

FRANK CASTLE was once a decorated Marine officer, an upstanding citizen and family man. Then his family was violently taken from him when they were accidentally killed in a mob hit. From that day on, Frank Castle shed his old identity and became a force of cold, calculated retribution and vigilantism known as

THE PUNISHER

PREVIOUSLY

It's been a long road back to Los Angeles for Frank. After being shot by the Howling Commandos, the Punisher escaped south of the border, where he was captured by a drug lord, sold, escaped, voluntarily sent to prison, and escaped again. In the Punisher's absence the gangs have risen, led by the second Del Sol brother, plunging L.A. into chaos.

The disgraced Officer Stone was sent to prison for emulating her idol The Punisher's vigilante ways. When Del Sol liberated her prison to further L.A.'s undoing, he sent a group of thugs to teach the rogue cop a lesson.



Under orders from above, the Howling Commandos lured Frank into the open by kidnapping his only remaining family. Despite Frank's best efforts, he was shot and captured.

A HOLE IN THE GROUND

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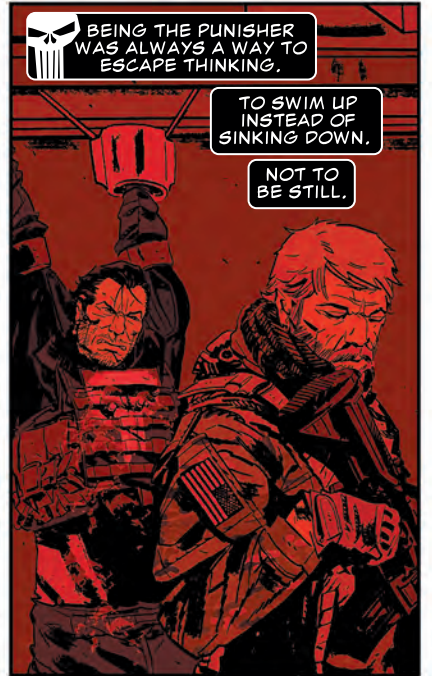
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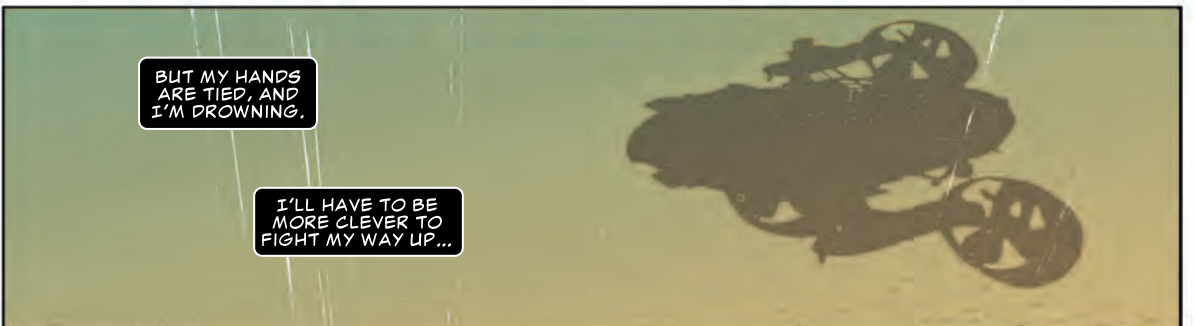
THEY'RE GOING
TO LIBERATE
LOS ANGELES.



 BEING THE PUNISHER
WAS ALWAYS A WAY TO
ESCAPE THINKING.

TO SWIM UP
INSTEAD OF
SINKING DOWN.

NOT TO
BE STILL.



BUT MY HANDS
ARE TIED, AND
I'M DROWNING.

I'LL HAVE TO BE
MORE CLEVER TO
FIGHT MY WAY UP...

**JOINT FORCES TRAINING BASE.
LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA.**

GOING UP AGAINST
THE U.S. MILITARY WILL
REQUIRE AN OUNCE OF
CLEVERNESS...

...AND A POUND
OF SOMETHING
WORSE.

