

AS A CHILD, JESSICA DREW'S FATHER RESCUED HER FROM A FATAL ILLNESS USING A SERUM OF SPIDER BLOOD. THE CONCOCTION NOT ONLY CURED HER, BUT GRANTED HER ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES, ENHANCED AGILITY AND SPEED, AND THE ABILITY TO FIRE BIOKINETIC "VENOMBLASTS" FROM HER FINGERTIPS. SHE HAS WORKED AS AN AVENGER, AN AGENT OF HYDRA, AND A SPY, BUT YOU CAN CALL HER...

SPIDER-WOMAN

JESSICA DREW RARELY GETS A BREAK. BEING A SINGLE MOM AND A SUPER HERO DOESN'T LEAVE MUCH TIME FOR...WELL, ANYTHING.

EVEN THOUGH SHE'S TRIED TO TAKE SOME TIME OFF FROM THE HERO LIFESTYLE, IT JUST KEEPS CATCHING UP WITH HER. LUCKILY, REFORMED SUPER VILLAIN/NEW BEST FRIEND/BABYSITTER EXTRAORDINAIRE ROGER GOCKING [A.K.A. THE PORCUPINE] IS AROUND AND HAPPY TO LEND A HAND. SINCE SWITCHING OVER TO FIGHT FOR THE GOOD GUYS, ROGER IS LOOKING TO PROVE HIMSELF ANY WAY THAT HE CAN.

EVEN WITH HIS HELP, THOUGH, AFTER RECENT EVENTS IN THE SUPER HERO COMMUNITY, JESSICA'S EARNED A PERSONAL DAY.

WHAT COULD GO WRONG?



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I NEVER USED TO TAKE DAYS OFF. NOT REAL ONES, ANYWAY.

I MEAN, SURE, I'D FILL A SLOW TUESDAY TO THE BRIM WITH OLD ACTION MOVIES AND ICE CREAM SANDWICHES.

BUT BOXING THE EARS OF A BROTHER GRIMM ALWAYS TOOK PRECEDENT.

THESE DAYS, THOUGH, TUESDAYS ARE NEVER SLOW. MY LIFE RUNS ON A STRICT SCHEDULE.

WHEN I'M AT HOME, I'M IN MOMMA MODE.

WHEN I'M AT WORK, I'M IN PUNCHING MODE.

AND IT PRETTY MUCH ALWAYS FEELS LIKE I'M NEGLECTING ONE RESPONSIBILITY OR THE OTHER.

SO...NOW WE DO DAYS OFF.

HIGHLY CAFFEINATED--

--ANXIETY-RIDDEN--

--WILDLY EXHAUSTED FROM HAULING THIS DIAPER BAG THROUGH HELL AND YET SOMEHOW I'M ALL OUT OF WIPES--

--DAYS OFF.



IT'S SORTA GREAT.

IT TOOK CITY WORKERS MORE THAN TWO HOURS TO CLEAN UP AND REOPEN 52ND STREET AFTER THIS MORNING'S SPIDER-MAN INCIDENT.



A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE NYPD TELLS US THAT THE COSTUMED CRIMINAL KNOWN AS SANDMAN WAS FLEEING THE SCENE OF A BANK ROBBERY WHEN THE SKIRMISH BEGAN.



THE LOPSIDED BATTLE LASTED ONLY TEN MINUTES, ENDING WITH THE SANDMAN ESCAPING IN A STOLEN POLICE CRUISER.

WE'RE TOLD ALL STOLEN MONEY HAS BEEN RECOVERED AND RETURNED...

...HOWEVER, EARLY ESTIMATES PUT THE ENSUING PROPERTY DAMAGE NORTH OF 700 THOUSAND DOLLARS.
NICE WORK, MILES.
...EH.



IN OTHER NEWS, CAPTAIN MARVEL CONTINUES HER HUMANITARIAN TOUR IN THE WAKE OF--

UGH.



NOBODY CARES.

BA-DOOP



ENOUGH OF THAT NOISE. RIGHT, BOYO?



TODAY, WE BEACH.

Three trains, two buses and one big bad meltdown later:



ROGER, PLEASE TELL ME AGAIN...

...WHY ANYONE. WOULD EVER.

CHOOSE TO LIVE ON STATEN ISLAND?

JESS, MAN, THIS WAS YOUR PLAN.

I TOTALLY SAID WE'D COME TO YOU.

YES, BUT YOU SEE, I GET HIT IN THE HEAD FOR A LIVING.

SO I HAVE TO TRUST THAT MY FRIENDS WILL SAVE ME FROM MYSELF...

...WHEN MY CLEARLY ADDLED MIND MAKES POOR DECISIONS.



I'M SORRY, MAN, NEXT TIME--

ROGER, SHH...

...SOMETIMES I JUST LIKE TO COMPLAIN.

JESS! JESS! JESS!



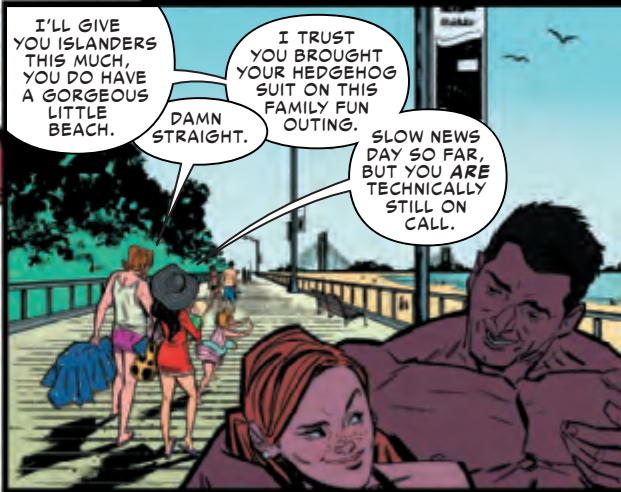
KALIE GIRL...HOW YOU DOIN'?! I'M GOOD.

I'LL GIVE YOU ISLANDERS THIS MUCH, YOU DO HAVE A GORGEOUS LITTLE BEACH.

DAMN STRAIGHT.

I TRUST YOU BROUGHT YOUR HEDGEHOG SUIT ON THIS FAMILY FUN OUTING.

SLOW NEWS DAY SO FAR, BUT YOU ARE TECHNICALLY STILL ON CALL.



GOT IT RIGHT HERE, MAN.

JUST IN CASE. YOUR DAY OFF IS IN GOOD HANDS.

I KNOW IT.

