

CIVIL WAR II

SPIDER-MAN

HIGH SCHOOLER MILES MORALES WAS BITTEN BY A STOLEN, GENETICALLY ALTERED SPIDER THAT GRANTS HIM INCREDIBLE ARACHNID-LIKE POWERS.

THIS IS A SECRET HE HAS SHARED ONLY WITH HIS BEST FRIEND GANKE AND HIS FATHER. THAT IS, UNTIL GANKE SPILLED MILES' SECRET, WITHOUT HIS PERMISSION, TO A NEW STUDENT AT SCHOOL, THE FAMOUS EX-X-MAN FABIO MEDINA, A.K.A. GOLDBALLS. IT DID NOT GO WELL.

MEANWHILE, TENSION IS BREWING WITHIN THE AVENGERS. A NEW INHUMAN, ULYSSES, CAN PREDICT THE FUTURE, BUT THE AVENGERS ARE TORN, AND SO IS MILES. TORN BETWEEN HIS LOYALTY TO TONY STARK AND HIS OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCES, AS WELL AS THOSE OF HIS FATHER.

TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, HE'S JUST LEARNED HE'S BEING SPIED ON...
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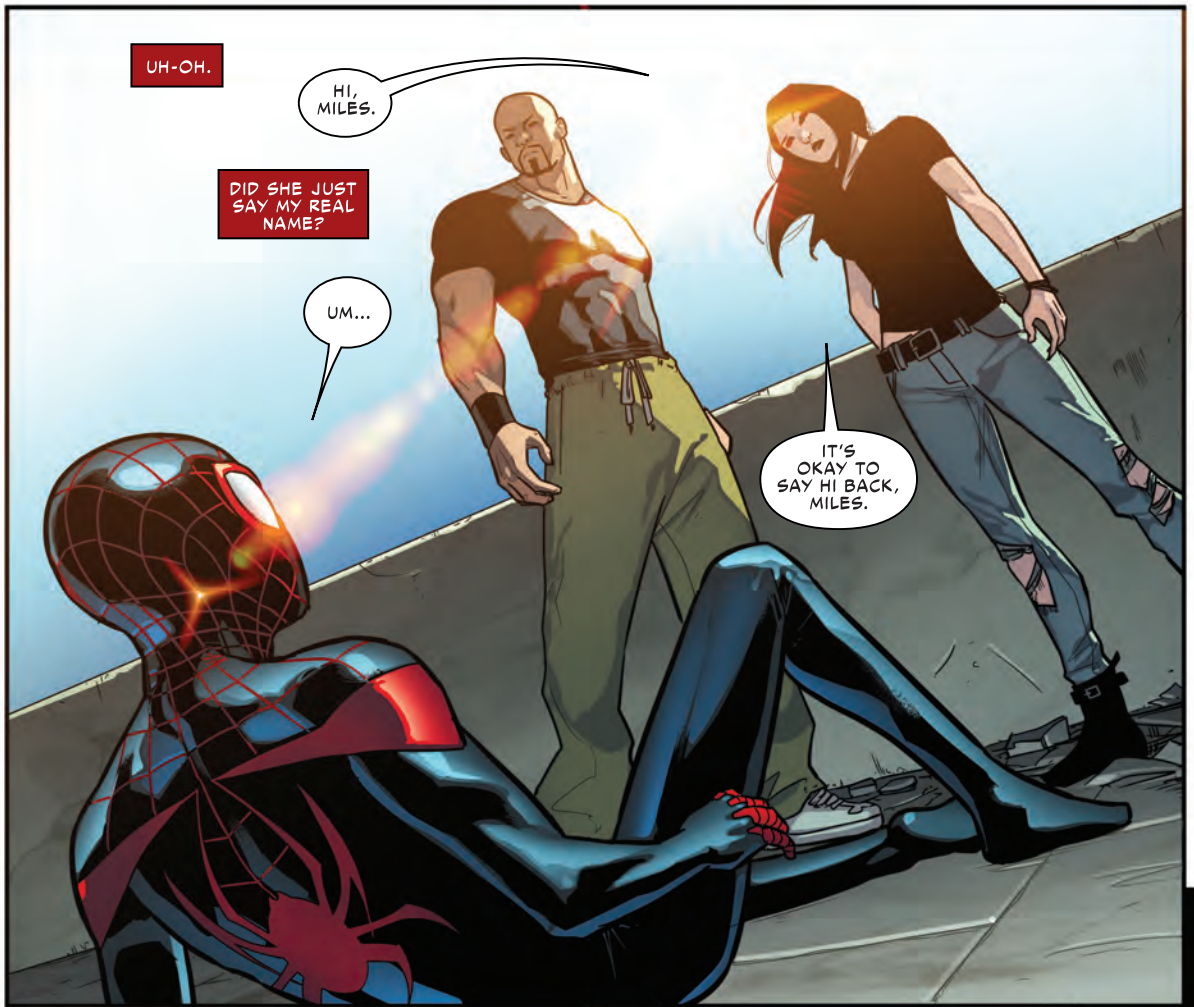
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UH-OH.

