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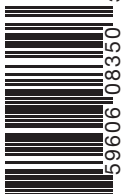
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WHEN MATT MURDOCK WAS A KID, HE LOST HIS SIGHT IN AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING A TRUCK CARRYING RADIOACTIVE CHEMICALS. THOUGH HE COULD NO LONGER SEE, THE CHEMICALS HEIGHTENED MURDOCK'S OTHER SENSES AND IMBUED HIM WITH AN AMAZING 360-RADAR SENSE. NOW MATT USES HIS ABILITIES TO FIGHT FOR HIS CITY. HE IS THE *MAN WITHOUT FEAR*. HE IS...

DAREDEVIL

DUE TO MANIPULATION BY THE MIND-ALTERING POWERS OF THE PURPLE CHILDREN, THE WORLD HAS FORGOTTEN DAREDEVIL'S TRUE IDENTITY IS MATT MURDOCK. SHOCKED BY THEIR ACTIONS, BUT NOT WANTING TO SQUANDER THIS FRESH START, MATT RETURNED TO NEW YORK, WAS READMITTED TO THE BAR, AND IS TAKING THE FIRST STEPS TOWARD A PLAN THAT WILL CHANGE EVERYTHING...A PLAN THAT BEGINS WITH MATT TAKING THE WITNESS STAND...AS DAREDEVIL!

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**NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT,
CRIMINAL DIVISION.**

THE COURTROOM IS A SACRED PLACE.

A LITERAL FORTRESS OF CIVILIZATION, BUILT TO HOLD BACK THE THRUSTING SPEARS OF ANARCHY.

IN THIS PLACE, THINGS THAT ARE **WRONG** CAN BE PUT **RIGHT**.

THIS IS MY OPINION, OF COURSE, HOWEVER, IT IS A **POWERFUL** OPINION, VESTED WITH THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

WITH THIS **MIND**, I CONSIDER THE GREAT QUESTIONS.

WITH THIS **HAMMER**, I METE OUT **JUSTICE**.

AND FROM THIS **BENCH**, I **RULE**.
NEEDLESS TO SAY...



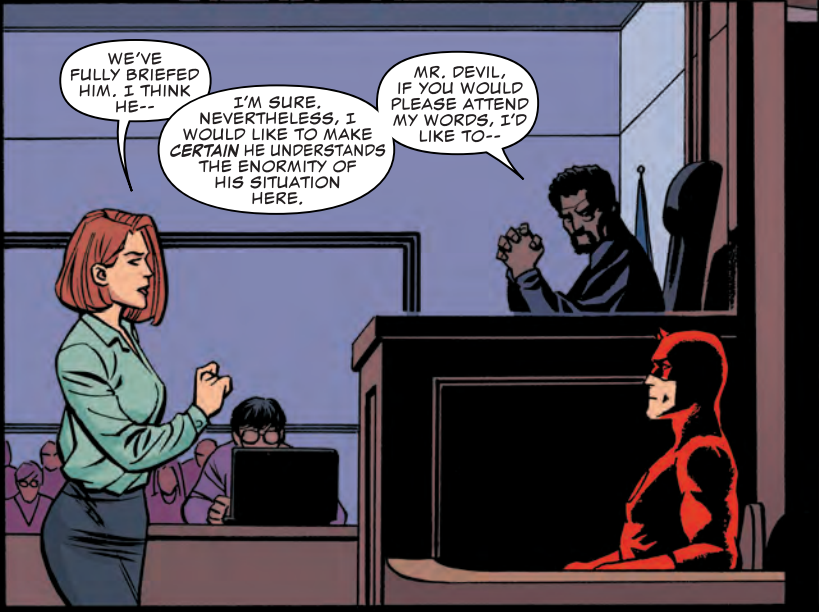
...I'M NOT A BIG FAN OF STUNTS.

NO, YOUR HONOR, OF COURSE NOT. THIS ISN'T THAT.



