  
WITH MY OWN EYES,  
I DON'T THINK  
I'D BELIEVE  
IT...

... THE  
X-MEN BLASTED  
OUT OF THE SKY  
LIKE COMMON  
CRIMINALS!

WHAT'S  
WORSE, THERE'S  
AN AWFUL LOT OF  
PEOPLE WHO ARE HAPPY  
ABOUT IT. THEY'RE  
SO SCARED OF  
MUTANTS...

... THAT THEY  
AUTOMATICALLY  
ASSUME THAT ALL  
MUTANTS ARE  
DANGEROUS.

BUT  
IF PEOPLE WILL  
STAND FOR THIS,  
WHAT'S NEXT?  
REGISTRATION?  
RELOCATION?  
CAMPS?



WHAT...  
WHAT IF THEY  
COME AFTER ME? WHAT'S  
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
BEING BORN WITH SPECIAL  
POWERS AND GAINING  
THEM THROUGH  
RADIATION?

THERE'S  
GYRICH'S  
CAR --



GOTCHA!

HMM...  
FOR A SPECIAL AGENT  
FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY  
COUNCIL -- AND SUPPOSED  
MOUTHPIECE FOR ZERO  
TOLERANCE --



-- I'D  
SAY HE LOOKS  
ALMOST...

... DEPRESSED  
ABOUT IT.





MAYBE I'LL FOLLOW OL' H.P.G. FOR A WHILE...



... SPIDEY-STYLE!

**FWAP**

AFTER ALL, I KNOW THE X-MEN, THEY'RE GOOD PEOPLE.

I CAN'T STAND AROUND AND WATCH WHILE THEY -- AND A LOT OF OTHER INNOCENTS --

-- ARE HUNTED DOWN LIKE ANIMALS.



AND IT'S NOT LIKE I'M UNFAMILIAR WITH BEING HOUNDED AND CALLED A MENACE.

BUT I CAN AT LEAST TAKE OFF MY MASK AND JUST BE PETER PARKER WHENEVER I WANT...

... WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOU'RE BORN WITH WINGS? OR AN OPTIC BLAST THAT FIRES EVERY TIME YOU OPEN YOUR EYES?



IF EACH TIME YOU WENT TO THE GROCERY STORE...

... YOU HAD TO PRAY THAT NOBODY'D NOTICE THE PECULIAR SHAPE DOWN YOUR BACK?









AGENT BOYD.

AN AMBUSH. PROGRAM- ACTIVATION IN PROGRESS.

?!

OPERATIONAL PARAMETERS ACKNOWLEDGED, AGENT MATHERS.



NOT THE MOST CARING BODYGUARDS IN THE WORLD, EH, MR. GYRICH?

THEY'RE SECRET SERVICE, YOU FREAK.

THEY'RE PROFESSIONALS.

WHAT AM I? A VOLUNTEER?

JUST THIS MOMENT, SPIDER-MAN...?



YOU'RE AN IMPEDIMENT.

NICE TALK, LADY.

WE'RE NOT HERE TO TALK NICELY, PUNK.

I AM CALLED MARROW, UPWORLDERS... MY COMPATRIOT IS CALLED CALLISTO.

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU, GYRICH.

AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF OPERATION: ZERO TOLERANCE, YOU'VE EFFECTIVELY DECLARED OPEN SEASON ON MUTANTS.

AS REPRESENTATIVES OF HOMO SUPERIOR EVERYWHERE -- WE HOLD YOU ACCOUNTABLE.





"NO COMMENT\*?!"  
"NO COMMENT\*?!"



SENATOR RALSTON, YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT SOME OF YOUR PEERS IN THE SENATE HAVE THROWN THEIR SUPPORT BEHIND A MAN WITH A MESSIAH COMPLEX AND NO PAST --

-- AND YOU HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO REACTION TO THIS?!

WELL, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF I TOLD YOU THAT BASTION MAY HAVE HAD ONE OF MY REPORTER'S KILLED?



OF COURSE I TRIED TO SPEAK TO ROBERT KELLY, BUT HE'S BEEN CONSPICUOUSLY SILENT DURING ALL OF THIS, AND --

I KNOW THE "MUTANT CRISIS" HAS ALWAYS BEEN HIS CAUSE, BUT --

VERY ELOQUENT, SENATOR. CAN I QUOTE YOU ON THAT?

WELL, YOU CAN QUOTE ME ON THIS --



-- NEXT ELECTION, I'M VOTING REPUBLICAN!

YUTZ!

**SLAM**



VERY DRAMATIC, JONAH.

?!  
HOW'D YOU GET IN HERE?!

QUESTIONS. IT'S ALWAYS QUESTIONS WITH YOU, ISN'T IT? BUT TODAY, I COME BEARING ANSWERS.





