

HOWARD the DUCK



HOWARD IS A DUCK, AS YOU NO DOUBT PIECED TOGETHER FROM THE TITLE OF THE BOOK AND THE COVER IMAGE. BUT! HE'S NOT **JUST** A DUCK! HE'S A DUCK WHO **TALKS!** AND DISPLAYS A REMARKABLE AMOUNT OF **COMMON SENSE** IN A **WORLD GONE MAD!**

BROUGHT HERE THROUGH **THE NEXUS OF ALL REALITIES** SEVERAL YEARS AGO, HOWARD HAS STRUGGLED TO FIND A PLACE FOR HIMSELF IN THIS WORLD OF HAIRLESS APES. HE'S BEEN A RENT-A-NINJA, A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, EVEN A GEORGE LUCAS MOVIE SUBJECT, BUT NO MATTER WHERE LIFE TAKES HIM, HE'S STILL JUST TRAPPED IN A WORLD HE NEVER MADE.

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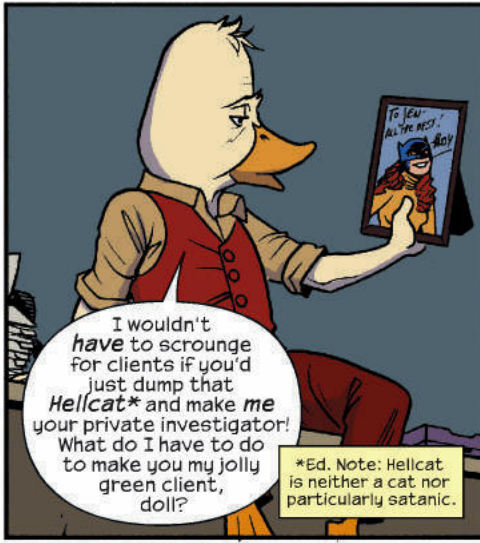
Ha! Eat it, you jade jerk! I got a client!

Waugh!! Get this hairy little human away from me! What's his #\$\$@% problem??

Hei Hei doesn't like you and has no manners. I don't like you either but I have manners.

Ugh, Howard, I'm very happy for you, but please leave us alone.

HSSSS!!



I wouldn't have to scrounge for clients if you'd just dump that Hellcat* and make me your private investigator! What do I have to do to make you my jolly green client, doll?

*Ed. Note: Hellcat is neither a cat nor particularly satanic.



KSHUT

Ugh, you can start by never calling me "doll" again!



Angie, can you please join me in my modern-day office to help me with...with not being out here, so we can leave this duck in the 1960s, please?

With pleasure.



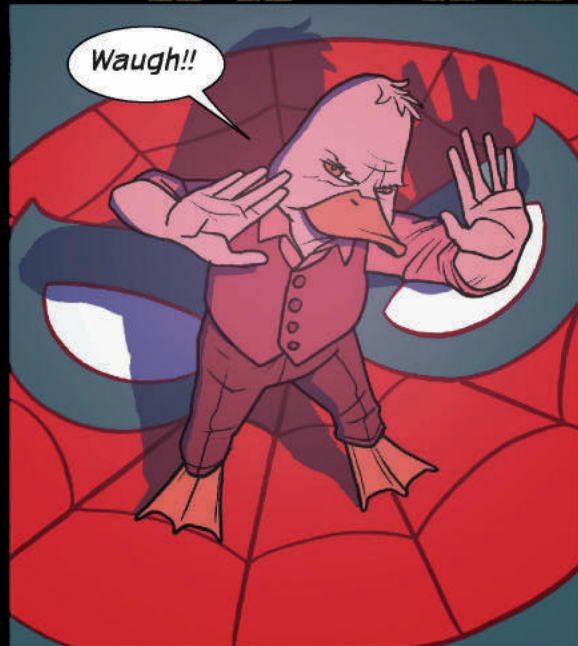
Aw, did I drive you away?

SLAM



10:07 P.M.

C'monnnn,
ya dumb--





The Avengers number for you that I, uh, "procured" came with instructions to just text, that you're "unreliable" with voicemail. Good to see you got my message.

Uh, barely.



Is it the feathers on your fingers or are you 100 years old in duck years?

UNKNOWN
Hey Soused Man meet nev in the roof of the Hollingsworth Building on 3rd at 10 tonight ps it's Howard ps in a duck



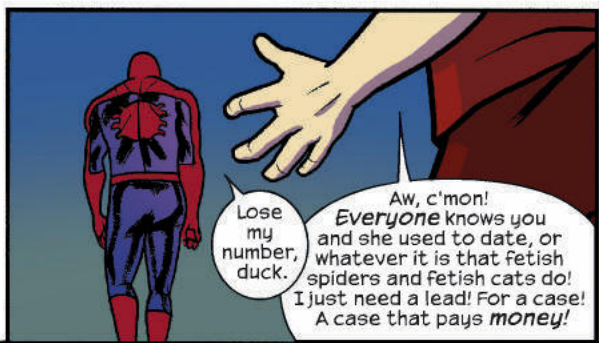
Wait, how long do ducks even live for?

Siri: Please Bing how long do ducks live for.

Black Cat. Where is she?



For all your duck and cat needs, Pet Paradise is 1.4 miles away and is currently closed.



Lose my number, duck.

Aw, c'mon! Everyone knows you and she used to date, or whatever it is that fetish spiders and fetish cats do! I just need a lead! For a case! A case that pays **money!**



I don't know where she is, all right?

Just... look, she's different these days. Angling to be more of a kingpin than a burglar.

She's dangerous, man. Stay. Away.



Oh, I get it! "Does whatever a spider can"--like scurry away immediately at any signs of danger!

Go kiss some more criminals, jerk!