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COSMIC GHOST RIDER

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FRANK CASTLE WAS A DECORATED MARINE, AN UPSTANDING CITIZEN AND A FAMILY MAN — UNTIL HIS FAMILY WAS KILLED IN A MOB HIT. FROM THAT DAY FORWARD, HE WAGED WAR ON CRIME AS THE RUTHLESS GUN-TOTING VIGILANTE THE PUNISHER... UNTIL HE DIED.

RESURRECTED AS THE GHOST RIDER, SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE, FRANK MADE SOME QUESTIONABLE DEALS AND BECAME THE RIGHT HAND OF THANOS. ATTEMPTING TO RIGHT THANOS' WRONGS, FRANK WENT BACK IN TIME TO KILL BABY THANOS — ONLY TO RAISE HIM AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETURN BABY THANOS TO HIS ORIGINAL TIMELINE WHEN HE STILL TURNED OUT HORRIBLE.

FRANK HAS MANAGED TO BEFRIEND HIS PAST SELF AND AVOID REVEALING HIS IDENTITY. AS THE HOUR OF HIS FAMILY'S MURDER DRAWS NEARER, FRANK IS DETERMINED TO PROTECT THEM AND CHANGE THE COURSE OF HIS HISTORY FOREVER. FEARING WHAT RIPPLE EFFECT THAT MIGHT HAVE ON THE TIMESTREAM, UATU THE WATCHER USED THE TIME GEM TO LOOK INTO THE FUTURE, AND WHAT HE SAW CONVINCED HIM THAT FRANK MUST BE STOPPED... NO MATTER THE COST!



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CASTLE HOME.

YOU KNOW, FREDO, FOR A GEEZER, YOU HIT LIKE A TRUCK.

OLD-MAN STRENGTH. THE OLDER YOU GET, THE HARDER YOU HIT. I GUESS IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH HAVING LESS TO LOSE.

I KNOW YOU'RE STILL NOT SURE WHAT TO MAKE OF ME. HONESTLY, I WOULDN'T TRUST ME EITHER...

...BUT I WASN'T LYING TO YOU, FRANK. I'VE BEEN WHERE YOU'VE BEEN.

AFTER I CAME BACK, I SHUT EVERYONE OUT, AND THEN ONE DAY IT WAS TOO LATE. I LOST EVERYONE I EVER CARED ABOUT.

YOUR FAMILY NEEDS YOU, BUT YOU NEED THEM MORE.

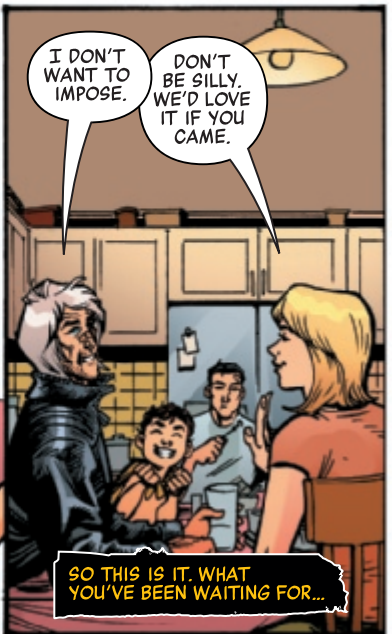
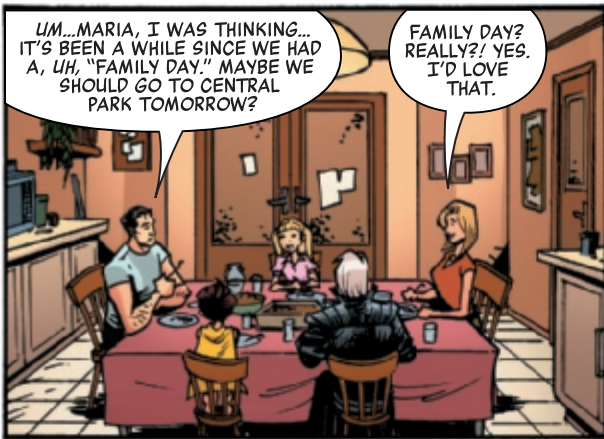
LET AN OLD HIPPIE INTO YOUR HOME FOR FIVE MINUTES AND HE STARTS TALKING ABOUT FEELINGS. WHAT'S NEXT? SINGING "KUMBAYA" AND KRAV MAGA?

NAH, I COULD NEVER PUNCH ON RHYTHM.