NOW  
SHOULDN'T YOU BE OUT  
TRYING TO RULE THE WORLD,  
BASTION... YOU AND YOUR  
STORMTROOPERS?

I'M NOT  
CONCERNED WITH  
RULING THE WORLD,  
JAMESON.

I'M  
CONCERNED  
WITH HELPING  
IT.

PRESERVING  
IT.

AND KEEPING  
ITS THREE BILLION OR SO  
HUMAN INHABITANTS SAFE  
FROM EXTINCTION.



THAT'S  
WHY I'M HERE  
TO OFFER YOU  
A DEAL.

THIS IS A  
NEWSPAPER, NOT  
A CASINO.

TAKE  
YOUR DEAL  
AND --



FWING

QUIET.



KKLUNK

KKLINK

KKLINK



DON'T  
SPEAK TOO  
HARSHLY  
JUST YET,  
JONAH...

... NOT  
BEFORE YOU  
SEE WHAT'S  
ON THAT  
DISK.



**A** APPROXIMATELY  
THIRTY BLOCKS  
AWAY...

YOU'LL  
HAVE TO FORGIVE  
MORROW.  
SOMETIMES  
HER YOUTHFUL AND  
PASSIONATE RHETORIC  
TENDS TO GET AWAY  
FROM HER.

FOR  
YEARS, WE LIVED  
UNDERGROUND --  
MODERN DAY  
MORLOCKS WHO FELT  
WE HAD NO PLACE  
ON THE SURFACE  
WORLD.

THERE,  
WE THOUGHT  
WE'D BE SAFE FROM  
HUMANS LIKE  
YOU.

OUR  
INTENT HERE  
IS NOT TO KILL  
ANYONE...

... WE  
WANT  
TO MAKE  
OUR VOICES  
HEARD!



SHEESH! DOES THE  
TERM "TALK RADIO"  
MEAN ANYTHING  
TO YOU?

YOU  
SHOULD BE  
FIGHTING WITH US,  
SPIDER-MAN!

YOU KNOW  
AS WELL AS WE  
DO WHAT IT FEELS LIKE  
TO BE HATED AND  
HUNTED AND SPAT  
UPON --

-- JUST  
BECAUSE YOU'RE  
DIFFERENT!

ALL THE  
MORE REASON,  
LADY --

-- NOT TO  
GIVE IN TO ANGER!



I TOLD YOU,  
CALLISTO.

THE  
TIME FOR  
WORDS HAS  
PASSED!

ALL  
SURFACE-DWELLERS  
UNDERSTAND...

... IS  
DEATH!





"RHETORIC,"  
EK?

THWIPP



SPIDER-MAN,  
DON'T...!

"DON'T"  
WHAT?



DON'T STAND BY AND  
WATCH HER MURDER  
GYRICH?

BET  
THAT'D GO A  
LONG WAY TO  
PROMOTE GENETIC  
HARMONY BETWEEN  
THE RACES!

THIS  
ISN'T GOING  
WELL.  
WAS  
I DELUDING  
MYSELF TO THINK  
THAT AFTER SARAH'S  
ENCOUNTER  
WITH CABLE AND  
STORM® --  
-- SHE'D  
BEEN FREED  
OF HER  
DEMONS?

IN CABLE 42  
PAGE



CEASE  
AND  
DESIST!

SO --  
YOU TWO ARE  
THE GOVERNMENT  
AGENTS?!

AT ONE  
TIME, YES.

NOW WE ARE MUCH,  
MUCH MORE. OUR  
SUB-PROGRAMMING  
HAS BEEN TRIGGERED  
BY YOUR ATTACK,  
MUTANT.

WE HAVE BECOME  
PRIME SENTINELS.  
PINNACLES BATTALION.

WE ARE YOUR  
EXECUTIONERS.









IT'S  
ALL THERE,  
JAMESON.




ALL  
THE AVAILABLE  
INFORMATION  
I'VE GATHERED  
FROM --

-- LET  
US SAY -- A  
"RELIABLE SOURCE"  
AND LEAVE IT  
AT THAT.



THIS  
IS EVERYTHING I'VE  
MANAGED TO DECRYPT  
SO FAR REGARDING  
THE OUTLAW X-MEN  
AND THEIR KNOWN  
ASSOCIATES.

THERE'S  
INFORMATION  
OF FAR GREATER  
CONSEQUENCE  
THAT I'VE AS YET  
BEEN UNABLE TO  
TRANSLATE...

... BUT  
I WILL. ®




SEE CABLE 45 TO SEE  
IF HE DOES... PANK.





JUST  
THINK, JAMESON --  
THE MONSTERS FEARED  
BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC  
"OUTED" WITH WHAT WE  
BELIEVE ARE THEIR CIVILIAN  
IDENTITIES.