I DO HOPE SO, MS. PORTER. IT IS THE ONLY REASON I AM ALLOWING THIS TO PROCEED.

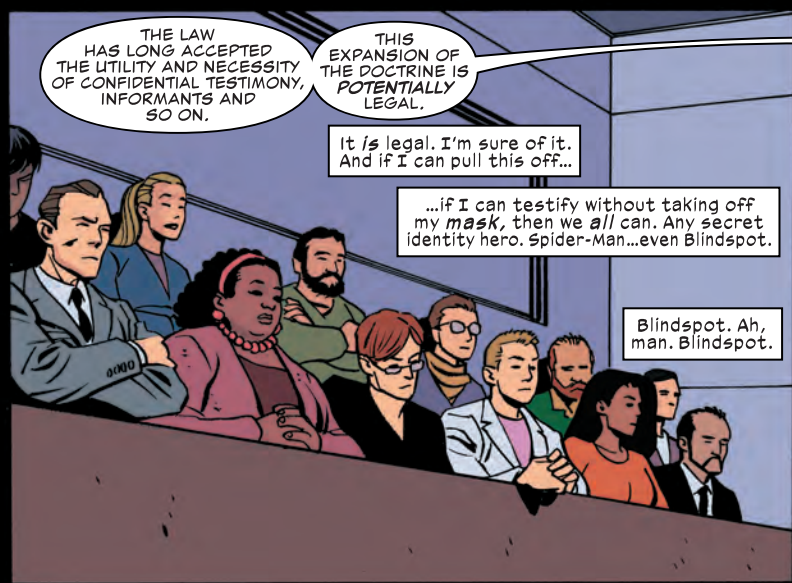
I AM CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT MR. DEVIL MAY NOT BE PROPERLY INFORMED AS TO THE STAKES OF TODAY'S HEARING.



WE'VE FULLY BRIEFED HIM. I THINK HE--

I'M SURE. NEVERTHELESS, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CERTAIN HE UNDERSTANDS THE ENORMITY OF HIS SITUATION HERE.

MR. DEVIL, IF YOU WOULD PLEASE ATTEND MY WORDS, I'D LIKE TO--



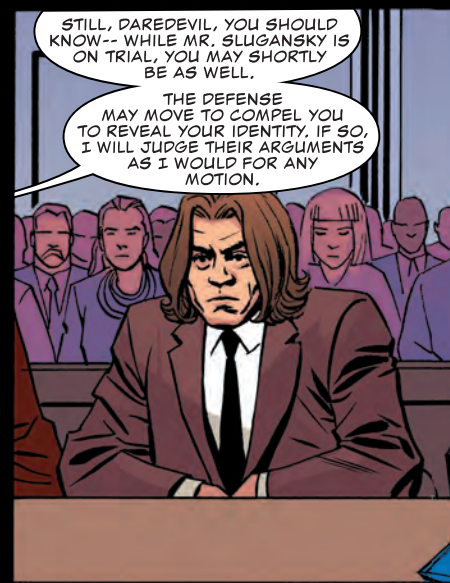
THE LAW HAS LONG ACCEPTED THE UTILITY AND NECESSITY OF CONFIDENTIAL TESTIMONY, INFORMANTS AND SO ON.

THIS EXPANSION OF THE DOCTRINE IS POTENTIALLY LEGAL.

It *is* legal. I'm sure of it. And if I can pull this off...

...if I can testify without taking off my mask, then we *all* can. Any secret identity hero. Spider-Man...even Blindspot.

Blindspot. Ah, man. Blindspot.