DAD! MOM SAYS I CAN'T START EATING UNTIL EVERYONE IS SEATED, SO DON'T MAKE ME GO ALL GALACTUS ON YOU!

GALACTUS?

LONG STORY.



CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK.

...THE DAY THAT CHANGED MY LIFE FOREVER. THE DAY MY FAMILY WAS MURDERED.

I SEE IT IN MY DREAMS EVERY NIGHT FIRST THERE WAS YELLING. THEN THE POP. I THOUGHT IT WAS A CAR BACKFIRING...

I HEARD MY WIFE SCREAM, AND THEN I SAW BULLETS RIP THROUGH MY SON'S FACE.

BUT NOT THIS TIME. THIS TIME THE CASTLES ARE GETTING A HAPPY ENDING.

I'VE BEEN MESSING WITH HISTORY FOR DECADES NOW. CHANGE A THING HERE OR THERE, NEVER SEEMS TO EVER MAKE MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE.



SO WHAT'S ONE MORE LITTLE CHANGE GONNA DO?

COME ON, UNCLE FREDO!

SORRY, I'M COMIN', KIDDO!



MOM! CAN WE GO TO THE CARNIVAL?

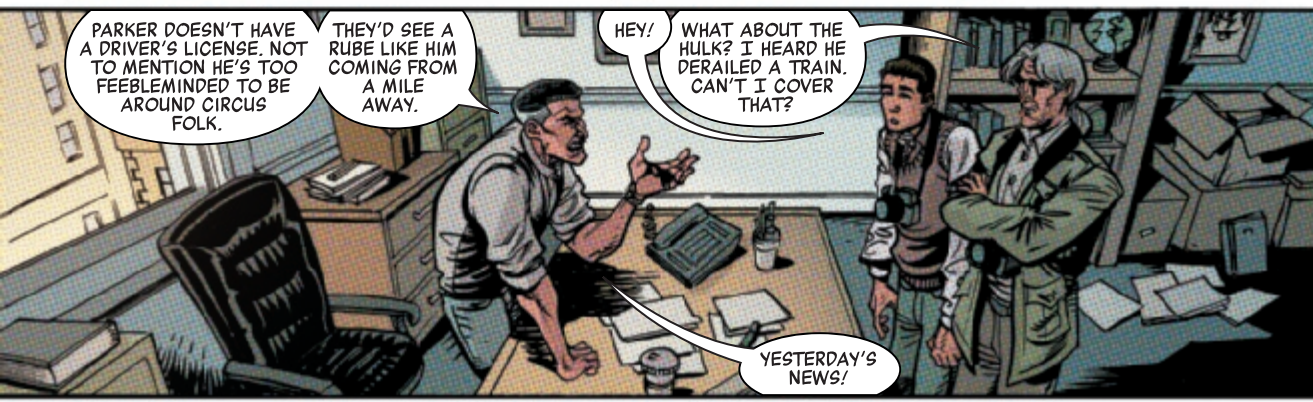
MAYBE AFTER LUNCH.



CARNIVALS? COUNT ME OUT. IT'S LIKE A MAGNET FOR SAD-SACK WEIRDOS WITH ANGER ISSUES, SPEAKING OF WHICH, THAT'S WHERE I ACTUALLY MET THE AVENGERS FOR THE FIRST TIME.

AT THE TIME, I WAS A STRINGER FOR THE DAILY BUGLE, AND THEY SENT ME ON ASSIGNMENT TO SNAP SOME PHOTOS OF A TRAVELING CIRCUS.

"COME ON, THE CIRCUS?! CAN'T YOU SEND THE KID?"



PARKER DOESN'T HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE. NOT TO MENTION HE'S TOO FEEBLEMINDED TO BE AROUND CIRCUS FOLK.

THEY'D SEE A RUBE LIKE HIM COMING FROM A MILE AWAY.

HEY!

WHAT ABOUT THE HULK? I HEARD HE DERAILED A TRAIN. CAN'T I COVER THAT?

YESTERDAY'S NEWS!

WITNESS THE AMAZING FREAK OF NATURE, **THE DUCKMAN!**

IT'S **HOWARD**, ACTUALLY. OH, FORGET IT. WHY DO I EVEN BOTHER?

"THEY HAD SOME STUPID ROBOT THAT WAS THE TALK OF THE TOWN, AND JONAH WANTED THE EXCLUSIVE."

MAN, I HATE THE CIRCUS.

THERE HE IS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN... **MECHANO**, THE MOST POWERFUL, LIFELIKE **ROBOT** ON EARTH. AS STRONG AS A DOZEN BULLDOZERS! A MARVEL OF THE AGE!

