

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 INGERTIPS 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 IS THE GREATEST SPIDER-THEMED SUPERSPY ON THE PLANET (FORGET WHAT YOU'VE HEARD) AND NOW SHE'S JUST GOTTEN BACK FROM A PRETTY NUTSO TRIP TO OUTER SPACE.

JESSICA VISITED AN ALPHA FLIGHT HOSPITAL AT THE BEHEST OF HER BEST PAL, CAROL DANVERS. THE ENTIRE FACILITY WAS TAKEN OVER BY A GROUP OF SKRULL REBELS, THOUGH, AND JESSICA FOUND HERSELF IN THE MIDDLE OF A LIFE-OR-DEATH HOSTAGE SITUATION. WITH NO OTHER CHOICE, JESSICA'S BABY WAS DELIVERED BY EMERGENCY C-SECTION, AND SPIDER-WOMAN ELIMINATED THE GROUP OF REBELS.

SHE'S BACK ON EARTH, THOUGH, AND NOW IT'S TIME FOR THE HARD PART: BEING A MOM!



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**WHAAAAAGGWWW!**





DID YOU KNOW I USED TO SIP COFFEE ON A BENCH IN CENTRAL PARK THREE OR FOUR HOURS A WEEK?

I LIKED TO HEAR THE CITY BREATHE.

OR I'D GO TO THE MOVIES.

IN THE MIDDLE OF THE AFTERNOON.

BY MYSELF.

NO PLAN. NO SCHEDULE. JUST OPEN THE DOOR AND GO.

SOMETIMES THINGS WOULD GET CRAZY FOR A FEW WEEKS AND I'D BE SUPERHEROING 24/7.

THAT'S THE JOB. BUT, I MEAN...

UNTIL THIS BABY WAS BORN, I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO SET THE ALARM ON MY PHONE.

I'D SLEEP FOR HOURS ON END. UNINTERRUPTED. JUST BECAUSE I COULD.

IT WAS GLORIOUS.

ALL OF THOSE YEARS. ALL OF THAT FREE TIME.

AND NOW IT'S GONE.

YOU KNOW, THEY TELL YOU NEWBORNS SLEEP ALL THE TIME.

AND HE DOES SLEEP A LOT. LIKE 16 HOURS A DAY.

BUT SEE, THAT'S MISLEADING.

BECAUSE HE SLEEPS FOR LITTLE TWO-HOUR STRETCHES.

THREE IF I'M REALLY LUCKY.

AND WHEN HE WAKES UP, IT'S BY SCREAMING AT THE TOP OF HIS LUNGS.

THAT'S HOW HE TELLS ME HE'S HUNGRY.

OR WET OR POOPY OR UNCOMFORTABLE.

OR BEST OF ALL, SOMETIMES HE WAKES UP SCREAMING AFTER JUST A FEW MINUTES DOWN--

--BECAUSE HE'S TIRED.

EXPLAIN THAT.





I TRIED CO-SLEEPING A COUPLE TIMES BUT I WAS TERRIFIED I'D ROLL OVER ON HIM.

LOOKED THAT UP ONLINE. IT HAPPENS.

SO...NOW I ROUTINELY WAKE UP IN A PANIC, DIGGING THROUGH MY SHEETS FOR A BABY WHO IS ACTUALLY ASLEEP IN A CRIB ACROSS THE ROOM.

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A CRIB THAT HAS TO BE TOTALLY EMPTY SO HE WON'T SUFFOCATE. NO BLANKETS. NO TOYS.

AND BECAUSE OF SIDS\*, YOU CAN'T EVER PUT HIM ON HIS STOMACH.

BUT YOU DON'T WANT TO LEAVE HIM ON HIS BACK TOO LONG OR HIS HEAD WILL GET A FLAT SPOT.

SO I SORT OF ROTATE HIS HEAD BACK AND FORTH. WHICH, YOU KNOW, HE HATES WITH A FIERCE PASSION.

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\*SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME.

THE WEIRDEST THING IS THAT I DON'T MIND ANY OF IT. NOT REALLY.

NOTHING HAS EVER FELT MORE IMPORTANT THAN KEEPING THIS LITTLE PERSON SAFE.

AND I LOVE DOING IT BECAUSE IT FEELS RIGHT AND GOOD AND NORMAL.

EXCEPT WHEN IT'S 3:00 AM AND I DON'T KNOW WHY HE WON'T STOP SCREAMING AND I REMEMBER THAT THE DOCTOR SAID SOMETIMES YOU NEED TO PUT BABY DOWN AND WALK AWAY FOR A MINUTE.

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BECAUSE THOSE NEVER SHAKE A BABY COMMERCIALS AREN'T A JOKE.

AND THEN YOU FEEL LIKE A MONSTER AND...