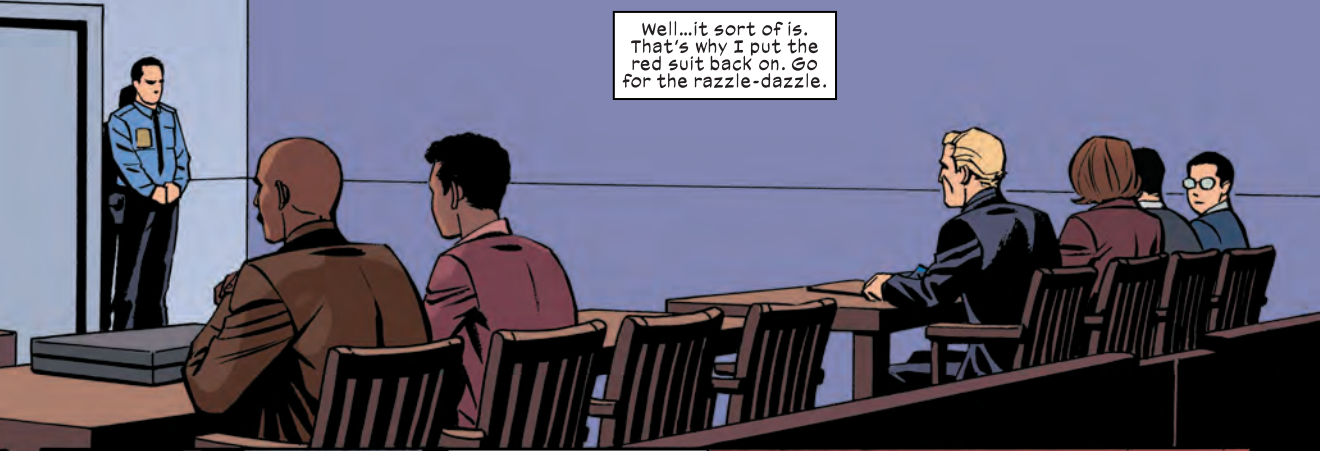
STILL, DAREDEVIL, YOU SHOULD KNOW-- WHILE MR. SLUGANSKY IS ON TRIAL, YOU MAY SHORTLY BE AS WELL.

THE DEFENSE MAY MOVE TO COMPEL YOU TO REVEAL YOUR IDENTITY. IF SO, I WILL JUDGE THEIR ARGUMENTS AS I WOULD FOR ANY MOTION.

SUPREME

PART 2

Well...it sort of is. That's why I put the red suit back on. Go for the razzle-dazzle.



IT'S DAREDEVIL, YOUR HONOR.

PARDON ME?

ONE WORD.

NOTED.

THE STATE HAS CALLED YOU, DAREDEVIL, TO TESTIFY AT THE TRIAL OF SIMON SLUGANSKY.

HE STANDS ACCUSED OF CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY, TERRORIST ACTS AND OTHER CHARGES THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN COVERED IN DETAIL.

Correct. Slug's part of a gang called the Clip, and they tried to blow up City Hall in an attempt to kick-start the collapse of civilization.

I'm not sure it even made sense to them.

YOU ARE HERE AS DAREDEVIL, NOT IN YOUR CIVILIAN PERSONA.

YOU WISH TO TESTIFY ANONYMOUSLY.

Slug's gang escaped, but we got him, and I picked up plenty of evidence with my super-senses.

If the judge lets me testify, I can put him away, and maybe get him to turn over on his crew.

It could change *everything*. Our powers let us gather evidence the cops just can't. If we can present it in court, *legally*...

...no more tying up bad guys, leaving them for the police and praying the system can get a conviction. We can be part of the process from start to finish.

IF SUCH A MOTION WERE SUCCESSFUL, I WOULD REQUIRE YOU TO REMOVE YOUR MASK HERE, IN FRONT OF ALL AND SUNDRY ASSEMBLED.

YES, I KNOW. MR. MURDOCK LAID ALL OF THIS OUT TO ME.

It's all I've been thinking about since the moment the Purple Children gave me my secret identity back. This one, big play.

AND KNOWING ALL OF THIS, YOU CHOOSE TO PROCEED?

It all comes down to this. Here. Today.