OH... MY... YOU GOTTA BE FREAKIN' KIDDING ME.

FINDING THIS ROBOT WAS THE GREATEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO THIS SHOW! WE'VE BEEN SOLD OUT EVERY NIGHT.

THAT AIN'T A ROBOT, PAL. THAT'S **THE HULK!**

THE JIG'S UP, **HULK!**

ME NO **HULK!** ME ROBOT!

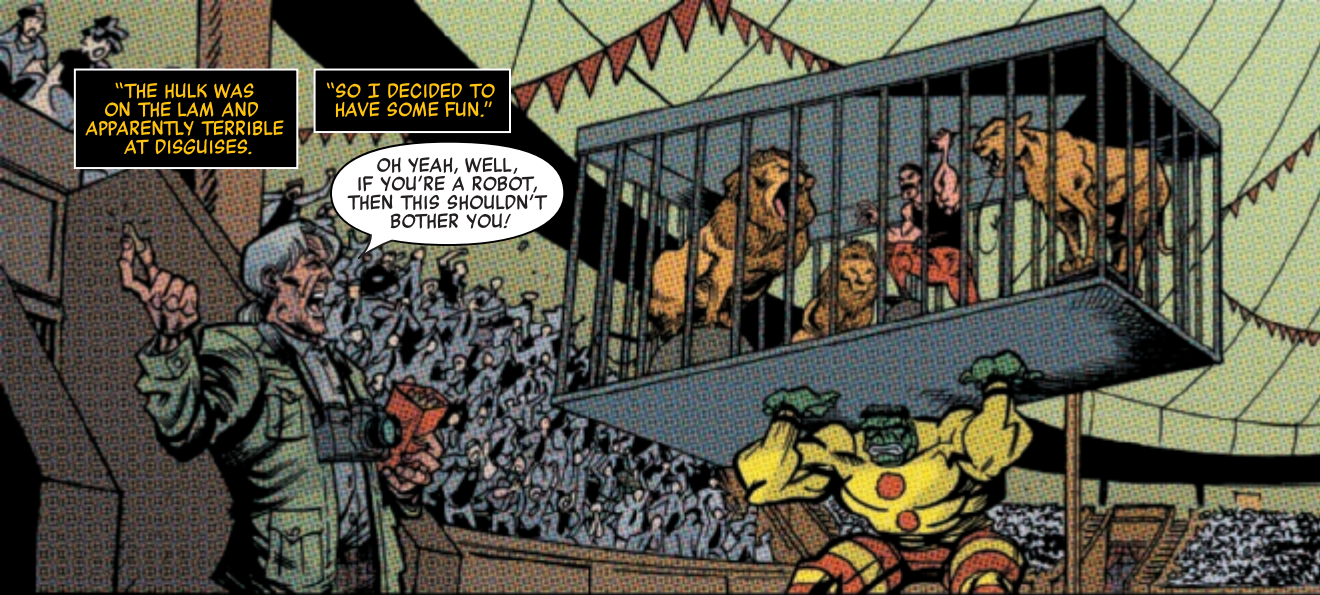
WELL, IF YOU'RE A ROBOT, WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE A STUPID CLOWN? PICK A LANGUAGE!

ME ROBOT CLOWN! BEEP, BEEP, BOOP, BEEP!

"THE HULK WAS ON THE LAM AND APPARENTLY TERRIBLE AT DISGUISES."

"SO I DECIDED TO HAVE SOME FUN."

OH YEAH, WELL, IF YOU'RE A ROBOT, THEN THIS SHOULDN'T BOTHER YOU!



ROBOT NO BOTHERED!

PLINK



YOU SURE? I GOT A PRETTY BIG BAG.

PLINK

PLINK



HULK MAD!

DUDE! SERIOUSLY! YOU JUST CALLED YOURSELF HULK! YOU BIG GREEN DUMMY!

PLINK



SHOULD WE TELL THE BOSS?

OH YEAH, SO THAT DORK CAN MAKE US SAVE THE DAY WHILE HE GETS ALL THE CREDIT. NO THANK YOU.



BUT IF WE DON'T AND HE FINDS OUT... YOU KNOW HOW HE GETS.

AND THEY SAY THE HULK HAS THE ANGER PROBLEMS. UGH, FINE. SEND THE SIGNAL. I GOTTA GET HOME ANYWAY. MY QUEEN'S IN LABOR, AND I WANNA BE THERE FOR THE BIRTH--



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