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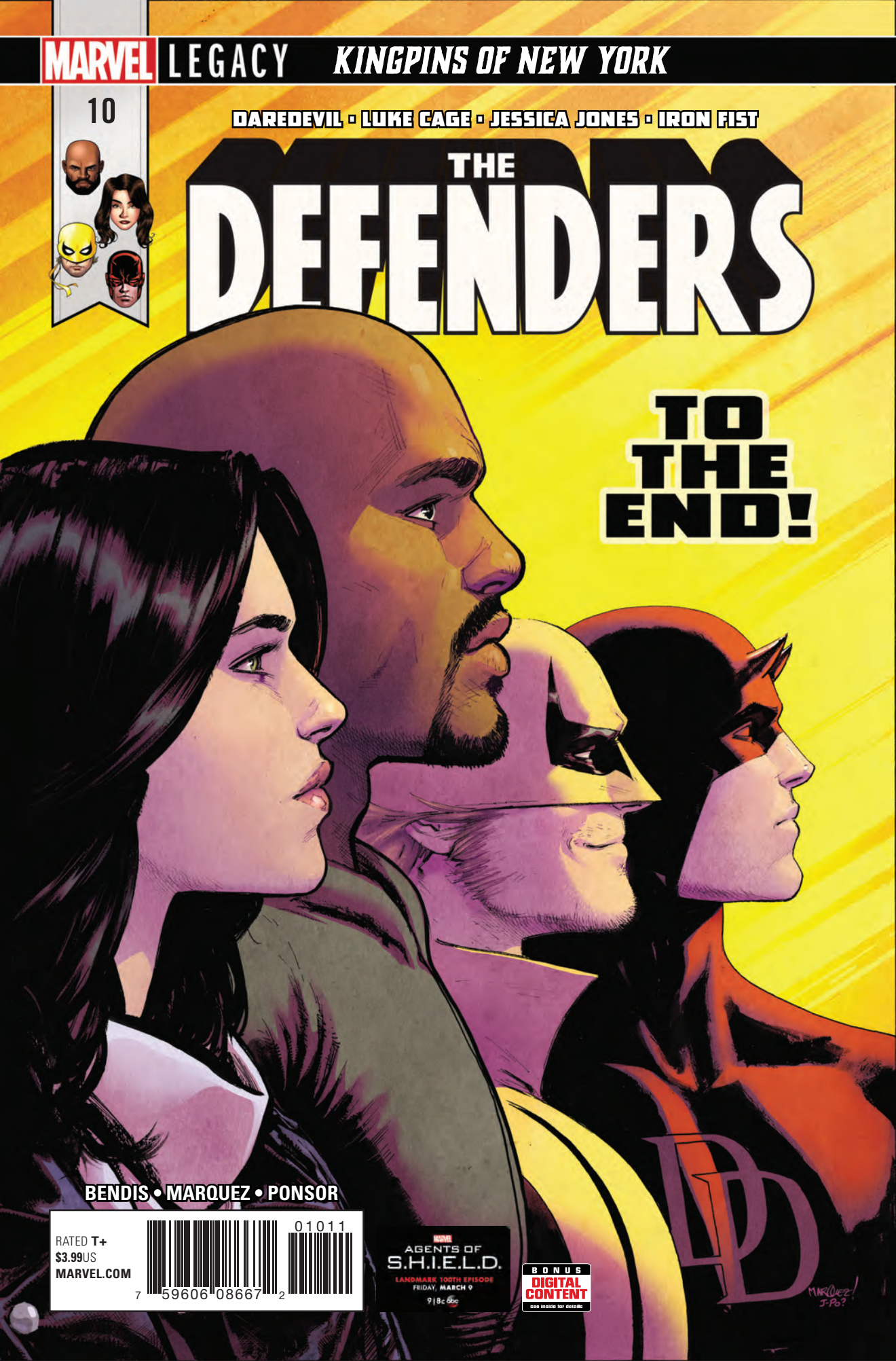