HI, MILES.

DID SHE JUST SAY MY REAL NAME?

UM...

IT'S OKAY TO SAY HI BACK, MILES.



SHE DID!!

SHE--SHE JUST SAID MY NAME!!

I--I AM REALLY NERVOUS RIGHT NOW.



WELL YEAH, SON.

BECAUSE TWO OF THE BADASSIEST BADASSES JUST SHOWED UP AT YOUR SCHOOL LOOKING FOR YOU.

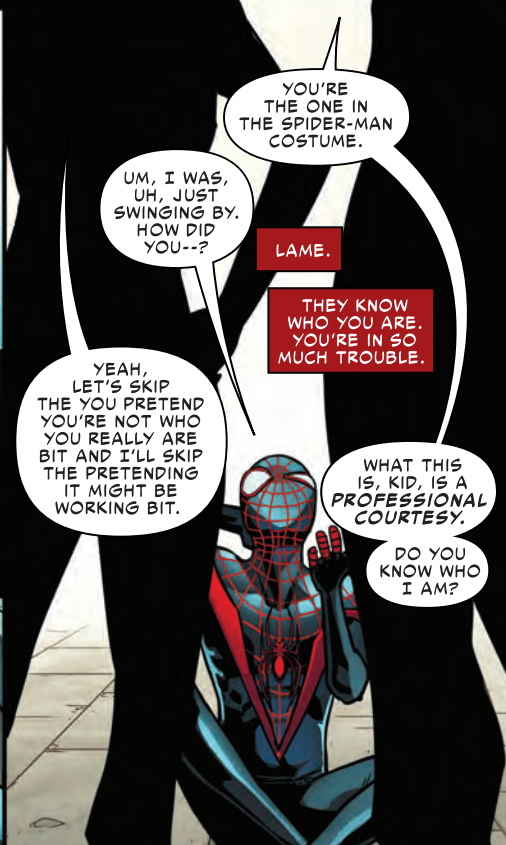
DON'T SAY "ASSIEST."

NO, ACTUALLY IT'S...IT'S BECAUSE...

IT'S BECAUSE WE KNOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE. WE KNOW YOUR REAL NAME.

UM, WELL, THAT'S NOT MY NAME.

WERE--UH, WERE YOU LOOKING FOR ME?



YOU'RE THE ONE IN THE SPIDER-MAN COSTUME.

UM, I WAS, UH, JUST SWINGING BY. HOW DID YOU--?

LAME.

THEY KNOW WHO YOU ARE. YOU'RE IN SO MUCH TROUBLE.

YEAH, LET'S SKIP THE YOU PRETEND YOU'RE NOT WHO YOU REALLY ARE BIT AND I'LL SKIP THE PRETENDING IT MIGHT BE WORKING BIT.

WHAT THIS IS, KID, IS A PROFESSIONAL COURTESY.

DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?



YEAH.
YOU--
YOU'RE
LUKE
CAGE.

GULP.



SEE? I
TOLD YOU THE
LITTLE BROTHERS
KNOW ME!

HE'S
A #####
AVENGER.
HE
KNOWS ALL
OF US.



UM,
ACTUALLY,
WHAT WAS
YOUR NAME
AGAIN?



YOU
SHUT IT.
NOT
GONNA SAY
A THING.
GOOD.
I CAN
DO IT WITH
A LOOK.



