

**COSMIC GHOST RIDER'S  
DIARY COSMIC...**

WHEN I WAS A **MARINE**,  
I SAW SOME BRUTAL  
%@&!, BUT THAT WAS  
NOTHING COMPARED TO  
SEEING MY FAMILY  
MURDERED.

I BECAME THE **PUNISHER**  
AND DID WHAT THE GUYS  
IN TIGHTS WOULDN'T.

WHEN I DIED, I  
MADE A DEAL WITH  
THE DEVIL, LOST  
MY SANITY, WELL,  
WHAT LITTLE I  
HAD LEFT.

...BUT THAT WAS  
AN EVEN BIGGER  
MISTAKE, SO I  
BROUGHT HIM BACK,  
BEEN **STUCK**  
IN THE PAST  
EVER SINCE.

THEN I MADE  
A DEAL WITH  
ANOTHER DEVIL  
FOR SOME FANCY-  
SCHMANCY  
POWERS  
**COSMIC...**

I TRIED TO  
FIX THAT MISTAKE  
BY GOING **BACK**  
IN TIME AND  
RAISING THE  
MAD BABY TO  
BE GOOD...

AND SINCE I'M AN IDIOT, I  
WENT FOR THE HAT TRICK AND  
MADE **YET ANOTHER** DEAL WITH  
THE **WORST** DEVIL OF ALL.



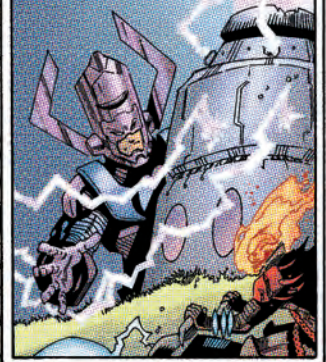
**QUEENS, NY.** SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 10 AND 2,000,000 YEARS AGO DEPENDING ON HOW YOU PROCESS TIME. (DON'T BE A %@#! ABOUT IT. THE POINT IS, IT'S NOT THE PRESENT...YET.)

WHEN YOU'VE GAZED INTO THE DOUBLE-BARRELED SHOTGUN OF THE COSMIC ABYSS...

...YOU BREAK ONE OF TWO WAYS--EITHER EVERYTHING MATTERS OR NOTHING DOES.

I USED TO BE AN EVERYTHING MATTERS KIND OF GUY, BUT NOW I'M THE OTHER WAY.

I GUESS WHAT I'M SAYING IS, LIFE IS SO MUCH BETTER WHEN YOU REALIZE THERE IS NO POINT. NO DEEPER MEANING.



SO I'VE BEEN KICKING IT AROUND EARTH FOR A FEW CENTURIES, KEEPING MYSELF ENTERTAINED.

SURE, I MIGHT HAVE CREATED A FEW OF THOSE PARADOX THINGIES THOSE EGGHEADS LIKE MR. FANTASTIC AND BEAST ARE ALWAYS YAPPING ABOUT.

BUT I WAS JUST KILLING TIME WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT.

THE DAY BEFORE MY FAMILY DIED.

**KNOCK KNOCK**



FRANKIE?!



IT'S FRANCIS, BUT YOU CAN CALL ME **MR. CASTLE** BECAUSE I'M THE MAN OF THE HOUSE WHEN MY DAD IS AWAY.

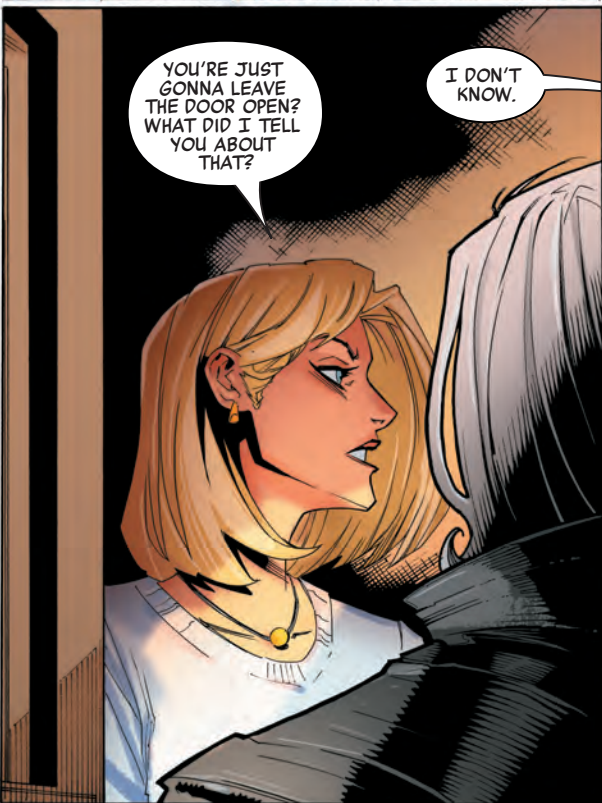
YOU ARE EVEN CUTER THAN I REMEMBER.



MOM! THERE IS A PERVERT HERE FOR YOU!

