

BLINDED IN A FREAK ACCIDENT AS A CHILD, ATTORNEY MATT MURDOCK GAINED HEIGHTENED SENSES, ALLOWING HIM TO FIGHT CRIME AS DAREDEVIL.

WHEN HIS FAMILY WAS MURDERED BY THE MOB, FORMER SOLDIER FRANK CASTLE RENOUNCED EVERYTHING EXCEPT VENGEANCE, BECOMING THE VIGILANTE KNOWN AS THE PUNISHER.

# **DAREDEVIL** **THE PUNISHER**

## **SEVENTH CIRCLE**

### **CHAPTER ONE**

PROSECUTOR MATT MURDOCK ARRANGED FOR GANGSTER SERGEY ANTONOV'S TRANSFER TO TEXAS, AS THE ACCUSED COULDN'T GET A FAIR TRIAL IN NEW YORK CITY. BUT A FAIR TRIAL BECAME THE LEAST OF THE GANGSTER'S WORRIES WHEN THE PUNISHER ATTACKED HIS PRISON TRANSPORT!

DAREDEVIL AND HIS NEW PROTÉGÉ BLINDSPOT DISPENSED WITH PUNISHER AND GOT THE ACCUSED SAFELY TO QUEENS, ONLY TO BE AMBUSHED BY ANTONOV'S GOONS! TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, FRANK CASTLE'S CAUGHT UP AND HE'S OUT FOR BLOOD...

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I'M EMPTY. STICK HIM!

Took... a hit...to the head.



Radar sense... knocked out.

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? GUY WHO KILLS DAREDEVIL'LL BE FAMOUS.

DON'T RUSH ME. BIG MOMENT.



WANT TO TAKE MY TIME WITH THIS.



Have to...*strike*... keep them... off-balance.

OH HO!



LOOK AT HIM. FLAILING AROUND LIKE A CHILD. PATHETIC.



ALMOST SAD, EH?

NO. THIS IS DAREDEVIL. THINK OF EVERYTHING HE HAS DONE OVER THE YEARS.

WE ARE WORKING MEN, ONLY TRYING TO EARN A LIVING.

Where... are they?



AND HE ATTACKS US ALL THE TIME. HE SHOWS US NO MERCY. NEVER. HE DOES NOT DESERVE OUR PITY.

Come on, Matt... hit something, for God's sake!



HE DESERVES THIS.

NGH!

THWAM!

OKAY, MR. DAREDEVIL. WAS NICE TO MEET YOU.

Couldn't... even... see it coming.

BYE-BYE NOW.



STEP ASIDE, KID. THIS ISN'T YOUR FIGHT.

COULD SAY THE SAME THING TO YOU, PUNISHER. AND MY NAME'S **BLINDSPOT**.

KEEP HIM AWAY! PLEASE!



JUST STAY BACK, ANTONOV. I'LL HANDLE CASTLE.



DON'T BE AN IDIOT.

TOO MANY IDIOTS IN MASKS OUT THERE ALREADY, LIVING IN THEIR FANTASY WORLD.

YOU THINK HEROES DON'T KILL? HEROES GET PEOPLE KILLED ALL THE TIME.

ASK YOUR BOSS. ASK PAREDEVIL. LOTS A PEOPLE DIED ON HIS WATCH.

I DON'T CARE. RIGHT IS RIGHT.



THAT ROAD GOES TO SOME UGLY PLACES, KID.

LIKE STANDING IN A DIRTY ALLEY TRYING TO SAVE A MURDERER'S LIFE, ANTONOV'S KILLED KIDS, PLENTY, YOUNGER THAN YOU.

DOING THIS DOESN'T MAKE YOU A HERO. IT MAKES YOU...

...AN IDIOT, A CHUMP, TOO BLIND TO THINK FOR YOURSELF.



BUT NONE OF THAT'S MY PROBLEM, JUST GET OUT OF MY WAY, I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO HURT YOU.



YEAH, OKAY.



CALL ME WHATEVER YOU WANT, PUNISHER.