IS--IS THIS
AN AVENGERS
THING?
BECAUSE THIS--
I HAVE TO SAY, I AM
REALLY UNCOMFORTABLE
WITH YOU JUST SHOWING
UP IN MY LIFE LIKE
THIS.

I CAN
IMAGINE.

NO. THIS IS,
AS MY HUSBAND
JUST SAID, A
PROFESSIONAL
COURTESY.

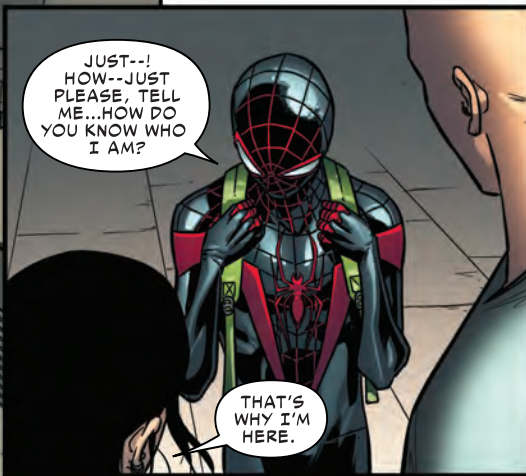
WHAT
DOES THAT
MEAN?



WELL, SEE--I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT HOW TO HANDLE THIS ALL WEEK.

I HAVE NEVER BEEN IN A POSITION LIKE THIS BEFORE.

AND THEN MY HUSBAND, HERE, CONVINCED ME TO JUST COME RIGHT OUT AND--



JUST--! HOW--JUST PLEASE, TELL ME...HOW DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.



THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU.

LAST WEEK I WAS HIRED TO FOLLOW YOU AROUND.

WHAT???????

UH, WHAT?

I WAS HIRED--

WHO--WHO ARE YOU?



MY NAME IS JESSICA JONES.

I AM A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR.

I WAS HIRED TO FOLLOW YOU AROUND, AND WITHIN TWO HOURS, I FOUND OUT WHO YOU ARE, YOUR SECRET IDENTITY, AND WHO AMONG YOUR FRIENDS KNOWS YOUR SECRET IDENTITY...



TWO HOURS!

I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR AND...BAM.

THERE YOU WERE, AND THERE YOU ARE.

WHO--WHO HIRED YOU?



THAT'S THE THING.

I'LL TELL YOU, BUT I'M REALLY GOING TO NEED SOME PROFESSIONAL COURTESY IN RETURN.



IN RETURN?

HOW IS COMING INTO MY WORLD LIKE THIS AND SCARING ME A PROFESSIONAL COURTESY?

SHE'S TELLING YOU SHE FOUND OUT YOUR SECRET IN FIVE SECONDS.

THAT MEANS YOU ARE **TERRIBLE** AT KEEPING YOUR SECRET.

SHE'S TELLING YOU ALL THIS SO, MAYBE, YOU CAN TRY AND TO BE **BETTER** AT BEING SPIDER-MAN.

SO IF, MAYBE, SOMEONE OUT THERE SOMEWHAT **LESS** PERSONABLE THAN MY DARLING WIFE HERE TRIES TO FIGURE OUT YOUR WHOLE DEAL...



...IT MIGHT TAKE THEM A BIT LONGER THAN TWO HOURS TO COMPLETELY DESTROY YOUR LIFE...

OR, IMAGINE YOU BEING **SO** GOOD AT IT THAT **NOBODY** FINDS OUT.

EVER.

THE COURTESY PART IS THAT SHE **COULD** RUIN YOUR LIFE AND SHE **AIN'T**.



NO. THE COURTESY PART IS I AM NOT TELLING THE PERSON WHO HIRED ME WHAT I FOUND OUT.



WHO HIRED YOU TO FOLLOW ME?



DO YOU **APPRECIATE** THAT I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE YOUR SECRET AWAY TO ANYONE?

YES, OF COURSE!

THEN YOU WILL, NO MATTER WHO I SAY HIRED ME, RETURN THE FAVOR?

UH, YES--YES.

YOUR GRANDMOTHER HIRED ME.



MAYBE HE DIDN'T HEAR YOU.

IT'S THE MASK.

(YOU EVER NOTICE HOW OFF-PUTTING IT IS IN AWKWARD TIMES LIKE THESE??)