IT IS  
THE STORY OF THE  
DECADE, JAMESON.  
PULITZER PRIZE  
MATERIAL...



... AND I'M  
HANDING IT TO YOU  
ON A SILVER PLATTER.



WHAT  
REPORTER COULD  
HAVE GIVEN THIS  
TO YOU?

ALL  
YOU HAVE TO  
DO IS PRINT  
IT.



THIS OPERATION HAS STRAYED DANGEROUSLY FAR FROM ITS ORIGINAL GOAL.

THE COVERT SAFEGUARDING OF HENRY PETER BYRICH.

BUT SECURITY HAS BEEN COMPROMISED.

OUR "COVER" HAS BEEN DISCREDITED.

YOU ARE INDICATING WE INITIATE SCORCHED EARTH PROGRAM.

THERE IS NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE.

AGREED, THEN.

ALL BID-SIGNATURES MUST BE ERASED.

NOW THEY'RE TURNING ON THEIR OWN KIND?!

HUMANS GET MORE VULGAR BY THE MOMENT!

HEY, WE DIDN'T CHOOSE THESE TWO TO REPRESENT THE REST OF US, LADY.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SPIDER-MAN?

NOT TO WORRY, THIS WEBBING SHIELD OF MINE OUGHT TO --

-- BE OF NO USE WHATSOEVER.

THOOM

WHOEVER CREATED THESE ANDROID GUYS -- OR WHATEVER THEY ARE -- SURE KNEW WHAT THEY WERE DOING!

HERE'S HOPING THERE AREN'T ANY PESKY DAILY BUGLE PHOTOGRAPHERS AROUND TO SNAP EMBARRASSING PHOTOS OF OUR RETREAT.

ZBLAST

IN OTHERS WORDS, DUCK!



GYRICH, IS IT SAFE TO ASSUME --

-- YOU DIDN'T KNOW THESE GUYS WERE SOME NEW FORM OF SENTINELS?

OF COURSE NOT!

THESE MEN ARE -- WERE -- CONSIDERED TWO OF OUR BEST AGENTS.

MY GOD!

THESE TWO WERE THE SAME TWO WHO WERE GUARDING GRAYDON CREED WHEN HE WAS ASSASSINATED.

SEE ISSUE 240 --  
IN FACTOR 100 -- MAKE



LOOK, I'LL HOLD OFF DUMB AND DUMBER AS LONG AS I CAN...

... YOU GUYS GET OUT OF HERE!



I'D APPRECIATED IT IF -- JUST FOR THE DURATION -- YOU KEEP THOSE BONE DAGGERS OF YOURS OUT OF MY BACK.

I WILL IF YOU TELL ME ONE THING.

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?

IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.

YOU WANT THE REAL ANSWER, OR THE WITTY REJOINER?

EITHER.

THE REAL ANSWER IS THAT A LONG TIME AGO, I LEARNED THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.

A FOOLISH MOTTO TO LIVE BY.



ALL INTEGRAL ENERGY REROUTED AND DIVERTED TO WIDE BAND ANNIHILATION BEAM!

PREPARE TO DIE!







... YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT A THREAT IS, HUMAN!

FOR YEARS YOU'VE BEEN AFRAID OF US -- HATED US!

SO MANY OF US DECIDED TO HIDE... TO TRY TO FIT IN!

I GOT ONE WORD FOR YOU...

THWIP

BUT THOSE DAYS --  
-- LIKE YOUR PATHETIC LIVES --  
-- ARE OVER!

THIS IS WHAT WE GET FOR SPENDING ALL OUR SHELLS ON THE SENTINELS/P

... CALMDOWNLADY!

WHAM

YOUR FRIEND IS HURT, MARROW -- AND THAT'S BAD. NO ONE IS GOING TO ARGUE THAT.


BUT SHE WAS SLAMMED TRYING TO SAVE YOUR LIFE!

WHICH MEANS I'M NOT ABOUT TO STAND BY AND WATCH YOU THROW IT AWAY.


GOT IT?

WHAT I "GOT," SPIDER-MAN... IS A REASON TO KILL YOU, TOO!






IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE, BASTION.



I'M ALREADY KNEE DEEP WORKING ON MY OWN STORY.

HAVE BEEN.


FOR WEEKS.



EVER SINCE YOU TRIED TO SCARE ME OFF OF CREED A FEW MONTHS BACK.®


IT'S ALL HERE ON THE COMPUTER. UNDER "BASTION."

SEE X-MEN 57 AND UPCOMING X-MEN 58 FOR MARK.



PRETTY IMPRESSIVE.

THERE'S NOTHING THERE.



