

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

After being shot at by the Howling Commandos, the Punisher escaped south of the border where he was captured by a drug lord, sold, escaped, voluntarily went 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.

Captured by the Howling Commandos, Frank cast suspicion on the true nature of their orders, and team leader Sidewinder let Frank go on the condition he find the truth.

Frank extracted a confession from the rogue U.S. Secretary behind the violence and caught it all on tape. Though Frank opted to expose the Secretary instead of kill him, his escape through Arlington National Cemetery was foiled...by Captain America!



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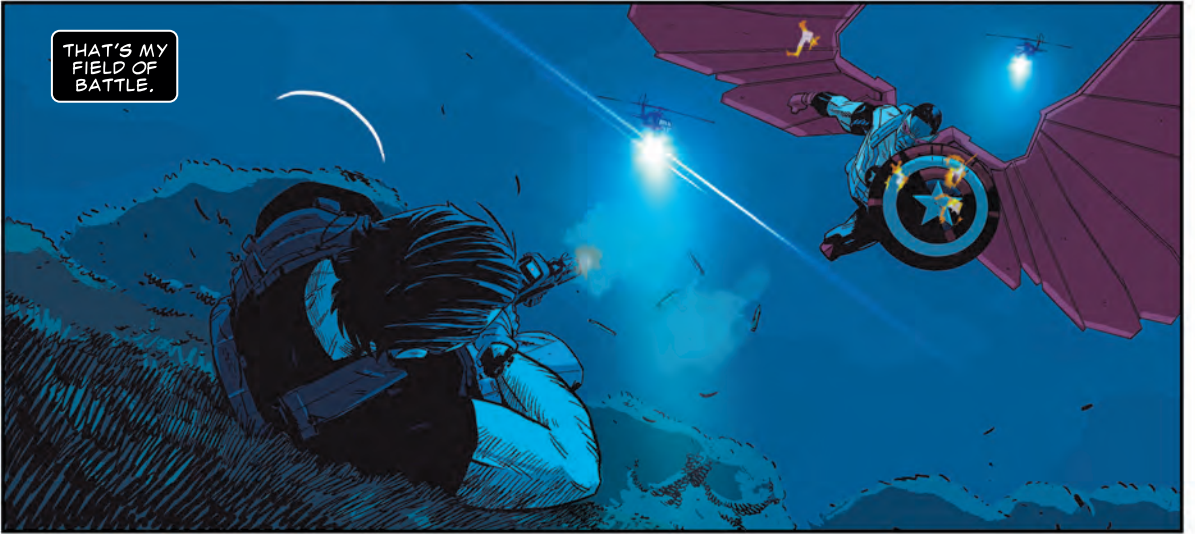
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THERE IS A STRATUM OF
CRIMINALS TOO SMALL
FOR THE HEROES, TOO
VICIOUS FOR THE POLICE.



THAT'S MY
FIELD OF
BATTLE.



I'M BEYOND
THE FRONT
LINE, NOW.



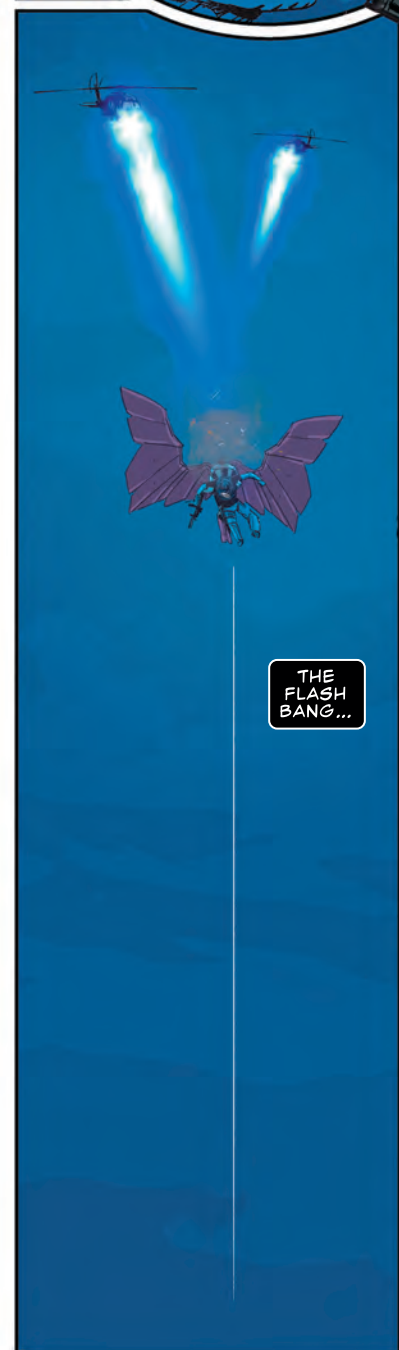
TWO STANDARD
GRENADES LEFT,
ONE FLASH BANG.

ONE MAGAZINE
REMAINS. SIX
SHOTGUN ROUNDS.

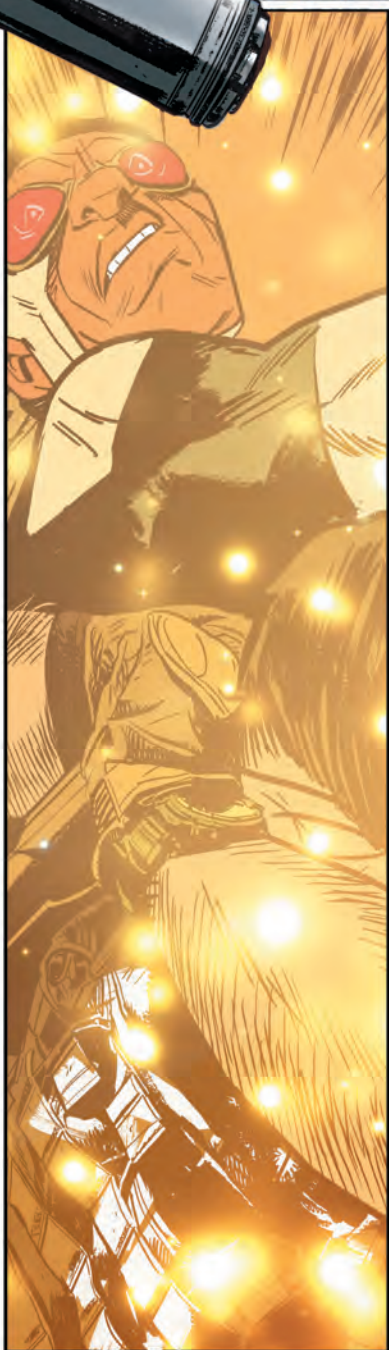




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