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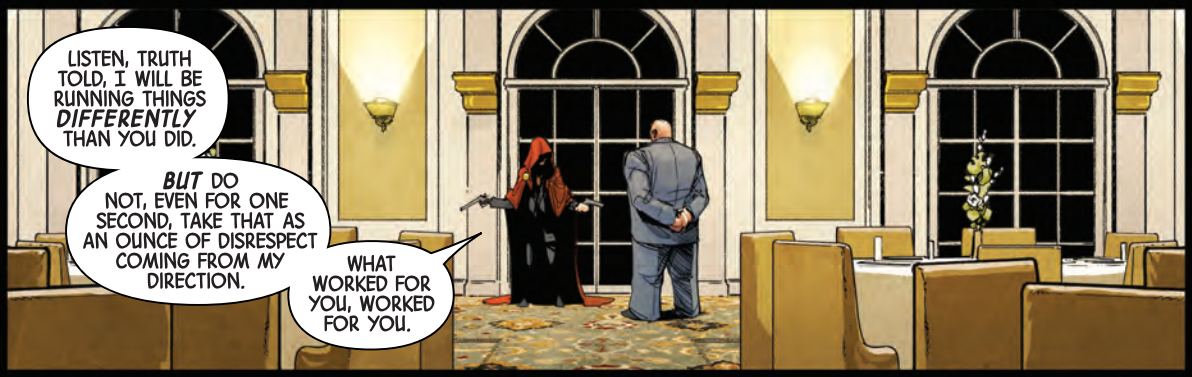
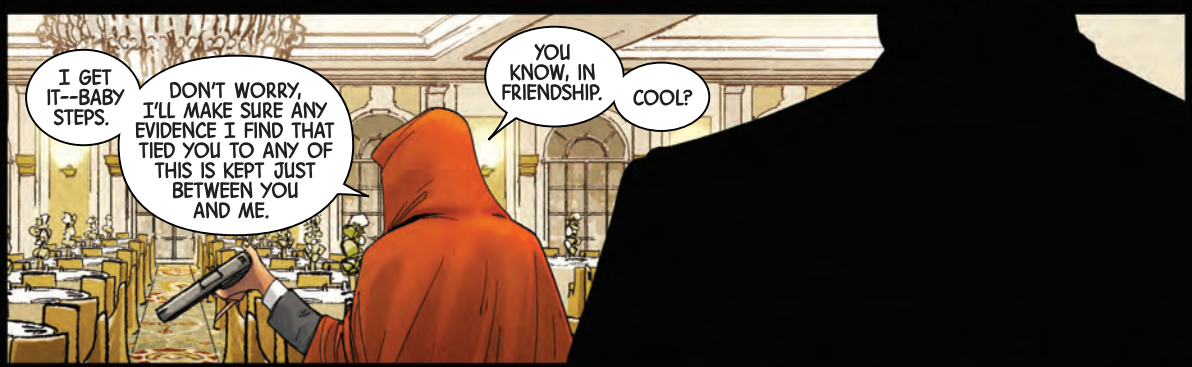
OH, HELLO.
AREN'T YOU WILSON FISK, THE MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY?
I KNOW YOU'RE A VERY IMPORTANT PERSON AND YOU MEET A LOT OF PEOPLE, SO I WON'T HOLD YOUR FAT TO THE FIRE AND HAVE YOU TRY TO REMEMBER MY NAME...
PARKER ROBBINS.
WE'VE MET.
THEY CALL ME THE HOOD.
BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, OF THE HOOD.

SO HERE'S WHAT'S WHAT--IF YOU HAVEN'T HEARD ALREADY...
...DIAMONDBACK IS DONE.
THE DEFENDERS DEFENDED HIS FACE FROM HIS NOSE.
AND IN HIS ABSENCE, I TOOK HIS TERRITORY.
ALL OF IT.
THE BOROUGHS, THE CLUBS, THE TRADE ROUTES, THE BOOK-MAKERS...
THAT DRUG HE WAS PUSHING WAS CRAP. THAT IS DONE.
I HAVE SOME INTERESTING PEOPLE WORKING ON SOME INTERESTING NEW HIGHS.
I KNOW IT USED TO ALL BE YOURS. YOU BUILT IT.
SO I'M HERE OUT OF RESPECT.
TOTAL RESPECT.
I AM IN NO WAY INSINUATING THAT YOU, YOURSELF, PERSONALLY MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN CAHOOTS WITH THAT DIAMONDBACK MANIAC, BECAUSE CLEARLY THAT IS NOT THE CASE.
NO WAY.
I AM NOT SAYING--AND I WOULD NEVER EVER BE CAUGHT DEAD SAYING--THAT EVEN THOUGH YOU MIRACULOUSLY GRADUATED TO MAYOR OF THE GREATEST CITY ON THIS, THE PLANET EARTH...
(...AND, BY ANY DEFINITION OF THE WORDS, ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL POLITICIANS IN THE UNITED STATES...)
...YOU STILL COULDN'T GIVE UP CONTROL OF YOUR BLOOD-COVERED CRIMINAL EMPIRE.
I WOULD NEVER EVER SAY THAT, BECAUSE THAT WOULD MEAN YOU ARE EITHER SO INCREDIBLY SELF-DESTRUCTIVE AND GREEDY THAT EVEN MY BRAIN COULDN'T PROCESS IT, OR...
OR YOU'RE JUST OUT OF YOUR FAT #$@$# MIND.
NOPE.
THIS IS NOTHING BUT A COURTESY CALL TO TELL YOU THAT I AM THE NEW KINGPIN.
SO! ANY ADVICE FOR ME, KINGPIN TO KINGPIN?


LISTEN, TRUTH TOLD, I WILL BE RUNNING THINGS *DIFFERENTLY* THAN YOU DID.
BUT DO NOT, EVEN FOR ONE SECOND, TAKE THAT AS AN OUNCE OF DISRESPECT COMING FROM MY DIRECTION.
WHAT WORKED FOR YOU, WORKED FOR YOU.

BUT IT'S TIME TO SHAKE THINGS UP, AND I HAVE SOME NEW IDEAS I'M GOING TO TRY OUT.
I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW IT IS NOT OUT OF DISRESPECT.
NEW KINGPIN, NEW MAYOR. NEW RULES.
AND I HOPE WE--YOU AND I--CAN START TO THINK OF WAYS TO ***HELP*** EACH OTHER.