I FIND IT PRETTY BLAMED CURIOUS --  
-- THAT THE MAN WHO HAS MANAGED TO INGRATIATE, INTIMIDATE, AND DOMINATE HIS WAY INTO A POSITION OF POWER IN OVER A DOZEN COUNTRIES...

... DOESN'T EVEN SEEM TO EXIST.



I'VE BEEN A REPORTER MOST OF MY LIFE, BASTION. MY GUT TELLS ME THAT YOU ARE THE STORY.

EXACTLY. NOT A SINGLE PAGE OF REFERENCE ON YOU.



I SENT A REPORTER TO EUROPE A FEW MONTHS BACK -- TO TRY TO UNCOVER SOME FACTS ABOUT GRAYDON CREED.

BUT HE DIDN'T MAKE IT BACK.

NEITHER DID HIS STORY.

SOMEONE MADE SURE OF THAT.

SOMEONE WHO WOULD DO ANYTHING TO PROMOTE HIS SECRET AGENDA.

SOMEONE WHO WOULD KILL TO KEEP THOSE SECRETS.

YOU -- YOU'RE DESTROYING THAT INFORMATION!

NO. I'M POSTPONING IT.

I HAVE EVERY INTENTION OF LEARNING EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU...

... ABOUT YOUR REASONS FOR HUNTING MUTANTS...

... AND YEAH, ALL ABOUT THE X-MEN THEMSELVES.

BUT I HAVE NO REASON TO TAKE THE WORD OF A MURDERER.

THE DAILY BUGLE'S SOUL ISN'T FOR SALE, BASTION.

-- AND THAT POWER COMES FROM THE TRUTH.

NOT FROM SOMEONE'S ABILITY TO TWIST THAT TRUTH --

-- TO MANIPULATE IT FOR HIS OWN END.

I'M NOT FOR SALE.

THE PRINTED WORD HAS TREMENDOUS POWER --

NOW GET THE BLAZES OUT OF MY OFFICE -- BEFORE I THROW YOU OUT.

AND ONE MORE THING BEFORE YOU GO, BASTION.

I'LL SEE YOU CHARGED WITH NICK'S MURDER.



MEANWHILE...

Y'KNOW WHAT, MARROW?

IF I THOUGHT KILLING ME WAS GOING TO STOP YOU FROM HURTING OTHER PEOPLE --

-- I MIGHT EVEN LET YOU DO IT.

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT I FEEL?!

WHAT? YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON WHO'S EVER BEEN HATED FOR BEING DIFFERENT?

I'LL LET YOU IN ON A SECRET, MARROW.

EVEN BEFORE I BECAME SPIDER-MAN, THERE WAS A VERY SHORT LIST OF PEOPLE WHO GENUINELY CARED ABOUT ME.

PEOPLE WHO LOVED ME.

SO THEN WHY?

WHY HELP PEOPLE WHO'D RATHER SEE YOU DEAD?

BECAUSE ONCE...

... A LONG TIME AGO...  
... I GOT SO WRAPPED UP IN MYSELF --  
-- THAT I LOST... EVERYTHING.

I DON'T WANT TO SEE THAT HAPPEN TO YOU.

AND... IF I HAVE NOTHING TO BEGIN WITH?

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS NOTHING, MARROW.





TOUCHING.

IF I HAD BOTH HANDS FREE, I MIGHT APPLAUD.

I'M NOT THE BIGGEST SUPPORTER OF OPERATION: ZERO TOLERANCE IN THE WORLD...

... BUT THIS WOMAN IS OBVIOUSLY A TERRORIST AND I'M BRINGING HER IN.

NICE TRY, PETE.

BUT I HAPPEN TO KNOW YOU'RE OUT OF BULLETS.

ONLY CAUSE MY SPIDER-SENSE ISN'T GOING OFF, BUT I DON'T NEED TO TELL HIM THAT.



LET HER GO, GYRICH.

WHY? BECAUSE A MASKED VIGILANTE TELLS ME TO?

NO. BECAUSE SHE'S LEARNED SOMETHING TODAY...

... AND IF SHE DOES TRY TO PULL THIS KIND OF STUNT AGAIN, I'LL BRING HER IN MYSELF.



AND WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO?

Y-YOUR FRIEND NEEDS A HOSPITAL, GIRL.

NO.

MY "FRIEND" NEEDS A HEALER. SHE NEEDS TO BE AMONG PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP HER.



I'M GOING TO BRING HER THERE...

... BUT THEN I'LL BE BACK.



LET'S ALL KEEP OUR FINGERS CROSSED THAT WHEN YOU DO --

-- THE WORLD WON'T BE AS MISERABLE A PLACE TO COME BACK TO.



FINALLY...

**Fwoosh**

WHOA, JONAH -- WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT?



JONAH?



NOTHING, ROBBIE.



IT'S ABOUT NOTHING.

FIN 