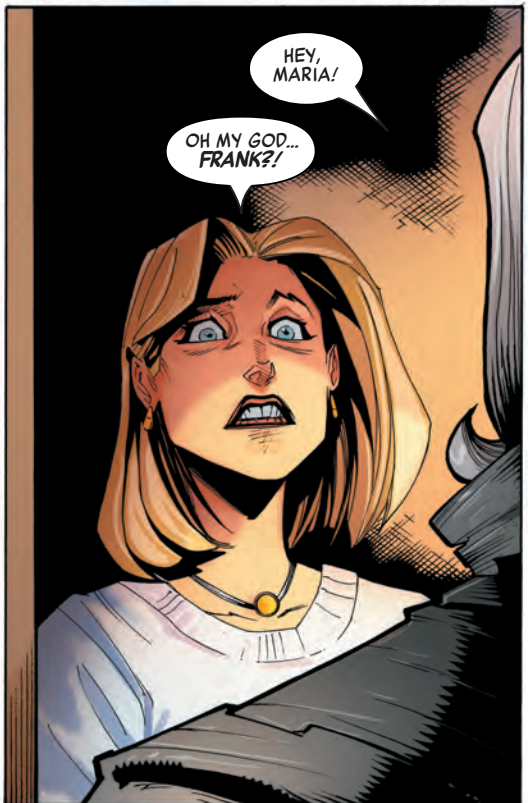


WHEN DID THE LITTLE GUY GET SO FUNNY? AND WHY DIDN'T I EVER NOTICE?



YOU'RE JUST GONNA LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN? WHAT DID I TELL YOU ABOUT THAT?

I DON'T KNOW.



HEY, MARIA!

OH MY GOD... FRANK?!



OH GEEZ, WHY DIDN'T I THINK THIS THROUGH? HOW DO I EXPLAIN THAT I'M HER HUSBAND TWO MILLION YEARS FROM THE FUTURE?

WHAT?!... NO... I'M A... I'M A... FRANK'S UNCLE. THAT'S RIGHT. FRANK'S UNCLE...

...FREDO HEARD MY NEPHEW WAS BACK HOME AND WANTED TO CHECK IN ON HIM.



WOW! HE NEVER TOLD ME HE HAD AN UNCLE...

AH, YOU KNOW FRANK, HE LIKES TO "COMPARTMENTALIZE."

THE RESEMBLANCE IS EERIE. PLEASE COME IN. HE SHOULD BE HOME SOON. HE JUST WENT TO... WELL HONESTLY, I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE GOES...

COMPARTMENTALIZING.



HE'S HAVING A TOUGH TIME ADJUSTING, HUH? I KNOW THAT FEELING.

WHEN I GOT BACK HOME FROM THE WAR, I WAS A MESS.

GIVE HIM TIME. CASTLES MIGHT BE DUMB BUT WE MAKE UP FOR IT IN STUBBORNNESS. NOT A GOOD COMBO BUT WE FIGURE IT OUT EVENTUALLY.



I JUST WANT TO KISS HER RIGHT NOW.

DON'T DO IT, YOU MANIAC. SHE'S LONELY, BUT NOT MAKE-OUT-WITH-CREEPY-OLD-STRANGER-IN-A-TRENCH-COAT LONELY.

RING RING RING

I SHOULD GET THAT.

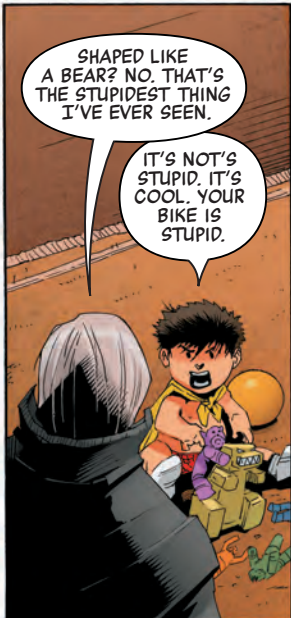


WATCHU GOT GOIN' ON THERE, KID? SPIDEY FIGHTIN' GRIZZLY?

NO, THAT'S BEAR. HE'S A GOOD GUY. HE HAS A MOTORCYCLE THAT GOES VROOM!

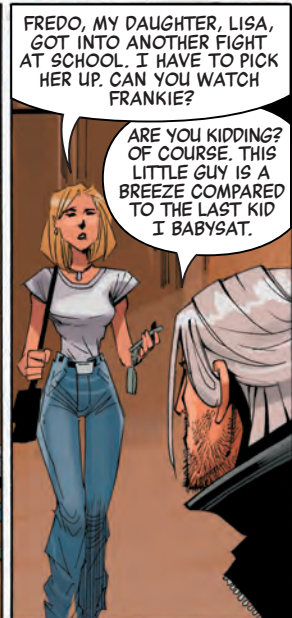
OH YEAH? I GOT A MOTORCYCLE TOO.

IS IT SHAPED LIKE A BEAR?



SHAPED LIKE A BEAR? NO, THAT'S THE STUPIDEST THING I'VE EVER SEEN.

IT'S NOT'S STUPID. IT'S COOL. YOUR BIKE IS STUPID.



FREDO, MY DAUGHTER, LISA, GOT INTO ANOTHER FIGHT AT SCHOOL. I HAVE TO PICK HER UP. CAN YOU WATCH FRANKIE?

ARE YOU KIDDING? OF COURSE. THIS LITTLE GUY IS A BREEZE COMPARED TO THE LAST KID I BABYSAT.