I GET IT--BABY STEPS.
DON'T WORRY, I'LL MAKE SURE ANY EVIDENCE I FIND THAT TIED YOU TO ANY OF THIS IS KEPT JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME.
YOU KNOW, IN FRIENDSHIP.
COOL?

"HERE'S THE THING...
"IT'S NOT THE STORIES WE'RE TOLD...
"...IT'S THE STORIES THAT WE'RE ***NOT***...

THE NEWS YOU READ OR SEE, SOMETIMES THAT'S THE STORY YOU GET JUST BECAUSE WHOEVER IS IN CHARGE OF MAKING THE NEWS--THEY JUST HAPPEN TO HAVE SOME FOOTAGE.
SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU.
SO BASED ON THAT AND ONLY THAT...IT BECOMES NEWS.
KNIGHT

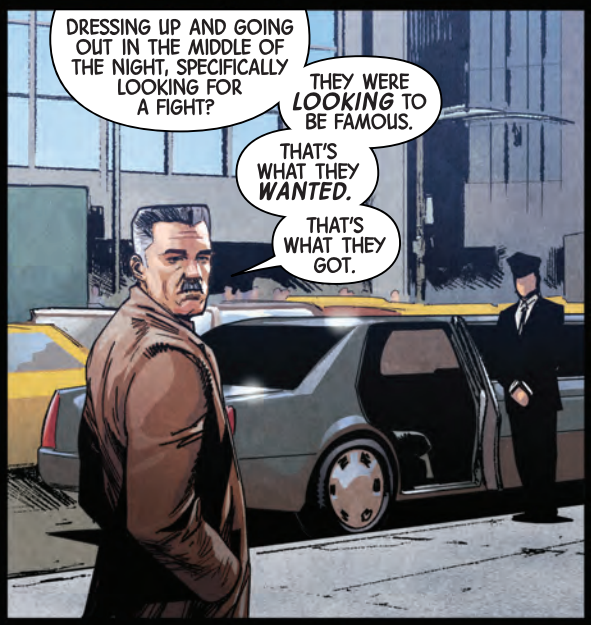
BUT STUFF HAPPENS EVERY DAY, ALL OVER THE WORLD.
BIG STUFF. IMPORTANT STUFF. STUFF THAT NEVER GETS REPORTED.
BUT NO ART, NO STORY.
ALSO, I'M TELLING YOU, THERE'S, I THINK, ONLY SO MANY STORIES A PERSON CAN HEAR IN A DAY.
THAT IS TRUE.
TECHNOLOGY
OnStyle
Peeps!

I THINK IT'S ALL PERSPECTIVE.
I THINK YOU HEAR THE STORIES YOU NEED TO HEAR.

NO. NO, NO.
PEOPLE GO LOOKING FOR THE STORIES THEY WANT.
THE STORIES THAT CONFIRM THEIR WORST FEARS.
TRUST ME ON THIS.

I THINK PEOPLE LOOK FOR STORIES THAT GIVE YOU HOPE WHEN YOU CAN'T FIND ANY IN FRONT OF YOU.
AW, THAT'S TRUE.

YOU KNOW, THERE ARE STORIES THAT HAVE ACTUALLY HAPPENED TO ME THAT I HAVE COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN...
...BUT, FOR SOME REASON, I REMEMBER EVERY DETAIL OF REED RICHARDS AND SUE STORM'S WEDDING.
BUT THAT DOES NOT ANSWER THE QUESTION--WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DEFENDERS?


DRESSING UP AND GOING OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, SPECIFICALLY LOOKING FOR A FIGHT?
THEY WERE *LOOKING* TO BE FAMOUS.
THAT'S WHAT THEY *WANTED.*
THAT'S WHAT THEY GOT.

LISTEN, IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE NOT *WELL-KNOWN.*
WE'RE WELL-KNOWN.
(I WAS AN AVENGER.)
I WAS ONE OF *ROLLING STONE'S HOTTEST AVENGERS.*

(HE WAS #77.)
THING IS, YEAH, WE'RE USED TO STICKING OUT.
I USED TO WEAR A BIG METAL TIARA.
WHY? BECAUSE, LOOK AT ME, I *COULD.*
AND, IF NOT ME, WHO?

WHEN I SAW THE NEWS, I WAS LIKE--I USED TO *DREAM* OF THAT KIND OF PRESS.
BUT IF IT WERE ME THE HEADLINE WOULD HAVE SAID, "*CREEPY SPIDER-BOY RUINS LIMO.*"

BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO US AFTER DIAMONDBACK...
THAT WAS WEIRD.
THAT...WAS *UNEXPECTED.*

NO, IT WASN'T.
PEOPLE ARE *SO SICK* OF BEING PICKED ON AND PREYED ON...
MY HUSBAND WALKED UP TO ONE OF THOSE ASSHATS WHO WAS PICKING AND PREYING ON PEOPLE AND HE PUNCHED HIM RIGHT IN HIS FACE.
AND HE DID IT ON CAMERA.
SO, YEAH, WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?
SURE.